

## **A Prayer for Use During Your Time of Scripture Reading**

I urge you to pray this prayer immediately after you read God's written Word:

Father, I count it a great privilege to have just read from your eternal written Word. To make sure I haven't missed anything important, I want to review the material I covered.

If I find my memory to be faulty, I'd like to scan the section again or read it through a second time. Before considering how these words apply to my life, I want to make sure I've received what You're communicating as accurately as possible.

Then, take a moment to review what you've read. Having done this, continue with the prayer:

Now with a good understanding of the actual content of this passage, I invite the Holy Spirit to apply this Word from You to my life. I intend to afford You whatever quiet time You need to reveal to me the bearing these chapters have on how I live. Are my actions consistent with what I read? Do I need further work to bring my life into conformity with Your divine standard? What old lessons might I have forgotten?

Again, pause and reflect on how your life compares to what you've read and the specific actions you need to take. Then continue:

I thank You for sharing with me in this time of reflection. Be assured that I intend to live in accord with Your desires. Because I believe the practice of meditation on God's written Word produces stability, I would like to arrange to meet again around the sacred Scriptures on \_\_\_\_\_. (And, make plans regarding the date, time, and place for your next session in God's written Word.) Amen.