

# What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!  
O what peace we often forfeit, O what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer.

Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy laden, cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do your friends despise, forsake you? Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield you; you will find a solace there.

Notes:

Hymn # 411 from *Christian Worship*

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Tune: Converse

*Joseph Scriven wrote this hymn to comfort his mother when she was going through a period of anxiety and depression. There are few concepts as easily understandable as "a friend" to our children. Teach them to sing that the Lord of heaven and earth is indeed their friend!*

*We'll sing this hymn in worship on Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup>. Until then, consider using it as a bedtime or after-dinner hymn with your family. The music you'll find online includes a one verse introduction and all three verses of the hymn.*