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# Father of all, to Thee

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Via pacis (66. 66. 88)



1 Father of all, to Thee,  
With loving hearts we pray,  
Through Him, in mercy given,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
From heaven, Thy throne, in mercy shed  
Thy blessings on each bended head.

2 Father of all, to Thee,  
Our contrite hearts we raise,  
Unstrung by sin and pain,  
Long voiceless in Thy praise;  
Breathe Thou the silent chords along,  
Until they tremble into song.

3 Father of all, to Thee,  
we breathe unuttered fears,  
Deep-hidden in our souls,  
That have no voice but tears;  
Take Thou our hand, and through the wild  
Lead gently on, each trembling child.

4 Father of all, may we  
In praise our tongues employ,  
When gladness fills the soul  
With deep and hallowed joy;  
In storm and calm give us to see  
The path of peace, which leads to Thee.