

# **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.**

**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.**