



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through Romans 1:16-32

Dear Heavenly Father, thank You for creating us and giving us a life where we can have loving fellowship with You and all who love You and Your Son Jesus Christ. Thank You for giving us a conscience as a moral compass to show us how to live. Father, we confess that we have often failed to do what we knew we should have done, and we have turned away from You to follow our own unrighteous cravings, which we knew were wicked. Forgive us and cleanse us from our sins according to the good news and power of salvation that Jesus Christ brought into the world. Please help us live by faith in Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Please help us show forth our faith in and love for Jesus and You by all we say and do. Even though we are ashamed of all our sinful deeds, we do not want to be ashamed of the good news about Jesus and Your power to save us from the forces of darkness in this world. Please give us the courage and wisdom that we need to stand up for the truth of Jesus and You, our Holy Father, and not be ashamed. Though we have been guilty of doing many of the evil deeds that Paul listed in his letter, we thank You that You have given us the power to live for You. We pray that Your Holy Spirit who indwells us will help us overcome all our temptations and pass every test as Your good and faithful servants. Please help us share the good news of Jesus Christ with others in every way that You wisely lead us. Please help us do so in the love and faithfulness of Jesus Christ so those who do not know Him will turn to You for salvation and know the power of Your salvation in Jesus' Name. 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.