

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Verse 2

Breathe, oh, breathe thy loving Spirit
Into every troubled breast;
let us all in thee inherit;
Let us find thy promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be;
end of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

The second verse of "Love Divine, All Loves Excelling," focuses on the Holy Spirit's role in transforming the heart. Key themes include the Holy Spirit's ability to bring peace to troubled hearts, the hope of finding rest in God, and the prayer for freedom from sin, all aligning with the Advent theme of preparing for Christ's coming by embracing His transforming love through the Spirit.

- This verse is a beautiful Advent prayer because it reflects the inner work of preparation. We are not just waiting for a historical event; we are preparing our hearts through the power of the Holy Spirit to receive Jesus more fully.
- It is a prayer for the indwelling Christ to be fully realized in us, not just in the manger or on the cross, but also in our present reality, in our "troubled breasts," and in our ongoing struggle against sin.