

ONE DAY AT A TIME

GOOD SPORT

DEAR GOD, HELP ME BE A GOOD SPORT IN THIS  
GAME OF LIFE.  
I DIDN'T ASK FOR AN EASY PLACE IN THE LINEUP;  
PUT ME ANYWHERE YOU NEED ME.  
I ONLY ASK THAT I CAN GIVE YOU A HUNDRED  
PERCENT OF EVERYTHING I HAVE.  
IF ALL THE HARD DRIVES SEEM TO COME MY WAY,  
I THANK YOU FOR THE COMPLIMENT.  
HELP ME REMEMBER THAT YOU NEVER SEND A  
PLAYER MORE TROUBLE THAN HE CAN HANDLE.  
FINALLY, GOD, IF THE NATURAL TURN OF  
EVENTS GOES AGAINST ME,  
AND I'M BENCHED FOR SICKNESS OR OLD AGE,  
HELP ME ACCEPT THAT AS PART OF THE GAME, TOO  
KEEP ME FROM WHIMPERING 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  
THAT I PLAYED AS WELL AS I COULD AND  
THAT I NEVER LET YOU DOWN.