



International Bible Study Commentary

Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through Romans 2:1-12

Heavenly Father, we praise Your Name and glorify You before all the earth because You are the Great Judge and King over all creation. Even more, we humbly bow before You because You do not rule over us as a heartless, selfish tyrant concerned only about yourself and Your power and Your authority over others. Indeed, You rule over all with compassion, love, justice, mercy, and a willingness to refrain from punishing us immediately for our sins and expressions of open rebellion against Your rule. You do not desire that any should perish, and You intend for Your lovingkindness and patience to lead us to repentance and faith in You. Even more, You proved Your love for us and Your patience with us when You sent Your only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, into the world to offer His life as a sacrifice for our sins. Therefore, through Christ's death on the cross for us, You lovingly, righteously, justly, and mercifully offer to forgive us for our sins when we place our trust in Jesus as our Lord and Savior. Lord Jesus, please help us refrain from judging and condemning others for their sins; instead, lead us to pray lovingly and rightly for them. Please point out our sins to us and lead us with Your Spirit so we will quickly repent and return to obeying You as an expression of our heartfelt love for You and our Father in heaven. Fill us with Your loving presence and lead us to a right understanding of the Bible so we can persist in doing good while seeking glory, honor and immortality, and please grant us glory, honor, peace, and eternal life through faith in You. In Your Name and for Your glory, 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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