

Oldtimers' Prayer

Almighty Father, you who are called the "Mighty Umpire" in this game of life, we were never sure what uniforms we should wear. While we may have been Angels in spirit, in reality we are Giants in pride, Dodgers of responsibility and Tigers in ambition. When it came to good works, we struck out; when it came to knowledge of your word, we were not even sure of the ground rules.

Therefore, we are thankful for your mercy when we found ourselves in foul territory; for your forgiveness when we committed one error after another; for your uplifting spirit when we found ourselves in the pitfalls of a slump.

Dear God, may our next game plan be your will, and when our number is retired here on earth, may we rejoice to hear you call out, "Safe," in his name who gives final victory to all who believe! Amen.