

# MY PRAYER

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I asked God to take away my habit.  
God said, No. It is not for me to take away;  
But for you to give it up.

I asked God to make my handicapped child whole.  
God said, No. His spirit is whole;  
His body is only temporary.

I asked God to grant me patience.  
God said, No. Patience is a byproduct of tribulations;  
It isn't granted, it is learned.

I asked God to give me happiness.  
God said, No. I give you blessings;  
Happiness is up to you.

I asked God to spare me pain.  
God said, No. Suffering draws you apart from worldly cares;  
And brings you closer to me.

I asked God to make my spirit grow.  
God said, No. You must grow on your own;  
But I will prune you to make you fruitful.

I asked God for all things that I might enjoy life.  
God said, No. I will give you life;  
So that you may enjoy all things.

I ask God to help me LOVE others,  
As much as He loves me.  
God said...  
Ahhhh, finally you have got the idea.