

Prayer for a Friend

An original prayer prepared for this page, followed by the traditional Our Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, I bring my friend before you. You know their name, their hopes, and the burdens they find hard to share. Thank you for the good you have brought into my life through this friendship.

Be near to my friend today. Give them light when a decision is difficult, courage when they are afraid, and peace when worry will not leave them alone. Protect them from harm and from choices that draw them away from you.

If my friend is sick, I ask for healing according to your holy will. Guide those who care for them, ease their pain, and sustain them through waiting and uncertainty. If they are lonely or grieving, bring them faithful company and the comfort of your presence.

Strengthen their faith. Help them receive your mercy, return to prayer when they have grown distant, and recognize the love you offer them. Provide for their daily needs and give them hope for the day ahead.

Teach me to be a faithful friend: to listen without rushing, to speak honestly with kindness, and to remember them in prayer. Forgive the times I have been careless with their trust. Where there is hurt between us, help us seek what is true and good.

I entrust my friend to your loving care. Draw us both closer to you and lead us, with all whom we love, into eternal life. Amen.

The Our Father

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.