

## ***O Father in Heaven, Abounding in Love***

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Trinity Hymnal (Red) #126

Psalter Hymnal (1976) #206

Psalter Hymnal (1987) #104

O Father in heav'n, abounding in love,  
To those whom Thou claim, all sov'reign above,  
Receive now this child in Thy cov'nant embrace,  
And leave us not doubting Thy promise of grace.

Our children, O Lord, are blessings from Thee.  
A gift from above, but stewards are we.  
Her father rejoices, her mother gives praise  
To Thee her Creator, her Giver of days.

What merit is found in this helpless child?  
A bundle of need, a nature beguiled.  
Not even a faith to mistake as her crown;  
No self-righteous merit has she yet to own.

So prove now Thy grace, show mercy for sin.  
Let water now be a sign once again  
Of perfect atonement through Jesus who died  
And rose so that sinners might be justified.

Then send forth Thy Word, Thy Spirit give free.  
Convict her of sin and slay unbelief.  
Give no rest till sweet rest be found all in Thee,  
Through Jesus, who is and who was and will be.

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