

The Turtle Prayer

Lord Help me not to be so slow
Slow to hear you speak to me,
When you tell me to go.

Help me to hear your voice
Each time you speak in my ear
Help me to know that you
Are always very very near.

Lord help me not to hide away
in my little shell.
Help me to know you will protect
me and keep me very well.

Lord I pray you'll help me know
that even if I'm not very fast.
You will lead me every step
And I won't come out last.

Help me to know you'll provide for me
When winter comes along, and snow
covers my ground,
Help me know the spring comes too
With abundance all around.

Lord help me to stick my neck out,
And try things that are new
Like vegetables, and riding bikes
and being more like you .

Listening, obedient, courageous
faithful, trusting and brave.
Little turtles can remind me Lord
Of all these every day.

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