

- The Dearest Friend -

Please listen to the lyrics of this cherished Christian song:

*I've found a Friend, O such a friend! He loved me ere I knew Him;
He drew me with the cords of love, and thus He bound me to Him;
And round my heart still closely twine those ties which naught can sever,
For I am His, and He is mine, forever and forever.*

*I've found a Friend, O such a friend! He bled, He died to save me;
And not alone the gift of life, but His own Self He gave me!
Naught that I have mine own I call, I'll hold it for the Giver,
My heart, my strength, my life, my all are His, and His forever.*

*I've found a Friend, O such a friend! All pow'r to Him is given,
To guard me on my onward course, and bring me safe to heaven.
The eternal glories gleam afar, to nerve my faint endeavor;
So now to watch, to work, to war, and then to rest forever.*

*I've found a Friend, O such a friend! So kind and true and tender,
So wise a Counselor and Guide, so mighty a Defender!
From Him who loves me now so well what power my soul can sever?
Shall life or death, shall earth or hell? No! I am His forever.*

Do you have such a faithful and dear friend--one who loves your life even more than his own? Earthly relations may fail and disappoint, as one song describes: "Dear parents all too soon depart while closest friends betray your heart." Sadly, many of our hopes and the confidence we so often build our lives upon only prove to be sinking sand!

Dear friend, did you know that we were originally created in God's image and likeness to commune with Him? But the downward plight of man began when our forefather chose to disobey God's command. Since then mankind drifted far away from God, and further into deep darkness, sin, toil, bondage, vanity, and eventual death.

Our God, the Creator of heaven and earth, never gave up on us, nor did He forget us. Instead, out of His deep love, He sent His only beloved Son - Jesus Christ - to this earth. He experienced the most cruel death on the Cross as a ransom for the sins of the whole human race. Our sins, selfishness, vanities, and emptiness of life leave us lonely and without love. God demonstrated His love by sending His Son Jesus, who lived and walked on earth in bodily form. He experienced life's joys and sorrows just as you and I.

He is a Friend who can relate to our every circumstance. He gives us hope because He has already gone through each circumstance without sin. He knew that we needed to be reconciled to a righteous, holy God. He washed away our sins with His own blood. Who could ask for a more loving and trustworthy Friend?

Dear friend, aren't you also touched by God's amazing love? Are you willing to accept His Son Jesus Christ as your personal Savior today and let Him be Your dearest and most trusted Friend?

- 最知心的朋友 -

這是一首許多基督徒最喜愛的詩歌：

“主你是我最知心的朋友，主你是我最親愛的伴侶；
我的心在天天追想著你，渴望見到你的面。
在我人生的每一個台階，在我人生的每一個小站；
你的手總是在攙拉著我，把我帶在你身邊。
告訴我當走的路，沒有滑向死亡線。

你愛何等的長闊深高，我心發出驚嘆！
有了主還要什麼！我心與主心相連，
我已起誓要跟隨主，永不改變。”

誰是您最知心的朋友？在人世間，哪一位是您最真實的依靠？
正如一首詩歌所言：“至親父母終會離開，有時朋友變作仇敵。”
地上和今生一切的安慰和依靠，都不過是暫時的，正彷彿下沉的流沙。

親愛的朋友，您是否知道，您原本乃是按照神自己的形像和樣式所造？
但卻因人類始祖違背了神的吩咐，遠離了神，就與神有了間隔。
人便墮落陷入罪惡、死亡、黑暗、勞苦、捆綁、虛空、和絕望之中…
人一生的年日，真好像一聲嘆息！

但那造我們和天地宇宙萬物的神並沒有把我們忘記、丟棄，
反倒差遣祂的獨生愛子耶穌基督降世，為全人類的罪代死在十字架上！
耶穌基督是神與人之間惟一的中保，十字架是神與人相通惟一的橋梁。
藉耶穌基督，你我可以重新回到天父懷抱，與神親密、再也沒有間隔！

親愛的朋友，請听以下一個已經蒙恩得救的人真實的經歷與見證：

“我曾深沉罪海中，遠離平安之岸；
污穢重染墮落深，永遠沉淪無望。
但是滄海真主宰，聞我絕望呼聲，伸手海中救了我；我今安全！
愛救了我！愛救了我！當我在世界漂泊，愛救了我！”

親愛的朋友，您是否也受到神大愛的感召，愿意今天就相信接受耶穌，
讓祂成為您最知心的朋友？