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# **Prayer for Unity**

**for SSAA choir, *a cappella***

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This is a setting of the following two prayers revealed by Bahá'u'lláh:

*O my God! O my God! Unite the hearts of Thy servants, and reveal to them Thy great purpose. May they follow Thy commandments and abide in Thy law. Help them, O God, in their endeavour, and grant them strength to serve Thee. O God! Leave them not to themselves, but guide their steps by the light of Thy knowledge and cheer their hearts by Thy love. Verily, Thou art their Helper and their Lord.*

*(Compilations, Bahá'í Prayers, p. 203)*

*God grant that the light of unity may envelop the whole earth, and that the seal, "the Kingdom is God's", may be stamped upon the brow of all its peoples.*

*(Compilations, Bahá'í World Faith, p. 11)*

**Duration 4 mins**

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Andante, ♩ = 80  
*molto legato*

5

Soprano 1 U - nite the hearts of Thy

Soprano 2 *p* O my God! *mf* O my God! *p* O my God! *mf*

Alto 1 *p* O my God! *mf* O my God! *p* O my God! *mf*

Alto 2 *p* U - nite the hearts of Thy

10

S. 1 *mf* ser - vants, and re - veal to them Thy great pur - pose. *f* *rit.* *p*

S. 2 *mf* O my God! *p* O my God! *mf* O my God! *f*

A. 1 *mf* O my God! *p* O my God! *mf* O my God! *f*

A. 2 *mf* ser - vants, and re - veal to them Thy great pur - pose. *f* *p*

15

Più mosso, ♩ = 96

S. 1 May they fol - low Thy com - mand - ments and a - bide *mf*

S. 2 *p* May they fol - low Thy com - mand - ments and a - bide in Thy *mf*

A. 1 *p*

A. 2 *p*

20

S. 1 in Thy law, Thy

S. 2 law, a - bide in Thy

A. 1 May they fol - low Thy com - mand - ments and a - bide in Thy law, Thy

A. 2 May they fol - low Thy com - mand - ments and a - bide in Thy

*p* *mf* *p* *mf*

25

S. 1 law. Help them, O God, in their

S. 2 law. Help them, O God, in their en - dea - vour,

A. 1 law. Help them, O God, in their en - dea - vour,

A. 2 law. Help them, O

*p* *pp* *p* *pp*

30

S. 1 en - dea - vour, and grant them strength to serve Thee,

S. 2 and grant them strength to serve Thee, strength to serve

A. 1 and grant them strength to serve Thee,

A. 2 God, in their en - dea - vour, and grant them strength to serve Thee.

*p* *p* *p* *p*

rit. 35 Tempo primo, ♩ = 80

S. 1 *pp* serve Thee. *pp* O God!

S. 2 *pp* Thee. *p* O my God! *p* O my God! *pp*

A. 1 *pp* serve Thee. *p* O my God! *p* O my God! *pp*

A. 2 *pp* serve Thee. *pp* O God!

40 poco accel. .

S. 1 *p* Leave them not to them - selves, *p* but guide their steps

S. 2 *p* Leave them not to them - selves, *pp* guide

A. 1 *p* Leave them not to them - selves, *pp* guide

A. 2 *p* Leave them not to them - selves but guide their

45 Più mosso, ♩ = 96

S. 1 *mf* by the light, *mf* by the light of Thy know - ledge *f*

S. 2 *mf* their steps by the light, *f* by the light of Thy know -

A. 1 *mf* their steps by the light, *f* by the light of Thy know -

A. 2 *mf* steps by the light, *mf* by the light of Thy know - ledge *f*

50 *rit.* *ff* **Tempo primo,** = 80

*più f*

S. 1 and cheer \_\_\_\_\_ their hearts by Thy love. \_\_\_\_\_ Ve - ri - ly, \_\_\_\_\_

S. 2 ledge, cheer their hearts \_\_\_\_\_ by Thy love. \_\_\_\_\_ Ve - ri -

A. 1 ledge, cheer their hearts \_\_\_\_\_ by Thy love. \_\_\_\_\_

A. 2 *più f* *ff* and cheer \_\_\_\_\_ their hearts by Thy love. \_\_\_\_\_

55 *pp* *p* *pp*

S. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Thou art their Hel - per and their Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

S. 2 ly, \_\_\_\_\_ Thou art their Hel - per and \_\_\_\_\_ their Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

A. 1 *p* *pp* Ve - ri - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ Thou art their Hel - per and their Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

A. 2 *p* Ve - ri - ly \_\_\_\_\_ Thou art their Hel - per and their

60 *solo pp* 65 *pp* *p* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp* *pp*

S. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ God grant that the light of u - ni - ty

S. 2 \_\_\_\_\_ O my God! \_\_\_\_\_ O my God! \_\_\_\_\_

A. 1 \_\_\_\_\_ O my God! \_\_\_\_\_ O my God! \_\_\_\_\_

A. 2 *pp* \_\_\_\_\_ Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

70 *Tutti pp*

S. 1 may en-ve-lop the whole earth, God grant that the light of

S. 2 *pp* God grant that the light of u-ni-ty may en - ve-lop the

A. 1 *pp* God grant that the light of u - ni - ty

A. 2 *pp* God grant

75

S. 1 u - ni - ty may en - ve-lop the whole earth, and

S. 2 whole earth, and that the seal,

A. 1 may en - ve-lop the whole earth, and that the

A. 2 that the light of u - ni - ty may en - ve-lop the whole earth,

80

S. 1 *p* *mf* *f* that the seal, "the King-dom is God's", "the King - dom is God's",

S. 2 *p* *mf* *f* "the King-dom is God's", "the King - dom is God's",

A. 1 *p* *mf* *f* seal, "the King-dom is God's", "the King - dom is God's",

A. 2 *p* *mf* *f* and that the seal, "the King-dom is God's", "the King - dom is God's",

85

S. 1 *p* *mf* *p*  
 may be stamped u - pon the brow of

S. 2 *p* *mf* *p*  
 may be stamped u - pon the brow

A. 1 *p* *mf* *p*  
 may be stamped u - pon the brow

A. 2 *p* *mf* *p*  
 may be stamped u - pon the brow of

rit. *f* *p*

S. 1  
 all its peo - ples.

S. 2 *f* *p* *pp*  
 of all its peo - - ples.

A. 1 *f* *p* *pp*  
 of all its peo - - ples.

A. 2 *f* *p*  
 all its peo - ples.