

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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**1. 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.**

**2. 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.**

**3. 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 thy friends despise,
forsake thee?**

**Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll
take and shield thee;
thou wilt find a solace there.**