

He doesn't hide our needs or ignore our pain—He carries them to the Father and intercedes on our behalf. The Bible reminds us that:

“Therefore He is able to save completely those who come to God through Him, because He always lives to intercede for them.”
— *Hebrews 7:25*

When we pray in His name, our prayers are heard—not because of our goodness, but because of His righteousness and deep love for us. Unfortunately, we often suffer needlessly because we fail to bring our burdens to God. We may say we prayed, but in reality, we often try to solve things ourselves or pray without true faith.

“You do not have because you do not ask God. When you ask, you do not receive, because you ask with wrong motives...”
— *James 4:2b-3a*

When You're in Pain or Confused, Don't Give Up

Are you facing hardship, emotional pain, or confusion? Are doubts overwhelming you? Don't lose hope or give up. Jesus hears every sincere prayer. The Bible encourages us:

"The LORD is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."

— *Psalms 34:18*

There is no one more compassionate than Jesus. He understands your weakness because He experienced human suffering Himself.

"For we do not have a high priest who is unable to empathize with our weaknesses, but we have one who has been tempted in every way, just as we are—yet He did not sin."

— *Hebrews 4:15*

So we are invited to come to Him boldly:

“Let us then approach God’s throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need.”

— *Hebrews 4:16*

When You Feel Weak, Rejected, or Alone

Maybe you’ve reached the end of your strength. You’ve tried everything but still feel like giving up. Perhaps people have rejected or mocked you—especially those who chase after the world. But Jesus will never reject you. He invites the weary and burdened to come to Him:

“Come to Me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.”

— *Matthew 11:28*

Even when people disappoint us or abandon us, Jesus remains faithful. He promises:

“Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you.”

— *Hebrews 13:5b*

The Story Behind the Hymn - A Testimony of Hidden Impact

Joseph Scriven, born in 1819 in Ireland, came from a wealthy background. After graduating from Trinity College Dublin, he faced a tragic loss: his fiancée drowned the night before their wedding in 1843. This heartbreak led him to leave Ireland and move to Canada in 1845.

In 1855, while living in Ontario, he learned that his mother in Ireland had fallen gravely ill. To comfort her, he wrote a touching poem titled **“Pray Without Ceasing.”** That poem, written from a heart of love, was later set to music by Charles Crozat Converse and became the well-known hymn: **“What a Friend We Have in Jesus.”**

Scriven never intended his poem to become famous—it was simply a letter to his ailing mother. Yet God used it to touch millions of hearts across generations and nations.

What We Learn from Joseph Scriven's Life

From this story, we see a powerful truth:

God can use our simple, humble acts of love to impact the world.

Jesus taught this very principle:

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of Mine, you did for Me."

— *Matthew 25:40*

When we help one hurting soul—whether through a prayer, a visit, a letter, or a song—God can multiply its impact beyond our imagination. The Bible reminds us:

"Do not despise these small beginnings, for the LORD rejoices to see the work begin..."

— *Zechariah 4:10a*

So don't underestimate the small good things you do in faith. In God's hands, they become eternal seeds of blessing.

Final Encouragement

Whatever you're going through today, remember this:

- Jesus is your Friend.
- He understands your pain.
- He hears your prayers.
- And He walks with you—always.

Let this timeless hymn remind you that **Jesus is not only the Savior of your soul, but the closest Friend your heart can ever know.**

"Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends."

— *John 15:13*

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