



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through Romans 1:1-15

Lord Jesus, thank You for inspiring the Apostle Paul to write his letters and preserving them for us to read and learn more about You. Thank You for setting Paul and others apart to share truthfully the truth about Who You are, why You came, and what You did to save us from our sins, free us from slavery to sin, cleanse us from sin, and make us fit for the Holy Spirit to indwell us. Thank You for making us fit to become temples of the living God. May we live in such a way that You are pleased to dwell in us. Lord Jesus, we thank You for dying on the cross as the atoning sacrifice for us and for rising from the dead to give us the assurance of eternal life with You and all who love You forever. Lord, each day brings forth times of joy and times of trouble. Please help us trust and obey You completely at all times. Help us know and do the will of God in every situation. Please grant us the grace to do all we can to honor You, draw others to You in faith and obedience, and make You happy. Grant us the peace of mind and heart that come from the Holy Spirit who indwells and guides us. Please help us live as saints—as those totally set apart from the world to serve You and others for Your Name’s sake. Please help us pray and proclaim the importance of true faith in and love for You. Help us show and tell what it means to live as a person totally committed to doing God’s will always. Please give us the spiritual gifts we need and the patience to wait for Your perfect timing in how we can best serve You. Please help us to pray without ceasing and do the work you want us to do whatever we are. 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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