

## READING SCRIPTURE WITH PRAYER

**Praise** God for His Word and for revealing Himself to us, **admit** your weaknesses, distractions, lack of desire, frustration, and insecurities, **ask** Him for forgiveness and to meet your needs for understanding and insight, and **thank** Him for all that He is and all that He has done.

*“Prayer is what changes our study from the pursuit of knowledge to the pursuit of God Himself.”*

<b>PRAYER PROMPTS</b>	<u>BEFORE READING</u>	<u>DURING READING</u>	<u>AFTER READING</u>
<b>PRAISE</b>	For the revelation of His will and character  For His mercy and grace in granting us the gift of the Bible	When you learn something new about him, sense progress in the process, experience joy	For an aspect of His character revealed in your study. If appropriate, pray the passage back to Him.
<b>ADMIT</b>	My insecurities, weaknesses, sin (pride, impatience, distractions, lack of desire?)	Frustration or dryness, wishing you could do something else, not “liking” the content	Personal sin that may have been exposed in your study, tendency to want to apply to someone else, if you rushed
<b>REQUEST</b>	Ability to see, focus, a clear mind, greater knowledge of Him	Understanding of hard passages, greater focus, patience, humility, peace	Help in application of what was revealed, action steps, that He would remind you of what you’ve learned, encouragement and perseverance if it didn’t seem fruitful right away
<b>THANK</b>	That He has revealed Himself in this Book, the ability to know Him, time to study, Jesus	Confirmation and reinforcement that He gives, corrections, examples to follow, glimpses of the gospel.	For the specific truth He’s teaching you, personal insight

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