

**PRAYER OF ST. JOHN CHRYSOSTOM
BEFORE READING OR LISTENING
TO THE WORD OF GOD**

O Lord Jesus Christ, open the eyes of my heart, that I may hear Your word and understand and do Your will, for I am a sojourner upon the earth. Hid not Your commandments from me, but open my eyes, that I may perceive the wonders of Your law. Speak to me the hidden and secret things of Your wisdom. On You do I set my hope, o my God, that You may enlighten my mind and understanding with the light of Your knowledge, not only cherish those things which are written, but to do them; that in reading the lives and sayings of the saints I may not sin, but that such may serve for my restoration, enlightenment and sanctification, for the salvation of my soul, and the inheritance of life everlasting. For You are the enlightenment of those who lie in darkness, and from You comes every good deed and every gift. Amen.

ቅድሚያ ቃል አምላኽ ምንባብካ ወይ ምስማዕካ ዚግበር ጸሎት ቅዱስ ዮሐንስ አፈወርቂ

አ ጎይታ ኢየሱስ ክርስቶስ፥ አነ አብ ዓለም ተጎዓዛይ እየ እሞ፥ ንቅልካ ምእንቲ ክሰምዖን፥ ፍቓድካውን አብ ተግባር ከውዕሎን፥ አዕይንቲ ልቦናይ ኸፈተለይ። ነቲ አብ ሕግኻ ዘሎ ዜደንቕ ነገራት ምእንቲ ኸግንዘቦ ነዕይንተይ ኸፈተለይ እምበር ትእዛዛትካስ አይትሕብአለይ። ናይ ጥበብካ ሕቡእን ምሥጢራዊ ነገራትን ንገረኒ። አ አምላኽይ፥ ነቶም አብ ጽሑፍ ዘለዉ ነገራት ከስተማኞሮም ጥራይ ዘይኮነስ፥ አብ ግብሪ'ውን ምእንቲ ከውዕሎምን፥ ብዛዕባ ሕይወት ቅዱሳንን ቃላቶምን ብምንባብ ካብ ኃጢአት ክርሕቕን፥ ዚያዳ ግና እዚ ንባብ እዚ ኬሐድሰንን፥ ኬብርሃለይን፥ ንቕድስናን ንድኅነት ነፍሰይን ኪጠቕመንን፥ ዘለዓለማዊ ሕይወት'ውን ምእንቲ ኬውርሰንን፥ ብናይ ፍልጠትካ ብርሃን ነእምሮይን ርድኢተይን ከተብርሃለይ ተስፋይ አባኻ አንብር አሎኹ። ከመይ፥ ነቶም አብ ጸልማት ዘለዉ እተብርሃሎም ንስኻ ኢኻን ኩሉ ሠናይ ግብርን ህያብን ከአ ካባኻ እዩ ዚመጽእን፤ አሜን።