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Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through 1 Peter 2:1-12

Dear Heavenly Father, please fill us with Your grace, truth, power, and Spirit to guide and empower us as we seek put away all malice, deceit, hypocrisy, envy, and slander that we may still practice, and please deliver us from falling into the temptation to do any of these evils again. Where we need to drink of the spiritual milk and eat of the spiritual food that You provide in the Bible, please lead us that we might continue to grow in grace and in saving faith in Your Son Jesus Christ. Please fill us with the Holy Spirit that we might eagerly study Your Word of Truth and live according to the truths we learn each day—even as a newborn baby seeks milk. In the fullness of Your Spirit, show us where we need to change and motivate us to change with the help of Your Spirit and the truths we learn. Father, from the Bible and experience, we know that You and Your Son are good. We have been blessed by You in ways far more than we can count or have deserved. Lord Jesus, we know from the Bible that though many rejected You and finally wanted to kill You, that many believed in Your Name and You gave them the power to become and live as children of God. Please help us live fully as Your children, grow to maturity, and lead others to believe in You. We pray for the many spiritual gifts and fruits of the Spirit that You bestow on those who receive You as Lord and Savior. Enable us to use the gifts and fruits of the Spirit so we can share Your grace and Truth with others. As we share your good gifts with others, please save us from being put to shame before the world and restrain us from bringing shame to You. Lord Jesus, help us remember that just as You are chosen and precious, so we too have been chosen and are precious in the sight of our Heavenly Father. Help us so we do not disobey Your Word. Help us demonstrate the power of Your Word to change lives. As living examples, help us not to disobey Your Word and become stumbling blocks to others. We know from Your Word that those who disobey Your Word will stumble. Unless You hold us by the hand, we too can fall into sin and spiritual disaster. As we prepare to see You face to face, please work in us that someday we can truly live and represent You as a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, and a people of Your possession who will proclaim Your excellencies and thus call others out of darkness and into your marvelous light—for Jesus is truly the Light of the world. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.