

Prayer for Strength

Music: Lyle Stutzman

Text: Samuel Johnson (1846)

Voices: SATB with divisi
A cappella



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mp $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 55$ $\text{♩} = \text{ca. } 70$

SOPRANO
Fa - ther, Fa - ther. Fa-ther, in Thy mys - te-rious pres-ence kneel - ing,

ALTO
mp
Fa - ther, Fa - ther, Fa-ther. Oo

TENOR
mp
Fa - ther, Fa - ther. Oo

BASS
mp
Fa - ther, Fa - ther. Oo

(for rehearsal only)

5 6 7 8
Fain would our souls feel all Thy kin-dling love; For we are weak and need some deep re-veal - ing

9 10 12

A

of trust and strength and calm-ness from a-bove. Lord, we have wan - dered

Lord, we have wan - dered

Lord we have wan - dered, Lord,

Lord, Lord, we have wan - dered,

A

13 14 15 16

forth through doubt and sor - row, And Thou hast made each

forth through doubt and sor - row, And Thou hast made each

8: forth through sor - row, And Thou hast made each

Lord, we have wan-dered forth through sor - row, And Thou hast made each

poco marcato

poco marcato

B

17 18 20

mf

step an on - ward one; And we will ev - er trust each un-known mor - row,

mf

step an on - ward one; And we will ev - er trust each un-known mor - row,

mf sempre legato

step an on - ward one; And we will ev - er trust each un-known mor - row,

mf sempre legato

step an on - ward one; And we will ev - er trust each un-known mor - row,

B

21 22 23 24

Thou wilt sus-tain us 'til its work is done, work is done.

Thou wilt sus-tain us 'til its work is done, 'til its work, O Lord, is done.

Thou wilt sus-tain us 'til its work is done, 'til its work, O Lord, is done.

done, 'til its work is done.

C

26 27 *p* 28

A - bides.

p

A - bides.

mp

mf

In the heart's depths a peace se-rene and ho - ly a - bides; And when pain seems to

In the heart's depths a peace se-rene and ho - ly a - bides; And when pain seems to

C

29 30 31 **D**

To have its will.

To have its will.

mp

have its will, Or we de-spair, or we de - spair, O may that peace rise

mp

have its will, Or we de-spair, or we de - spair, O may that peace rise

D

mp *f* *mf*

33 34 35 36

O may that peace rise slow - ly, strong - er than ag - on - y —

O may that peace rise slow - ly, strong - er than ag - on - y —

slow - ly. May that peace rise slow - ly, strong - er than ag - on -

slow - ly. May that peace rise slow - ly, strong - er than ag - on -

mp **E Slower**

37 38 40 41

— and we be still. Fa - ther, Fa - ther, Fa - ther.

— and we be still. Fa - ther, Fa - ther, Fa - ther.

y, and we be still. Fa - ther, Fa - ther, Fa - ther.

y, and we be still. Fa - ther, Fa - ther, Fa - ther.

E Slower

A tempo

42 *f* 43 44

Now, Fa - ther, now in Thy dear pres - ence kneel - ing, Our spi - rits yearn to

Now, Fa - ther, now in Thy dear pres - ence kneel - ing, Our spi - rits yearn to

Now, Fa - ther, now in Thy dear pres - ence kneel - ing, Our spi - rits yearn to

Now, Fa - ther, now in Thy dear pres - ence kneel - ing, Our spi - rits yearn to

A tempo

45 **F** 47

feel Thy kin - dling love: Now make us strong, make us strong. _____

feel Thy kin - dling love: _____ Now make us strong, make us strong. _____

feel Thy kin - dling love: _____ Now make us strong, make us strong, make us

feel Thy kin - dling love: _____ Now make us strong, make us strong, now make us

F

48 *ff* 49 50 51

— Now make us strong. We need Thy deep re - veal - ing

— Now make us strong. We need Thy deep re - veal - ing

strong, make us strong. We need Thy deep re - veal - ing

strong, make us strong. We need Thy deep re - veal - ing

mp *rall.* 52 53 54 55

of trust and strength and calm-ness from a - bove. A - - men.

of trust and strength and calm-ness from a - bove. A - - men.

of trust and strength and calm-ness from a - bove. A - - men.

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rall.