

# *A Prayer for Friendship*

Lord, I have been trying to do this friendship thing on the surface for far too long. You alone know my heart and my longing for relationship, but You alone also know the walls I have built between myself and others.

So, Lord, today I come before You and ask for meaningful friendships. Ones that endure. I pray for friendships transformed by Your presence. Ones that stir each other to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another (Heb 10:24-25). Ones where we warn each other of sin (1 Thess 5:14), yet mourn and rejoice with each other, as well (Rom 12:15). Friendships that live out loving well by carrying each other's burdens (Gal 6:2) and caring for each other's practical needs (Rom 12:13, Heb 13:16). Lord I ask you for humbleness in these friendships so that together we can confess our sins and pray for one another, that we may be healed. That together we are righteous and our prayers have great power (James 5:16). Lord, so that I may be sharpened for You, I ask for friendships that sharpen me just as iron sharpens iron (Prov 27:17). In this moment, I give You my heart and the walls I have built around it. I surrender my fears, my insecurities, and my control issues. Let me be the friend of Your design and bring to me those friends who are of that same design. In Your precious and holy name I pray.

Amen