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Verse-by-Verse Bible Lessons Thru the Bible

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Praying Through Ephesians 6:11-22

Dear Heavenly Father, some of us can remember where we came from before we began to very decidedly follow Jesus Christ and seek to love and obey Him more. Some of us were raised in churches and some of us knew nothing about the church or Jesus as the Lord and Savior of the world. And yet, by your grace and mercy, we have come together with a common faith based on the teachings of Jesus Christ. We thank You that we can trust in Jesus Christ, who gave His life for us, because You and He love us far beyond our comprehension. When we think about our past ways of living and the mistakes we have made, we thank You that by the death of Your Son, Jesus Christ, and His resurrection from the dead that if we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us for all our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. Now, we are no longer separated from You or Your Son, and You and Your Word give us hope in this world and hope for the next—the home that Jesus Christ prepares for all who love You.

Heavenly Father, we thank You that Jesus Christ is Your peace living within us. All the peace we have in this world comes from You and Him living and reigning in us. We thank You that You have given Your peace to us so we can share Your peace with others—the peace which comes from the Holy Spirit abiding in us and bearing fruit in us. Lord Jesus, we thank You that by grace through faith in You we always have access to the God the Father, and we can be one in Spirit with the Father even as we are one in Spirit with You. Thank you for numbering us among the fellow citizens in Your Kingdom, among the saints that You have set apart for a holy work of service, and among God's beloved children in Your family. We thank You that we will abide forever in Your heavenly realm with You and all those who love You. Please help us remember and share with others the truth that the Church and all who love and obey You are building the Church and their lives on the foundation that You laid through the apostles and prophets—the Holy Bible—the Word of God written. We pray that the true Church and all who truly claim to follow You would live by lining up their lives with You—the Truth—the true cornerstone of the Church. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.