

HOW SWEET THE SOUND

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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

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything.

Philippians 4:6a (NLT2)

Misconceptions About Prayer

- Prayer is _____
- Prayer is _____
- Prayer doesn't _____

I have never called you 'servants,' because a master doesn't confide in his servants But I call you my most intimate friends.... **John 15:15 (TPT)**

¹⁶ So let us come boldly to the throne of our gracious God. There we will receive his mercy, and we will find grace to help us when we need it most.

Hebrews 4:16 (NLT2)

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.

Have we trials and temptations?
Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged –
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

¹⁶ ... pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective. **James 5:16b (NIV11)**

How Do We Pray?

- Sometimes you _____ to God.

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done.

Philippians 4:6 (NLT2)

- Sometimes you _____ to God

⁷ Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you.

1 Peter 5:7 (NIV11)

- Sometimes you _____ to God

²⁷ My sheep know my voice, and I know them....

John 10:27a (CEV)

"Prayer is simply a two-way conversation between you and God."

Billy Graham

- At all times you give _____ to God

⁶ Don't worry about anything; instead, pray about everything. Tell God what you need, and thank him for all he has done. ⁷ Then you will experience God's peace, which exceeds anything we can understand. His peace will guard your hearts and minds as you live in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4:6-7 (NLT2)

Oh, what peace we often forfeit,
Oh, what needless pain we bear!
All because we do not carry
Everything to God in prayer!

- True peace isn't the _____ of problems. True peace is found in the _____ of God.

My Next Step Today Is To...

- Meditate on and/or memorize Philippians 4:6
- Take a situation or a person that I'm concerned about and ask someone to join me in praying for that over the next week.
- Develop the practice of prayer in my life.
- Pray today asking God to forgive me of my sin and to receive me I accept Him as the Lord and Savior of my life.