

What a Friend we have in Jesus

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A musical score for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano. The score consists of three staves. The top staff is soprano, the bottom staff is bass, and the middle staff is piano. The music is in common time, mostly in G minor (indicated by a 'G' with a sharp sign) and includes some changes to F major (indicated by a 'F' with a sharp sign). The piano part provides harmonic support with chords. Measure numbers 1 through 15 are visible above the staves. The vocal parts enter at measure 1, and the piano part begins at measure 5.

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.

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