

## Prayers to Begin Bible Reading #1

*Speak, Lord, for Your servant is listening.* (1 Samuel 3:9, NIV)

Father, Your Word is like a lamp in my darkness.  
Shine Your light on what You want me to understand today.

Today, Father, I admit my ignorance. Teach me.

Father, thank You for holding Yourself before my eyes again this morning  
as I read and pray.  
Knowing You is joy.  
Trusting You is peace.

Father, I'm sure I have false and flawed assumptions that misguide my thinking.  
Today help me to know You better and  
see the truth more clearly.

Father, in Your Word You are communicating precious, eternal truths to me,  
and at such a cost!  
By Your Spirit, help me to hear each one and  
put it into practice.

Father, as I read, show me Yourself.  
I want to know You.

Father, Your voice called a universe out of nothing and filled it with  
life, love, and beauty.  
Speak to me.  
I am listening.  
I will obey.

Father, You have yet more truth about Christ to shine  
into me and  
through me.  
Open my mind, my heart, and my life to  
all He is and  
all He wants to be in me.