



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 15:1-9

Lord Jesus, thank You for cleansing us from sin by Your word of truth helping us clarify our thinking so we would turn from our sins and turn to You for salvation from sin and its eternal consequences. Please help us secure our freedom from slavery to sin and Satan. Please help us faithfully serve You day-by-day and bear much good fruit as the Holy Spirit guides and empowers us. Thank You for cleansing us by shedding Your blood and dying sacrificially on the cross in our behalf. Thank You for making us into a clean and fit dwelling place for the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit to live, love, and remain within us as the temple of God. By grace through faith in You, our Lord and Savior, we have received the gift of eternal life and have been filled with Your love. We pray that You would help us remain within the circle of Your love and bring others into the circle of Your love. Please help us understand and rightly apply Your commandments as we live through each day facing various trials and temptations. Help us remain uninfluenced by the world, the flesh, and the devil, but always influenced by Your Holy Spirit to do what is right, good, and true. Please help us bear all the fruit of the Holy Spirit in all our relationships. Please help us use all the gifts that You have given us to do Your will and serve others as You intend, in ways that are best for all those concerned. By the way we act and speak, please help us lead others to a true faith in You that they too might become Your true disciples and the Father and You might be loved, glorified, honored, and respected as You deserve. In Your Name we pray. Amen.

Please Note: I first learned about “Praying Through the Bible” from Edith Schaeffer, the wife of Francis Schaeffer. You might like to close your class with the above prayer as a way of beginning to teach your class how they too can pray through the Bible. First, you might like to teach your class how to pray through the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* each week. [Perhaps some of them would learn how to pray through portions of the Bible during their daily Bible reading and quiet time.] Second, a week in advance, perhaps some of your students would like to write their own “Prayer Through the Bible” using the *Verse-by-verse Scripture Handout* and read their prayer at the close of class. Third, eventually, your students will be able to pray through the Bible without needing to write their prayer in advance before they pray at the end of class. If you would like to learn more about prayer from Edith Schaeffer, read [*How God Teaches Us to Pray: Lessons from the Lives of Francis and Edith Schaeffer*](#), Kindle Edition, by L.G. Parkhurst, Jr.

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