**Introduction:**

We Christians go to mass regularly. Listen to the reading at least once a week. Then, why do we need this study? St. Paul, in the verse below gives the importance such a study.

“All scripture is inspired by God and profitable for teaching, for reproof, for correction, and for training in righteousness, that the man of God may be complete, equipped for every good work” (2 Timothy 3:16–17).

At mass, we listen to the Scriptures as a form of worship. To use the Scriptures for teaching, as reproof, for corrections in our lives, some depth of understanding is required. Besides, this depth of understanding will help us to evangelize by altering our lives. People will notice the change in us and will be attracted to the faith. We may not even notice that.

The purpose of the Scriptures, which come to us from God, is to lead us to fullness according to the truths contained in those sayings of the apostles … We must study Holy Scripture carefully, and teach it and listen to it in the same way.

If we are to attain the ultimate goal of eternal happiness by the path of virtue described in the Scriptures, we have to begin at the very beginning. We must come with a pure faith to the Father of Light and acknowledge him in our hearts. We must ask him to give us, through his Son and in the Holy Spirit, a true knowledge of Jesus Christ, and along with that knowledge, a love of him.

Knowing and loving him in this way, confirmed in our faith and grounded in our love, we can know the length and breadth and height and depth of his Sacred Scripture. Through that knowledge we can come at last to know perfectly and love completely the most blessed Trinity, whom the saints desire to know and love and in whom all that is good and true finds its meaning and fulfillment. - Saint Bonaventure of Bagnoregio, (1221–1274 AD)

Pray the following prayer every time you decide to spend some time in the study.

**A Prayer for Abandonment**

Teach us, Lord, to serve You as You deserve;

to give and not to count the cost;

to labor and not ask for any reward

save that of knowing that we do Your will. Amen