



## Prayer before study

If you wish it, my friend,  
you can be taught;  
if you love listening you will learn,  
if you pay attention you will  
become wise.

(Sirach 6:32-33)

Lord, you have led me to the path of study as my way to help build your kingdom. Help me to apply myself to the task with confidence and self-discipline. Grant that I may embrace this gift of knowledge with enthusiasm and an openness of mind. Teach me not to worry so much about the answers, but to cherish the questions. Help me to overcome my fear of failure and, like St Paul, to keep the prize, a deeper understanding of my faith, always in sight.