

Almighty God

your servants down through history have obeyed
your call

rejoicing in all your promises

and through these people from Abraham onward
all families on earth are blessed

Give us faith like Abraham's

that in us your promises may be fulfilled

For you have won us with a love

far surpassing mere emotion –

let our hearts be yours alone,

overflowing with devotion.

So Sovereign God,

remind us again today of what really matters to
you,

what alone breathes life into worship and service,
all else being as nothing without it –

the gift of love.

Teach us that around this greatest of attributes
revolve the two greatest commandments –

to love you
and others –
and so, we pray, put *your* love within us,
so that it may underlie all we offer now
and do always.

Fill our lives to overflowing,
so that we will truly love you
with all our heart, understanding and strength,
and love our neighbour as ourselves
through Jesus Christ our lord
who lives and reigns with you and the holy Spirit
One God now and Forever.

Amen