## **Prayer Before Scripture Study**

Merciful Father, you have given the Church the Holy Bible. As we receive it, hear it, read it, and learn to live by it, may we discover in your Word the fountain of life.

Grant us comfort, challenge and strength in the study of its stories, its poetry, its wisdom, and its commandments. May they inspire us to a greater love for the Holy Mass and a deeper devotion to the Blessed Sacrament.

Teach us to cherish the hope of everlasting life that you give us in your living Word, our Savior, Jesus Christ, who is Lord for ever and ever. Amen.

