

Dear Friends,

“A friend loves at all times.”

Proverbs 17:17

God is so good to us. He blesses our lives with so many wonderful things. He brings into our lives people who love us, cherish us and bring us joy. Yes, we have our families and we are so grateful for the joy and meaning they bring to us. We also have friends. Within the walls of Bethany Manor, I have seen new friendships forged and long-time friendships renewed.

With that in mind, I share with you these thoughts regarding friends.

**Thank you, Lord for friends.
Through the passages of life, good friends remain.
Through beauty and vitality
Through the loss of energy and elasticity
Through stellar achievement
And through embarrassing failure, friends remain.**

**Friends give when there is a need
They celebrate and enjoy with us
When there is abundance.
They laugh at our jokes and our foibles.
They cry at our griefs and at our sadnesses.**

**Friends pick up the pieces we leave,
They take up the slack when we are careless
And they make up the difference when we come up short.
They listen when we tell them something
And they hear when we don't.**

**Lord, of all the sweet relationships of earth,
Thank you for the gift of a few good friends.
And most of all, thank you for choosing to be One to us
Who were and are so in need of one True Friend.**

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Celebrate the friendships that God has given you. Thank be to Jesus for being our very best Friends.

In His peace,

Chaplain Sandy

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