



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through John 19:17-27

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for giving Your Son Jesus the strength to begin His journey to Golgotha by carrying His cross by himself. When He needed help, we thank You for sending Simon of Cyrene to help Him carry His cross the rest of the way, where the soldiers nailed Him to the cross. Father, we thank You for giving us all the strength we need physically, mentally, and spiritually to do what we need to do with the help of the Holy Spirit. Moreover, when our strength gives out, we thank You for sending others to help us accomplish a task that is too great for us. We thank You for hearing and answering the prayers of those who cannot come to us, for their prayers make a real difference when we need help—perhaps by sending the right persons to us. We thank You Father for giving the four women and Your disciple John the presence of mind and heart to stand at the foot of Jesus' cross, for He was not totally abandoned by You or by all His followers. We thank You for their prayers, prayers that You inspired. We thank You for their presence and what their presence meant to Him as He looked down upon them, and as He also looked around Him and saw the soldiers, the two criminals hanging beside Him, the priests, and the passersby who mocked Him. We thank You for giving Him the strength to utter in a few words His loving care and concern for His mother when He asked John to take care of her, and we thank You for John who took her into His own home. Please help us learn how to pray and live as faithfully as Jesus and His first disciples. 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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