

Prayer of an Unknown Soldier

In the Spring of 1864 following a series of battles between the armies of the North and the South around Richmond, Virginia, a member of the burial detail discovered a sheet of paper in the pocket of an unidentified soldier. The following was written on it:

I asked God for strength, that I might achieve.

I was made weak, that I might learn humbly how to obey.

I asked for health, that I might do greater things.

I was given infirmity, that I might do better things.

I asked for riches, that I might be happy.

I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men.

I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

I asked for all things that I might enjoy life.

I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

I got nothing that I asked for — but everything I had hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.

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Some Bible verses to consider:

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| • 2 Corinthians 12:9-10 | • Philippians 4:13 | • Matthew 11:28-30 |
| • Proverbs 30:8-9 | • John 10:10 | • 1 Peter 5:5-7 |
| • Philippians 2:3-4 | • John 14:6 | • Ephesians 4:2 |