



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 17:1-8

Lord Jesus, thank You for praying to our heavenly Father on behalf of Your first disciples, for we know that God answered Your prayer. Thank for praying for us, who have become Your disciples because of their teaching Your words in the Bible, for we have many generations and hundreds of years of evidence that God answered and will continue to answer all Your prayers. Please help us learn to pray as You prayed. Lord Jesus, even as You prayed that the Father and You would be glorified, so we pray that our study of the Bible with the help of Your Holy Spirit would help us glorify God by finishing the work that You have given us to do. Please help us knowingly and purposefully love to live under Your authority—knowing You have authority over all people everywhere. Please help us know and love You and our heavenly Father more each day as we pray and study Your words—in truth the very words of God. Please guide us so we can show our love for You to others by obeying all Your commandments and enjoying Your gift of eternal life now and forever. Please help us honor our Father and You by all we say and do, especially as we try to teach and help others know the only true God—the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit. Lord Jesus, You made the Name of our Father known to others, please help us do the same as You lead us daily. Please help us live true to Your teachings for they are the very words of God. Please help us joyfully receive all Your words without doubting and help us keep Your words as Your first disciples kept them and passed them on to others. 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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