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# **Prayer for Unity**

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

**1987 rev. 2008**

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*

Soprano 1 5  
U - nite the hearts of Thy

Soprano 2  
O my God! O my God! O my God!

Alto 1  
O my God! O my God! O my God!

Alto 2  
U - nite the hearts of Thy

S. 1 10  
ser - vants, and re - veal to them Thy great pur - pose.

S. 2  
O my God! O my God! O my God!

A. 1  
O my God! O my God! O my God!

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

**Più mosso, ♩ = 96** 15

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

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

A. 1

A. 2

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*

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*

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*

rit. . . . .

35

Tempo primo, ♩ = 80

S. 1  
serve Thee. O God!

S. 2  
Thee. O my God! O my God!

A. 1  
serve Thee. O my God! O my God!

A. 2  
serve Thee. O God!

40

poco accel. .

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

S. 2  
Leave them not to them - selves, guide

A. 1  
Leave them not to them - selves, guide

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

45

Più mosso, ♩ = 96

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

S. 2  
— their steps by the light, by the light of Thy know -

A. 1  
— their steps by the light, by the light of Thy know -

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

50 *più f* *rit.* *ff* *p* **Tempo primo,** = 80

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 \_\_\_\_\_ 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 Ve - ri - ly, \_\_\_\_\_ Thou art their Hel - per and their Lord. \_\_\_\_\_

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

60 *solo pp* 65 *pp* *p* *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 \_\_\_\_\_ Lord. \_\_\_\_\_