

## 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:

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