

O heavenly Father, shed forth thy blessed Spirit



O heavenly Father,
shed forth thy blessed Spirit richly
on all members of this household.
Make each one of us an instrument in thy hands for good.
Purify our hearts, strengthen our minds and bodies,
fill us with mutual love.
Let no pride, no self-conceit, no rivalry, no dispute
ever spring up among us.
Make us earnest and true, wise and prudent,
giving no just cause for offence;
and may thy holy peace rest upon us this and every day,
sweetening our trials, cheering us in our work,
and keeping us faithful to the end;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

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