

A Prayer in the Woods

Imagine the weight of responsibility on the shoulders of George Washington, commander of the Continental Army in the American Revolutionary War. His forces were up against a well-trained, well-equipped military machine that was a dominant world power.

Gen. Washington found rest and relief in prayer during those trying times, including the winter he and his soldiers experienced in Valley Forge. With all the cares and anxieties of the war effort upon him, he asked for help and direction from God.

One day, a farmer approaching the camp heard an earnest voice. On coming nearer, he saw Washington on his knees, his cheeks wet with tears, praying to God.

The farmer returned home and said to his wife: “George Washington will succeed! George Washington will succeed! The Americans will secure their independence!”



“What makes you think so, Isaac?” asked his wife.

The farmer replied, “I heard him pray, Hannah, out in the woods today, and the Lord will surely hear his prayer. He will, Hannah; thee may rest assured, He will.”

If someone should overhear your prayers, would they be impressed with your earnestness, your boldness, your faith? You may take your concerns – and your praise – to the Lord.

There is power, indeed, in prayer.

– Beecher Hunter