

A Prayer for My Friends

*"A friend loveth at all times,
and a brother is born for adversity."*

Proverbs 17:17

F is for **FAITH**: God, help my friends trust in You completely to supply every need, to direct every step, and—above all—to forgive their sins and give them eternal life. (*Hebrews 11:6; Philippians 4:19; Proverbs 3:5-6; 1 John 1:9; John 3:16*)

R is for **RELATIONSHIPS**: Teach my friends to love You and love others, Lord. Nurture their relationships with family, neighbors, and coworkers. Help them put others' interests ahead of their own. (*Mark 12:30-31; 1 Peter 3:8; Philippians 2:2-3*)

I is for **IDENTITY**: God, help my friends find their identity in Christ alone. Shut their ears to Satan's lies. May they recognize & appreciate the unique abilities You've given them & use those gifts for Your glory. (*John 17:3; Colossians 3:15-17; 1 Peter 4:10-11*)

E is for **EMPLOYMENT**: Establish the work of my friends' hands. Bless the fruit of their labor. May they be diligent, cheerful, and skilled at doing all the good works You call them to do. (*Psalms 90:17; Psalm 128:1-2; Colossians 3:23; Ephesians 2:10*)

N is for **NEEDS**: You know my friends better than they know themselves, Lord, and are sufficient to provide not only for their physical needs, but for emotional and spiritual needs, as well. Please do so. (*Psalms 139:1-6; Psalm 145:19; Luke 12:22-31*)

D is for **DISCERNMENT**: Give my friends an extra measure of wisdom & discernment. Root them deeply in the truth of Your Word, God, and don't let them fall prey to false doctrines. (*Proverbs 2:5-7; James 1:5; 2 Timothy 3:15-17; Ephesians 4:14-15*)

S is for **STRENGTH**: Help my friends stand firm in the full armor of God. Keep them healthy. Give them rest when they are weary, renew their minds, embolden their spirits, and multiply their strength. (*Ephesians 6:13-17; James 5:14-15; Matt. 11:28; Isaiah 26:3, 2 Timothy 1:7; Isaiah 40:31*)

