

Father of Omnipresent Grace
Charles Wesley, 1767.
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Father of omnipresent grace!
We seem agreed to seek Thy face;
But every soul assembled here
Doth naked in Thy sight appear:
Thou know'st who only bows the knee,
And who in heart approaches Thee.

Thy Spirit hath the difference made
Betwixt the living and the dead;
Thou now dost into some inspire
The pure, benevolent desire:
O that e'en now Thy powerful call
May quicken and convert us all.

The sinners suddenly convince,
O'erwhelmed beneath their load of sins;
Today, while it is called today,
Awake, and stir them up to pray,
Their dire captivity to own,
And from the iron furnace groan.

Then, then, acknowledge, and set free
The people bought, O Lord, by Thee!
The sheep for whom their Shepherd bled,
For whom we in Thy Spirit plead:
Let all in Thee redemption find,
And not a soul be left behind.