

Faith of Our Fathers! Living Still

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Frederick W. Faber, 1849
Stanzas 2, 3 Alt.

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Henri F. Hemy, 1864
Alt. by James G. Walton, 1871




① Faith of our fa - thers! liv - ing still In spite of dun - geon,
2. Our fa - thers, chained in pris - ons dark, Were still in heart and
3. Faith of our fa - thers! God's great power Shall win all na - tions
④ Faith of our fa - thers! we will love Both friend and foe in



fire, and sword, O how our hearts beat high with joy
con - science free; And blest would be their chil - dren's fate
un - to thee; And through the truth that comes from God
all our strife, And preach thee, too, as love knows how



When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word: Faith of our fa - thers,
If they, like them, should die for thee: Faith of our fa - thers,
Man - kind shall then be tru - ly free: Faith of our fa - thers,
By kind - ly words and vir - tuous life: Faith of our fa - thers,
deeds



ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.
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ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death. A - MEN.

F.W. Faber, the writer of this hymn, was a convert to the Catholic Church in England. He wrote two versions of the hymn, one for Catholic Ireland and one for England. His third verse for English use went as follows: "Faith of our fathers! Mary's prayers shall win our country back to thee; and through the truth that comes from God, England shall then indeed be free." Needless to say, this text underwent substantial alterations before it was included in the English Hymnal of 1916.