

Heavenly Father, Send Thy Blessing

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1. Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, send Thy bles - sing On Thy chil - dren gath - ered here;
2. Ho - ly Sav - iour, who in meek - ness Didst vouch - safe a child to be,
3. Spread Thy gold - en pin - ions o'er them, Ho - ly Spi - rit, heav'n - ly Dove,

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May they all, Thy Name con - fess - ing, Be to Thee for - ev - er dear;
Guide their steps and help their weak - ness, Bless and make them like to Thee;
Guide them, lead them, go be - fore them, Give them peace, and joy, and love;

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May they be like Jo - seph, lov - ing, Du - ti - ful, and chaste, and pure;
Bear Thy lambs, when they are wea - ry, In Thine arms, and at Thy breast;
Thy true tem - ples, Ho - ly Spi - rit, May they with Thy glo - ry shine,

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And their faith, like Da - vid, prov - ing, Stead - fast un - to death en - dure.
Thro' life's des - ert, dry and drear - y, Bring them to Thy heav'n - ly rest.
And im - mor - tal bliss in - her - it, And for - ev - er more be thine.