

*Prayer for the Game of Life*

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**DEAR GOD,** help me be a good sport in the game of life. I don't ask for an easy place in the lineup. Put me anywhere You need me. I only ask that I can give You 100% of everything I have. If all the hard drives seem to come my way, I thank You for the compliment. Help me to remember that You never send a player more trouble than he can handle with Your help...

And help me, Lord, to accept the bad breaks as part of the game. May I always play on the square no matter what others do...Help me study...THE BOOK so I'll know the rules...

Finally, God, if the natural turn of events goes against me and I am benched for sickness or old age, help me accept that as a part of the game, too. Keep me from whimpering that I was framed or that I got a raw deal. And when I finish the final inning, I ask for no laurels; all I want is to believe in my heart, I played as well as I could and that I didn't let You down.

**Amen.**