

# Prayer before reading scripture.

*Shine in my heart, loving  
master, with the pure light of  
Your divine knowledge, and  
open the eyes of my mind that I  
may comprehend the message  
of Your Gospel. Instill in me  
also deep respect for Your  
blessed commandments so that,  
having conquered sinful  
desires, I may pursue a  
spiritual life, thinking and  
doing all those things that are  
pleasing to You. For You, Christ  
our Lord, are the light of our  
souls and bodies, and to You we  
give glory together with Your  
Father who is without  
beginning, and Your All Holy,  
Good and Life-Giving Spirit,  
now and for evermore. Amen*