

Saved by Prayer

Irmgard Wood was a young girl living in Germany during World War II, and she tells the following story:

One morning, her mother and sisters saw an American plane receive a hit and fall in flames from the sky. Irmgard's mother instinctively whispered a prayer for the pilot, even though he was one of the "enemy."

Years later, the Wood family emigrated to America. The mother got a job in a hospital in California.

One day, a patient, knowing she was German, asked her what part of Germany she was from. When she said Stuttgart, he told her how he had a miraculous escape over Stuttgart during the war when his plane was hit and fell from the sky in flames.

"I got out on time, and I just don't know how I did it, because I can never remember the details," he told her. "To this day, I am convinced that there was somebody praying for me."

Coincidence? Hardly.

What does this story tell us? Among the conclusions:

- More miracles are worked by prayer than this world ever can imagine.
- God hears the prayers of believers.
- We may never know the result of our prayers, but God does have a way of revealing His actions.
- Jean Vanier, Canadian Catholic philosopher and humanitarian, says that some of the greatest movements for good in the history of the world are brought about by the quiet prayers of totally unknown people.



God wants to hear the prayers of His children. Have you talked to Him lately?

– Beecher Hunter