

they said, Hail Mary full of grace, and they went on , the ~~Virgin~~  
virgin Mary, then they said it over again, over again, over again, over again, over, and  
over, and what a shock it would have been to those poor people to know that there was  
doubt whether that last line really belonged in the Lord's Prayer.

But if a person reads the book of Matthew and sees how the prayer is introduced  
he finds that in verse 7 the Lord said "and when ye pray use not vain repetitions as the  
heathen do, for they think that they shall be heard for their much speaking. Be not ye  
therefore like unto them: for your Father knoweth what things ye have need of, before  
ye ask him. After this manner therefore pray ye." And what is the conclusion? That the  
Lord's Prayer did not give us a magical statement that we could rattle off over and over  
and receive a blessing from. But that the Lord gave us an example of prayer, and I think  
you could (9 1/4) that there would be little differences in the wording in  
the form in Matthew and the form in Luke, and that in the end in Matthew you would  
have this beautiful doxology: "for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory  
forever," and in Luke it be omitted just to show us that the Lord wants us to take it as  
a model of the things that we should be interested in and the attitude we should take and  
not as a lot of syllables to rattle off as if we would get some blessing for it , rattling  
off those words. And some people have so reacted against this use of the Lord's prayer  
as just some syllables to rattle off, that they won't have anything to do with it, and  
they never use the Lord's prayer. Our Lord Jesus Christ definitely said, after this manner  
therefore pray ye. Some people say the Lord's prayer is the prayer in John 17, that's the  
prayer  
~~here~~ the Lord gave, this is the disciples' prayer. Well, what's the difference what you  
call it. John 17 gives that marvelous revelation of the mind of ~~Christ~~<sup>God</sup>, as Jesus poured  
out his soul to His heavenly father, there's no greater passage in the Bible than John 17,  
but He wasn't telling us how to pray there. He said, here, after this manner therefore  
pray ye. So this is the prayer the Lord taught His disciples and we should not rattle it