

*This poem and prayer followed the title page of most printings of the Geneva Bible after 1578.*

## Of the incomparable Treasure of the Holy Scriptures, with a prayer for the true use of the same

Isa 12:3 & 49:10. Rev 21:16 & 22:17	Here is the Spring where waters flow, to quench our heat of sin:
Jer 33:15 Psa 119:160	Here is the Tree where truth doth grow, to lead our lives therein:
Rev 2:7 & 22:2 Psa 119:142,144	Here is the Judge that stints the strife, when men's devices fail:
John 6:35	Here is the Bread that feeds the life, that death cannot assail.
Luke 2:10	The tidings of Salvation dear, comes to our ears from hence: The fortress of our Faith is here, and shield of our defence.
Eph 6:16	Then be not like the hog, that hath a pearl at his desire,
Mat 7:6	And takes more pleasure of the trough and wallowing in the mire.
2 Pet 2:22	Read not this book, in any case, but with a single eye: Read not, but first desire God's grace, to understand thereby.
Mat 6:22	Pray still in faith, with this respect, to fructify therein, That knowledge may bring this effect, to mortify thy sin.
Psa 119:27,73	Then happy thou, in all thy life, whatso to thee befalls:
Jude 20	Yea, double happy shalt thou be, when God by death thee calls.
Psa 119:11	
Josh 1:8	
Psa 1:1,2 Psa 94:12,13	

O Gracious God and most merciful Father, which hast vouchsafed us the rich and precious jewel of thy holy Word, assist us with thy Spirit, that it may be written in our hearts to our everlasting comfort, to reform us, to renew us according to thine own image, to build us up, and edify us into the perfect building of thy Christ, sanctifying and increasing in us all heavenly virtues. Grant this, O heavenly Father, for Jesus Christ's sake. Amen.