

## Prayer by the Bedside

A young woman lay in a hospital, far from home and family, drifting in and out of consciousness.

Several times, she became aware of a woman's voice praying for her salvation, as well as for her physical healing. At one point, a physician described her condition as critical, warning those present in the room that she might not survive. The patient heard all of this as if she were in a stupor, unable to respond.



Then she heard a second voice, one that spoke in faith: "Doctor, I respect what you say, but I cannot accept it. I've been praying and I believe she not only will recover, but she will walk out of here and live for God."

Before long, the young woman did walk out of that hospital and return to work. It was then she learned that it had been her boss's wife (whom she had met only twice) who had stood in the gap, interceding for her at her hospital bedside.

When she attempted to thank this woman for her prayers, the response was: "Don't thank me, thank God. Others have prayed for me. Their prayers changed my life. I believe God has great plans for you."

It was five more years before this young woman gave her life to Christ, but all the while, she never forgot how a faithful servant of the Lord had believed God would answer prayer.

Have someone's prayers for you brought a change in your life? That has been my experience, more than a few times.

Be assured: Your prayers for others will, too.

Prayer changes the one who prays, and it changes the one prayed for.

*And the Lord restored Job's losses when he prayed for his friends (Job 42:10).*

– Beecher Hunter