I dunno...... Players not prayers win for Notre Dame...... I make a distinction. ..... No one around here would rob the players of their part...... It's obvious players win for Notre Dame. No one ever thought to deny it..... But why go out of one's way to add, not prayers? Who can prove that?

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I dunno...... Certainly if it weren't for Kerr's wide-awake catch and his split-second sprint; if it weren't for Zontini's big toe and McIntyre's beak (sorry, Mac) and the teamwork of all, there'd be no Skibo bacon in Notre Dame's ice-box to-night..... But......

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I dunno...... Not prayers win for Notre Dame...... Who's to say the little visits to chapel of nuns all over the country and the "in-between" Hall Marys of thousands--in front of their radios, on the crowded sidewalks, on the gridiron itself--are in vain? Where's the proof? And, what's wrong with breathing a prayer for a football game? Did St. Paul exclude it when he said, "You eat or drink or whatsoever else you do, DO ALL for the glory of God?"

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I dunno...... Or rather I do...... The players themselves are the first to admit that prayers help. Unashamed, they ask for a blessing and a patron before every game...... It's perfectly fair..... The opponents are free to pray, too--and encouraged to...... by the way; patron. Saturday was good old St. Patrick...... It takes an Irishman to take a Scotchman....

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I dunno...... This business of still coming late to Sunday Mass...... idle out of Alumni, Lyons, Haden, Breen-Phillips..... three, five, seven minutes after Mass has begun..... What to do? Look the doors as one man suggests? ...... Some of you are so weak-brained you'd use that as an excuse to leave the church..... "The priests locked me out!" Shucks, where's your CONVICTION? Since when has Mass ceased to be Christ on the Cross? Since when has the precept become unreasonable and not binding under pain of grave sin?...... I dunno......

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I dunno...... about that feeble attitude some of you have about morning and night prayer or Mass and Communion...... Nobody's ever asked you to like bells at six in the morning or to like your rector...... All you're asked is to love Jesus Christ...... And the one who asks you is Christ Himself; "Come, follow Me...... If you love Me, keep My commandments......" Again, the whole thing's CONVICTION...... Who IS Christ?...... If He's God as He said and proved; if He's said, as He has, "He that eateth My Flesh and drinketh My Blood hath everlasting life and I will raise him up on the last day," then, aren't you sane to be pushing the old refrain: "I'd go to Communion-- and to Mass-- every day IF I WERE FREE-- if it weren't for that bell and that rector," Christ pulling you one way and your reaction to your bell and the rector pulling the other, and you choose the weak way, the dumb way!......

I dunno...... There's something loose (unconnected) up in your head. If you'd go to Communion and Mass because your rector's way pleases you or stay away because his way grates you, you need some screws tightened......

Christ never said a word about night prayer or morning checks and permission to comfort Sal South Bend Sue...... but He had plenty to say about "I am the Door of Life...... I am the Way, the Truth, the Life..... Without Me you can do nothing." He said plenty about the thoughts and desires, about not using your talents as opportunities, about getting into the Kingdom of God...... He said, "This is My Body..... It-- and "This is My Blood....drink!"

I dunno...... Mebbe half of you are nuths and the rest of you a wee bit off.