



## Benediction of the Military Order of the Stars and 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 praises of men,

**Members:** I was given weakness, that I might feel the need of  
God,

**Leader:** I asked for all these 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.