

Prayer Before Reading or Studying the Bible

Let your scriptures be my chaste delight. . . .
O Lord, perfect me and reveal those pages to me!
See, your voice is my joy. Give me what I love . . .
May the inner secrets of your words be
laid open to me when I knock.

This I beg by our Lord Jesus Christ in whom are hidden
all the treasure of wisdom and knowledge.
These are the treasures I seek in your books.

St. Augustine