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⁵ “And when you pray, you must not be like the hypocrites. For they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, that they may be seen by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. ⁶ But when you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret. And your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

Matthew 6:5–6



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“And when you pray, do not heap up empty phrases as the Gentiles do, for they think that they will be heard for their many words.

Matthew 6:7



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Do not be like them, for your Father knows what you need before you ask him.

Matthew 6:8



But know that the LORD has set apart the godly for himself; the LORD hears when I call to him.

Psalms 4:3



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“Like this indicates that what follows is meant as a guide, a model, rather than as a set form of words. This does not mean that the Lord’s Prayer may not usefully and meaningfully be used exactly as it is enunciated, but it points us to the truth that Jesus is giving us a model that may usefully be employed in fashioning other prayers.”

Leon Morris



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Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Matthew 6:10



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Spiritual sustenance and daily provision



Give us this day our daily bread,

Matthew 6:11



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Grace and forgiveness



and forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.

Matthew 6:12



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Guidance and obedience



And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

Matthew 6:13





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“Certainly the hidden rewards of prayer are too many to enumerate. In words of the apostle Paul, when we cry, ‘Abba, Father,’ the Holy Spirit witnesses with our spirit that we are indeed God’s children, and we are granted a strong assurance of his fatherhood and love. He lifts the light of his face upon us and gives us his peace. He refreshes our soul, satisfies our hunger, quenches our thirst. We know we are no longer orphans for the Father has adopted us; no longer prodigals for we have been forgiven; no longer alienated, for we have come home.”

John Stott



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hallowed be thy name,
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on earth as it is in heaven.



Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts,
as we forgive our debtors.



And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power, and the glory,
forever. Amen.



The book cover features a central image of a man with a long white beard, wearing a dark robe, looking upwards and to the right while holding an open book. The image is tinted with a vibrant blue color. To the left of the image, the title 'HAIL THE KING' is written in large, bold, white, sans-serif capital letters. Above the word 'HAIL' is a stylized gold crown icon. Below the main title, the subtitle 'THE PRAYER LIFE OF CHRISTIANS' is written in smaller, blue, sans-serif capital letters. On the right side of the cover, the text 'OUR FATHER IN HEAVEN, HALLOWED BE YOUR NAME. YOUR KINGDOM COME, YOUR WILL BE DONE, ON EARTH AS IT IS IN HEAVEN. GIVE US THIS DAY OUR DAILY BREAD, AND FORGIVE US OUR DEBTS, AS WE ALSO HAVE FORGIVEN OUR DEBTORS. AND LEAD US NOT INTO TEMPTATION, BUT DELIVER US FROM EVIL.' is printed in white, sans-serif capital letters. Below this text, the reference 'MATTHEW 6:5-15' is written in smaller white capital letters. At the bottom right of the cover, the text 'THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW' is written in large, blue, outlined, sans-serif capital letters, partially overlapping the bottom edge of the central image.