



## International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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### **Praying Through John 19:1-7**

Dear Heavenly Father, You manifest Your great love for us throughout the earth. Please help us continually worship You instead of Your creation and creatures. Please help us love You more, more than the gifts You give us. Please help us trust in You completely, for You have demonstrated that You can be trusted to do what is right, just, and merciful. Because You are the great King of the universe, because You love us, and because You have all power, we praise and thank You for sending Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into our world to save us from our sins and grant eternal life to all who will trust and obey Him. Father, we cannot express in words how humbled we feel when we think of how much we have sinned against You and how much we have neglected our responsibilities to You and others; yet, despite it all, You sent Your Son to suffer and die for us. Please help us understand how much He suffered because of our sins at the hands of sinners. He was flogged, mocked, and tortured with a crown of thorns placed upon His head before they nailed Him to a cross. With sincere faith in Jesus, we do hail Him as King, not just of the Jews, but of all people. We trust in Jesus as our King. We bow before Him in humble adoration, thankfulness, and with a willingness to obey all His commandments. We acknowledge Jesus is the Son of God and our personal Lord and Savior. We pray that You would fill us with His Spirit and make us holy—that we might be a fit temple for His abiding place. In Jesus' 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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