



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### Praying Through John 17:9-19

Lord Jesus, we glorify Your name as Savior and King. We praise You for Your great love and mercy that saved us from our slavery to sinful passions and desires and from the eternal consequences we deserved for our wickedness and rebellion against our Holy Father and You. With Your help, we would honor You in the world that some might come to know that Your heavenly Father sent You into the world that those who believed in You would not perish but inherit eternal life. We humbly thank You for protecting and guarding us from the schemes of the evil one who hates us because we love You. Thank You for the assurance Your prayer gives us that we belong to the Father and we belong to You, and to save us You died and rose again on our behalf. We thank You for the joy Your presence gives us in our hearts, and we pray that Your joy would be made complete in us according to Your will. Even though the world hates us because You gave us Your Word, we love You knowing that Your Word is truth and the evil one rules on the foundation of deception and lies about the Father and You. Because we belong to You, we do not belong to the world and we thank You for the spiritual protection You give us when we suffer persecution. We never want to lose our love, faith, and trust in You. We pray that You would help us grow in faith and knowledge of You and Your Word written, that we might be sanctified in the truth: Your Word is truth. Please help us grow in the love, knowledge, wisdom, and grace that Your presence in our lives as Your disciples makes possible. 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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