

Idea for brief prayer before reading:

IOUS acronym (from John Piper)

Incline my heart to your testimonies and not to selfish gain (Psalm 119:36)

Open my eyes that I might behold wondrous things out of your law. (Psalm 119:18)

Unite my heart to fear your name. (Psalm 86:11)

Satisfy me with your steadfast love. (Psalm 90:14)

There are several verses we can look at that show us that praying alone isn't the only place and time to pray.

1 Thess. 5:17 (pray without ceasing)

Rom. 12:12 (be constant in prayer)

Col. 4:2 (continue steadfastly in prayer)

Eph. 6:18 (pray at all times)

Luke 18:1 (Jesus says we ought always to pray and not lose heart)

Jesus's communal prayer with his men then led to communal prayer in the early church they led. We see it over and over in the book of Acts (1:14, 2:42, 4:24, 4:31, 6:6, 12:5, 13:3, 14:23, 16:25, 20:36, 21:5).