



The BREAD acronym is a tool designed to help you slow down and prayerfully read the Bible. Use these passages to guide your time with God and prepare your heart to engage in the practice of prayer.

BE STILL

Find a place where you can remove distractions and practice being still and silent. Then ask God to be with you and speak to you. Pray that the Holy Spirit will guide your time and draw you near to Jesus.

READ

Read through the passage for the day. Then read through it again slowly. Write down what you observe and any questions you might have. What stands out? What is repeated? What is compared or contrasted? What words are unfamiliar?

EXAMINE

Examine the text and then let the text examine you. What is the context of this passage and how does it relate to the story of Scripture? Use a study Bible or commentary to dig deeper into what this author intended to communicate. Seek to discover what God is revealing and how it speaks to your heart and mind. Write your reflections.

APPLY

Write down one thing you believe God is asking you to do in response. Is there a sin to avoid, a promise to trust, an example to follow, a command to obey, or knowledge about God and his plan that changes, challenges, or comforts you? How will you apply this passage to your life today?

DEVOTE TO PRAYER

Finally, close by writing a simple prayer of devotion to God, praising him for who he is and thanking him for what he has done for you. Ask that, through the power of the Holy Spirit, his truth would bear fruit in your life as you trust in and follow Jesus.

BREAD
Praying with God

DAY 1:

- Therefore it says, “God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble.” Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you. Draw near to God and he will draw near to you.
James 4:6-8

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DAY 2:

- Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. Philippians 4:4-7

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DAY 3:

- My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. John 10:27

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