



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### Praying Through John 17:20-26

Lord Jesus, thank You for praying in our behalf even as You faced Your coming crucifixion. Thank You for rising from the dead so You can love, live, and work through us almost two thousand years after You ascended to sit at the right hand of our Father in heaven. Lord Jesus, we truly believe in You through the word of Your first disciples: words Your Father gave You to give to us. Please help us keep Your word written, the Bible, close to our hearts and in our minds to help us in all we say and do. Help us see ourselves and understand what it means to be in You and in the Father even as You are in us. Empower us to live and love in such a way that we might be one of the answers to Your prayer: so that the world may believe that God the Father sent You, God the Son. Though we do not understand completely, please help us be completely one in You and one in each other as You intended and prayed. Thank You for loving us even as You have been loved by the Father. We cannot help but kneel amazed and humbled at Your loving grace and Your indwelling our lives with the full love and presence of the one true God. We thank You and look forward to the time when we will be with You and see You in all Your glory, in the glory You had with the Father before the foundation of the world. Please help us better know Your Father as our Holy and Righteous Father as we trust that His love will be in us even as He loved You. Thank You for loving us and cleansing us from sin so You could love, live, and work in us. Please help us share Your message of love and eternal life with the world. 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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