

# What A Friend We Have in Jesus

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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,  
burdened with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, 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.

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