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*(adapted from the Abingdon Worship Annual, 2022)*

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Spirit of love, you know the yearning for love that rests in each and every one of us. Help us love one another...

**even when hatred and anger well within us.**

Bring us peace and patience...

**even when restlessness and enmity fill our hearts.**

Inspire us to live with generosity of spirit...

**even when we are immersed in self-centered thoughts and selfish actions.**

Shower us with joy and hope...

**even when fear and despair are all around.**

Bear your fruit in our lives, through the power of your grace and forgiveness...

**so that we may be children of your Spirit, living by your power and following where you lead.**

Friends, hear the good news – if we live by the Spirit, we will be guided by the Spirit. Guided by the Spirit, we are children of the Spirit - healed by God's love, and blessed by Christ's grace. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

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