



# 15 Scriptures



## TO PRAY FOR FAITH-FILLED FRIENDSHIPS

*Praying Scripture is powerful and will shape your mind to think Biblically,  
and live a successful life in the power of the Holy Spirit.*

1. First of all, if you don't have a friend pray and ask God for one. He is faithful to provide when we ask (**Matthew 7:7**).
2. Pray for yourself and your friends. Ask God to help you be the best friend you can be in the power of the Holy Spirit (**Ephesians 6:18 and John 15:5**).
3. Love unconditionally. Accept your friend's shortcomings and limitations. Don't expect her to be like you (**1 Peter 4:8**)!
4. Think about their needs more than your own. Don't be self-serving. Show a genuine interest in the lives of your friends (**Romans 12:10**).
5. Be like Jesus—be an initiator. Don't feel bad or hold a grudge because you always are the one who invites your friends or their children over (**Hebrews 12:2**).
6. Commit your phone and schedule to God. Allow God to plan and organize your day. Leave it up to Him whether or not your phone rings, if visitors come by, or if you are invited somewhere (**Proverbs 16:3**).
7. Hold your friend with an open hand. Don't make them feel guilty for being busy. Give grace and always be there for her, but don't make her feel bad when she is having a stressful/busy season (**Romans 12:10**).
8. Don't always say what you are thinking. Guard your thoughts! Think true thoughts and give the negative ones to Jesus (**Philippians 4:8, 2 Corinthians 10:5, Proverbs 29:11, Proverbs 10:19, and Proverbs 20:3**).
9. Speak highly of her husband. If you don't like him, find something nice to think/say about him. No one is perfect (**Titus 2:4**)!
10. Encourage each other's kids. Be the one who loves your friends' kids well, throughout every season of their lives. Their kids will never forget you (**1 Thessalonians 5:11**)!
11. Don't impose your parenting ideals on your friends. Let them walk with God, and trust them to parent the way God tells them. You do you! Let them do them (**1 Thessalonians 4:11 and Matthew 7:1**)!
12. Remember, Satan hates your friendships and your children's friendships, especially the Christian ones. He will do what he can to bring division between you and your friends, and he loves to use our children to accomplish this purpose. Try to assume the best as much as possible. When tough times come, pray God's protection over your friendship and your children's friendships (**John 10:10 and 1 Peter 5:8**).
13. If you are upset with your friend, don't gossip to other people. This only makes things worse. In fact, never gossip. Don't say something about someone that you can't say in front of them. Don't talk negatively about your friends or their family to your children. Gossip destroys friendships (**Proverbs 20:19, Proverbs 11:13 and James 1:26**)!
14. Forgive. Refuse to end a friendship over a disagreement. Involve other friends or a mediator, so you can at least talk about what happened. Don't fall for Satan's tricks to get you to end a friendship instead of talking about what happened. Stay in the fight for your friendship (**Matthew 6:14-15**)!
15. Try as hard as you can to stay friends. No matter what! May we all be like Jesus and love each other to the end (**John 13:1**).