PRAYER

465 What a Friend We Have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!
Have we trials and temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
Are we weak and heavy laden, with care? and griefs that crowd our frame?

What a privilege to carry everything to God in prayer!
We should never be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer!
Precious Savior, still our refuge; take it to the Lord in prayer!

O what peace we often forfeit; O what needless pain we bear,
Can we find a friend so faithful who will all our sorrows share?
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee? Take it to the Lord in prayer!

All because we do not carry everything to God in prayer!
Jesus knows our every weakness; take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield thee; thou wilt find a solace there.

This text was written by an Irish-born immigrant to Canada to comfort his mother in Ireland when she was going through a time of special sorrow. The role of prayer as a source of strength and consolation is underscored by its repeated use as a rhyme word in all three stanzas.
Come and Fill Our Hearts 466

CONFITEMINI DOMINO

Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.

Confitemini Domino

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Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu-ia!

This prayer chant—intended for repeated singing—was originally created for a Latin text (Psalm 106:1a and Psalm 118:1a, 29a) on which the present English text is loosely based. Chants at Taizé often use Latin because it is a language free of political overtones.

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