Friendship Prayers

**Prayer for friendships**

Lord, you teach that the greatest gift we can give is our life to another. Be present in my friendships so that I will give lovingly to those in my life. Let my friendship be a sign to others of the love you inspire. Help me be gentle with others’ failings and give me grace to see my own failings too. Thank you for the relationships you’ve blessed me with, and guide me to nourish them with care and love.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

*Source:* [*http://sandford.dublin.anglican.org/prayer.html*](http://sandford.dublin.anglican.org/prayer.html)

**Prayer for Friendship**

You have blessed us, O God,
with the gift of friendship,
the bonding of persons
in a circle of love.
We thank you for such a blessing:
for friends who love us,
who share our sorrows,
who laugh with us in celebration,
who bear our pain,
who need us as we need them,
who weep as we weep,
who hold us when words fail,
and who give us the freedom
to be ourselves.
Bless our friends with health,
wholeness, life, and love.
Amen.

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Help me, O God, to be
A good and true friend.

To be always loyal, and
Never to let my friends down;

Never to talk about them behind
Their backs in a way in which I
Would not do before their faces;

Never to betray a confidence or
Talk about the things about which
I ought to be silent;

Always to be ready to share
Everything I have;

To be as true to my friends
As I would wish them to be to me.

This I ask for the sake of You who are
the greatest and the truest of all friends,
For your love’s sake, Amen.

*Source:* [*http://www.turnbacktogod.com/prayer-for-true-friendship/*](http://www.turnbacktogod.com/prayer-for-true-friendship/)

**Prayer for a friend**

 Lord, I give you (name) and thank you for them.
I thank you for everything that they are
And for all their gifts and talents.
I thank you for the many things that they have given to others
And for all the kindness that they have shown me.

Lord, at the beginning of time You breathed Your life into creation
May you breathe Your life into them now
So that each step they take is filled with Your faith
Each thought they think is filled with Your hope
and each moment they live is filled with Your love.

May they fully know Your life
And fully live in Your love
This day and every day

Amen

*Source:* [*http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/prayers\_before/prayers\_for\_friends.html*](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com/prayers_before/prayers_for_friends.html)