

Baseball Prayers

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Psalm 162

A psalm. A cheer from the House of Fenway.

Root to the Lord of the Fly Balls, a new cheer, to the One who works wonders at ends of games,

Whose right hand is of relief, as is the holy saving left arm.

Mine MVP has manifested victories;

Displays pennants, trophies and rings in the sight of many nations.

Remembering eight-figure contract, faithful toward the House of Ruth,
The Golden Glove reaches beyond towering wall, grabs orb from on high;

Our Savior brings an end to the series, works miracles in the ninth.

Raise a shout to thine Team, possessors of box seats;

Wave your signs, lowly ones in bleachers!

Stretch forth in the seventh with beer and peanuts. Raise a mighty roar!

Spill not onto others as you would not have spilled onto you.

When obscenities rain down, battles ring out,

Escort out transgressors, Maintainer of Security.

Let the Guardian see in bags and all within them, ye entrance line dwellers.

At Iron Gates, show tickets; at flowing casks, proof of one's years.

Lift up your caps, players of games, judges of fouls;

Lift your eyes to the flag, your voices in anthem.

Amidst the buzz of the assembled, shout out, Blue One,

"Playeth ball!"

From first hurl, all shall know the Ace has come to rule the mound;

He silences bats justly.

No bad calls come to His rescue.

He goes all innings unerringly.

Blessed be the Teams, the Fans, the Vendors.

May light winds, moderate temps, and clear skies follow them all the games of the season.

Avot

Praised are You, Master of Scorekeeping, our God and God of our Ancestors,

God of Koufax,*
God of Greenberg, and
God of Berg,

God of Selig,
God of Steinbrenner,
God of Epstein, and
God of Amaro.

great, mighty, awe-inspiring, transcendent God of Baseball, who acts through skill and stats, creates plays of beauty, who remembers the faith of our forebears in the Big Leagues, and who lovingly brings autographed balls to our children's children for the sake of the Divine Game,

You are the Manager who guides, the Owner who pays, the Pitcher who saves and the Catcher who shields, the Slugger who connects and the Fielder who catches the ball in the midst of its fall.

Barukh atah HaShem, provider of The Game, lover of Us Fans.

*Unofficial alternate spelling: K@fax