

Benediction of the Military Order of Stars & Bars

LEADER: I asked God for strength, that I might achieve,
MEMBERS: I was made weak, that I might learn humbly to obey.

LEADER: I asked for health, that I might do greater things,
MEMBERS: I was given infirmity that I might do better things.

LEADER: I asked for riches, that I might be happy,
MEMBERS: I was given poverty, that I might be wise.

LEADER: I asked for power, that I might have the praise of men,
MEMBERS: I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of God.

LEADER: I asked for all things, that I might enjoy life,
MEMBERS: I was given life, that I might enjoy all things.

LEADER: I got nothing that I asked for - but everything I had hoped for.
MEMBERS: Almost despite myself, my unspoken prayers were answered.

ALL: I am among all men, most richly blessed.

(Prayer by An Unknown Confederate Soldier)

NOTE: It is recommended by the General Executive Council that the MOS&B Benediction be made a part of the closing rite of every meeting sponsored by the Order.