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fer·vent  (fûr vənt)

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adj.

1. Having or showing great emotion or zeal; ardent: *fervent protests; a fervent admirer.*
2. Extremely hot; glowing.

[Middle English, from Old French, from Latin *fervēns*, *fervent-*, present participle of *fervēre*, to boil; see **bhreu-** [in the Appendix of Indo-European roots](#).]

fer vent·ly *adv.*

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