

Moses prayed while Joshua led the people in battle.

As long as Moses kept his arms raised up in prayer,
the Israelites were winning.

But when Moses let his arms down,
the Amalekites started winning.

So Aaron and Hur got Moses to sit on a rock
and they supported his hands until sunset.

Joshua and the people then won the battle.

Dear God, please help us understand the power of prayer

Chapter 18

Moses' father-in-law, Jethro, heard about all
that God had done for Moses and the Israelites,
so he visited Moses in the desert.

Jethro saw that Moses was struggling
to do so much administration by himself.

Jethro suggested that Moses appoint men to help him:
leaders of thousands, hundreds, fifties and tens.

Moses accepted this advice
and appointed judges as Jethro suggested.

These judges handled all small issues
and referred only difficult cases to Moses.

Dear God, please make us willing
to share responsibilities with other people