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THESE prayers were most of them taken by the stenographer: some of them were written for special need or the outflow of the preacher's own heart to God.

They have had help in them to men and women who have asked for their preservation on the page of a printed book.

Possibly the largest way to develop devotion is by the leadings of prayer. Not the talk about religion, but the talk to God.

The longing of one man toward God and for God may be the leading of others. And the sole reason for letting these prayers find the page of a book is the surging desire that they might bring God nearer and lead some stranger to the Friend whose name is Jesus, and balm some heart sorely needing balm, and make the great, gentle Helper, God-Christ, more real in the hearts of men and women born to die, but born also not to die.

May it be so, is the prayer of

WILLIAM A. QUAYLE.

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The Call to Prayer

PRAYER is ever our highest human soul-exploit. When we grow great we press toward God and, pressing toward God, we pray.

We are the praying folk, we Christians, and it is ever our soul-delight to know that God hears us when we pray—and heeds us. A listening ear and a helping hand are always the certainties of prayer.

Prayer is our unfathomable attempt. We shall not be wise enough while time endures with us to know the reach and dynamic of praying breath; but reach and dynamic inhere in prayer. We humans want God. The infinite in us calls to the Infinite without us. We are on speaking terms with the Eternal. We are more than acquaintances with God. We are friends of His. How that thought witches like the lapping of a wave heard in the night. Friends of God; and He is choice of His associates. That were enough to be friends of the Friend Eternal; but we tarry not even on so supreme an eminence. We are relatives of God. I am of the mood to believe that the Christ said no more thrill-