

# An Athlete's Prayer

*Words of Champions*

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**H**elp me to play the game, dear Lord, with all my might and main;  
Grant me the courage born of right, a heart to stand the strain...

**S**end me a sense of humor, Lord, to laugh when victory's mine;  
To laugh, if I should meet defeat, without a fret or whine...

**G**ive me the grace to follow rules, to 'fess up when I'm wrong,  
When silence or some other thing wins plaudits from the throng...

**W**hen foes are tough and fighting fierce and I am getting weak,  
Dear God, don't ever let me show a broad, bright, yellow streak.

**A**nd teach me, Lord, life's game to play just one day at a time.  
With Thee as coach and trainer, Lord, real victory must be mine.