

## PRAYER FOR THE CHILDREN

(Love Divine. 8s. 7s. D.)

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1. Heav'n - ly Fa - ther, send Thy bless - ing On the child - ren gath - ered here,  
 2. Ho - ly Sa - viour, who in meek - ness Came to earth a child to be,  
 3. Spread Thy gold - en pin - ions o'er them, Ho - ly Spir - it from a - bove;

May they all, Thy name con - fess - ing, Love Thy ho - ly word to hear;  
 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;

May they be like Jos - eph, lov - ing, Du - ti - ful, and kind, and pure,  
 Bear Thy lambs when they are wea - ry, Safe up - on Thy lov - ing breast,  
 Tem - ples of Thy glo - rious God - head, May they with Thy pres - ence shine,

And their faith, like Sam - uel prov - ing, Stead - fast in the right en - dure.  
 Thro' life's de - sert, dry and drea - ry, Bring them to Thy heav'n - ly rest.  
 And im - mor - tal bliss in - her - it, And for - ev - er - more be Thine.