

# *Your Relationship with a Friend*



## *Calming*

For the sake of my relatives and friends,  
I will say, “Peace be within you.”

PSALM 122:8, NRSV

## *Centering*

Think about your friend. See this person clearly. Bring to mind a happy time the two of you shared. Enjoy reliving that moment.

## Praying

Here is my friend, O God. Thank you for *this person*. Thank you for all we share together.

Thank you for the bond of love between us.

Thank you for our trust in each other.

Thank you for our friendship.

*He/she* has enriched my life. So many times, I have trusted my friend to take my concerns, to listen to my worries, and to hear my joys and my sorrows. And I have done the same for *him/her*.

Gracious God, I pray that you will reach out your hand and bless *this person*.

Touch *this person* with your loving-kindness. Fill *his/her* heart with your light, joy, and peace.

Wrap your love around *him/her*.

Let *him/her* know that *he/she* is truly loved, not just by me but also by you.

As I pray for my friend, I realize that my closeness with *him/her* is just a shadow compared to the closeness I have with you.

You are always there,  
always waiting,  
always ready,  
always willing,  
always available.

Help me to be the same kind of friend to *this person*. Help me to be waiting, ready, willing, and available. Open my ears so that I can listen with your loving attention. Give me the words to speak so that *he/she* can hear your words of love. Keep me in your perfect will so that all I say and do with my friend reflects you.

### *Listening*

“You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father.

JOHN 15:14-15, NRSV

### *Returning*

As you think about your friend, continue to think about the friendship you have with Jesus, and realize that your friendship with Jesus is a model for your friendship with this person.