



The Prayer of an Unknown Confederate Soldier

I asked God for strength that I might achieve.
I was made weak that I might learn humbly 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
hoped for.

Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers
were answered.

I am, among all men, most richly blessed.