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OF PRAYER**

FOR SATB CHOIR WITH TREBLE SOLO

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An indomitable sense of hope, and unvarnished sorrow, permeate each line and melody of these unforgettable songs- forged in the anvil of abject misery and despair, aching for freedom's light.

Humiliated beyond all human reckoning, and given no respite from the daily drudgery of endless toil- these fiercely resilient souls somehow persevered, despite the harshest obstacles- leaving behind a true golden legacy of words and music to cherish.

In his famous autobiography, Frederick Douglass wrote:

"Slaves sing most when they are most unhappy. The songs of the slave represent the sorrows of his heart; and he is relieved by them, only as an aching heart is relieved by its tears."

I am deeply honored to present these musical footprints of my proud ancestors- and hope that by singing them, we pause to remember the undaunted courage and grit of the men and women who originally composed them.

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for SATB choir a cappella with treble solo

Spiritual

Arr. Michal Dawson Connor

Fervido (♩=65)

Solo *f*

King Je-sus is a-lis-ten-ing all the day long! King Je-sus is a lis-ten-ing all the day long! King

Soprano

Alto

Tenor

Bass

Piano *f*
(for rehearsal only)

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Solo

Je-sus is a lis-ten-ing all the day long, to hear a sin-ner pray.

S *p*

A *p*

T *p*

B *p*

It's me, it's me oh Lord,
It's me oh Lord,
It's me, it's me oh Lord,
It's me oh Lord,

p

11

S *f p sub.*
stand-ing in the need of prayer my Lord, it's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,

A *f p sub.*
stand-ing in the need_ of prayer my Lord, it's_ me, it's_ me, it's me, oh Lord,—

T *f p sub.*
stand-ing in the need_ of_ prayer_ my Lord, it's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,

B *f p sub.*
stand-ing in the need of prayer my Lord, it's me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,—

f p sub.

15

S *mf cresc. al 24*
stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer! me, it's me, it's me, oh Lord,

A *mf cresc. al 24*
stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer! me, it's_ me, it's_ me, oh Lord,—

T *mf cresc. al 24*
stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer! It's me, it's_ me, it's me, oh Lord,

B *mf cresc. al 24*
stand-ing in the need of,— need of prayer! me, it's_ me, it's me, oh Lord,—

mf cresc. al 24

19

S stand-ing in the need of prayer my Je - sus! Lord it's me, it's me oh Lord!

A stand-ing in the need of prayer my Je - sus! Lord it's me, it's me oh Lord, I'm

T stand-ing in the need of prayer, oh my Je - sus! Lord, it's me, it's me oh Lord, I'm

B stand-ing in the need of prayer, my Je - sus! Lord, it's me, it's me oh Lord, I'm

23

S Stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer! Not my bro-ther, not my sis - ter, but it's me, oh Lord,

A stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer! bro-ther, not my sis - ter, but it's me, oh Lord,—

T stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer! bro-ther, not my sis - ter, but it's me, oh Lord,

B stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer! bro-ther, not my sis - ter, but it's me, oh Lord,—

f *p sub.*

f *p sub.*

f *p sub.*

f *p sub.*

27 *mf*

S stand-ing in the need of prayer my Lord, not my bro-ther, not my sis-ter, but it's me, oh Lord,

A stand-ing in the need of prayer my Je - sus! bro-ther, not my sis-ter, but it's me, oh Lord, _

T stand-ing in the need of prayer, oh my Je - sus! bro-ther, not my sis-ter, but it's me, oh Lord,

B stand-ing in the need of _ prayer, my Je - sus! bro-ther, not my sis-ter, but it's me, oh Lord, _

31 *p sub.*

S stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer, hear me, Lord, hear me, Lord, I'm stand-ing in the need of,

A stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer, hear me, Lord, hear me, Lord, stand-ing in the need of,

T stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer, hear me, Lord, hear me, Lord, stand-ing in the need of, _

B stand-ing in the need of, _ need of prayer, hear me, Lord, hear me, Lord, stand-ing in the need of,

p sub.

36

S need of prayer, oh *p sub.* lis-ten to this sin-ner *f* pray Lord, stand-ing in the need of,

A need of prayer, oh *p sub.* lis-ten to this sin-ner *f* pray my Lord, stand-ing in the need of,

T need of prayer, hear me! *p sub.* Lis-ten to this sin-ner *f* pray my Lord,— stand-ing in the need of,

B need of prayer, oh *p sub.* lis-ten to this sin-ner *f* pray my Lord, stand-ing in the need of,—

40

S need of prayer! Lord, it's— me, it's me oh Lord! *p sub.* Stand-ing in the need of,

A need of prayer! Lord, it's me, it's me oh Lord, I'm stand-ing in the need of, *p sub.*

T need of prayer! Lord, it's me, it's me oh Lord, I'm stand-ing in the need of, *p sub.*

B need of prayer! Lord, it's me, it's me oh Lord, I'm stand-ing in the need of, *p sub.*

Allargando

molto rit.

44 *ff* *p sub.*

S Stand-ing in the need of, Stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer!

A stand-ing in the need of, stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer!

T stand-ing in the need of, stand-ing in the need of, need of, need of prayer!

B stand-ing in the need of, stand-ing in the need of, need of prayer!

Allargando *ff* *p sub.* molto rit.

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