

Assurance of Salvation
Part 89b

Prayer Example:

A poem about prayer

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**TESTIMONIES, STORIES,
ETC.**

[Presentations given on different weeks
during our study on PRAYER.]

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"I got nothing I
asked for...
but everything I
hoped for."

The United States Civil War

lasted from 1861 to 1865.



During the war
(and especially during the
last half of it)...

- People on *both* sides began turning to God.
 - In some areas, spiritual revivals began to occur.
- Some who died in battle (on *both* sides) would have been among those who had turned to God.
 - Those who had made peace with *God*, are now at peace with *each other* (even though they may have fought on opposite sides).

**The following
poem about prayer:**

- Was written by a person who is unknown to us, but known by God.
- Most sources suggest that it was written by a soldier during the Civil War.
- It is commonly thought that the hand-written poem was found in the pocket of a Confederate soldier who died during the Battle of Gettysburg.

- He may have died in 1863...



- But 150 years later, he would *still* say that God answered his prayer in the most wonderful way.

I asked... God answered!

I asked God for **strength**,
that I might **achieve**.

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

I asked... God answered!

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

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

I asked... God answered!

I asked for **riches**,
that I might be **happy**.

I was given **poverty**,
that I might be **wise**.

I asked... God answered!

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... God answered!

I asked for **all things**,
that I might enjoy **life**.

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

I asked... God answered!

I got **nothing**
that I **asked for**

but got **everything**
I had **hoped for**.

I asked... God answered!

Almost **despite myself**,

my unspoken prayers
were **answered**.

I am, among all people,
most richly **blessed**.

YOUR MISSION: CONSIDER!

- Does God give you
everything you ask for...
- Or does he bless you with
something better?

Which do YOU want?

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POEM

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