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to thee, our voices raise,
for these thy suppliant servants,
in mingled prayer and praise:

Praise for the joy of loving,
all other joys above,
praise for the priceless blessing
of love's response to love;

Prayer that the sweet surrender
of self may perfect be,
that each be one with other,
and both be one in thee;

Prayer that the bond between them
may be as closely tied
as is the bond that bindeth
Christ and his holy Bride;

Prayer that thou wilt accomplish
the promise of today,
and crown the years with blessing
that shall pass away;

Praise for the hope most glorious
that looks beyond the veil,
where faith and hope shall vanish,
but love shall never fail.