
The Salesman's Prayer

Oh creator of all things, help me.
For this day I go out into the world naked and alone, & without your hand to
guide me I will wander far from the path, which leads to success &
happiness.

I ask not for gold or garments or even opportunities equal to my ability;
Instead, guide me so that I may acquire ability equal to my opportunities.
You have taught the lion and the eagle how to hunt and prosper with teeth &
claw. Teach me how to hunt with words and prosper with love so that I may
be a lion among men & an eagle in the market place.

Help me to remain humble through obstacles and failures; yet hide not from
mine eyes the prize that will come with victory.

Assign me tasks to which others have failed, yet guide me to pluck the seeds
of success from their failures.

Confront me with fears that will temper my spirits; yet endow me with
courage to laugh at my misgivings.

Spare me sufficient days to reach my goals; yet help me to live this day as
though it be my last.

Guide me in my words that they may bear fruit; yet silence me from gossip
that none be maligned.

Discipline me in the habit of trying & trying again; yet show me the way to
make use of the law of averages.

Favor me with alertness to recognize opportunity; yet endow me with
patience, which will concentrate my strength.

Bathe me in good habits that the bad ones may drown; yet grant me
compassion for weakness in others.

Suffer me to know that all things shall pass; yet help me to count my
blessings today.

Expose me to hate so it not be a stranger; yet fill my cup with love to turn
strangers into friends.

But all these things be only if thy will. I am a small & a lonely grape clutching
the vine yet thou hast made me different from all others.

Verily, there must be a special place for me.
Guide me. Help me. Show me the way.

Let me become all you planned for me when my seed was selected by you.
to sprout in the vineyard of the world.

Help this humble salesman.
Guide me, God.

- Og Mandino, The Greatest Salesman in the World

