

## Untitled

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She sent a prayer to her God. She sent a prayer to her God before she slept the night away. She sent a prayer to her God when she awoke the next morning. Daily, she sent a prayer to her God before she put food in her mouth or her mama would clear her throat. When her mama told her to bow her head in church each Sunday, she sent a prayer to her God. She sent a prayer to her God when her mama was watching. She sent a prayer to her God even when she had nothing new to say. She sent a prayer to her God because that's what good little Christian girls do. She sent a prayer to her God because her mama said God loved her. When she died, she wanted to go to heaven so she sent a prayer to her God.

Overtime, she sent a prayer to her God whether she was happy, sad, angry or scared. She sent a prayer to her God because she knew she loved him back. She sent a prayer to her God because she knew he watched over her. When mama's stomach was big, she sent a prayer to her God for a little sister, he gave her Taylor. To be safe, she sent a prayer to her God after she mailed her wish list to Santa and she got everything she wanted. She sent a prayer to her God when her dog escaped the backyard fence and he came back home. At night, when her mama and father yelled really loud, she sent a prayer to her God and they would stop. When her mama yelled at her, she sent a prayer to her God and her mama calmed down. She sent a prayer to her God for a best friend in school and then she met Ashley.

She sent a prayer to her God on her first day of fifth grade. After Ashley told her that she had to leave the city, she sent a prayer to her God. She sent a prayer to her God, knowing he would fix everything for her and Ashley. She told Ashley that everything would be alright

because she sent a prayer to her God. Ashley got sadder, she sent a prayer to her God. Ashley's parents began buying boxes, she sent a prayer to her God. She sent a prayer to her God, but still the for sale sign was in Ashley's yard. That Saturday, she sent a prayer to her God, begging for the moving van to disappear. Before hugging Ashley, she sent a prayer to her God. While hugging Ashley, she sent a prayer to her God. After the two had been pried apart and Ashley was guided into the van, she sent a prayer to her God in sheer desperation and panic. With tear stains running down her cheeks and unshed tears in her eyes, she dropped to the curb and watched the U-Haul drive away; she had no prayer for "God".