

Sweet Hour of Prayer

for 2-part choir (Women/Men) with piano accompaniment

Text attributed to William W. Walford

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When approached with open heart and earnest mind, the sacred act of prayer has power to take us deep inside to the clarifying center of our souls. Perhaps simultaneously, it can lift us outside ourselves to experience glimpses of heaven's view. The power of worshipful prayer transports the soul away from our hold on a chaotic world to a serene state where our spiritual nature is nourished and fortified, often in ways beyond our comprehension.

fervantly, freely expressive, in 6

Men

Piano

with pedal

5

hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, That calls me from a world of care And bids me at my

Pno.

mf p mf p mf p mf p simile

mp

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W Women: *mp*

M

In sea - sons of dis -

Fa - ther's throne Make all my wants and wish - es known.

10

Pno.

15

W

M

tress and grief, My soul has of - ten found re - lief, And oft es - caped the

15

Pno.

20

W

M

tempt - er's snare by thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer, And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare by

20

Pno.

And oft es - caped the temp - er's snare by

25

W thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer.

M thy re-turn, sweet hour of prayer.

Pno.

30

W *mf* Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear To

M *mf* Sweet hour of prayer, sweet hour of prayer, Thy wings shall my pe - ti - tion bear To

Pno.

mp

35

W Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to bless.

M Him whose truth and faith - ful - ness En - gage the wait - ing soul to

Pno.

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39 *f*

W And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His word, and trust His grace,

M And since He bids me seek His face, Be - lieve His word, and trust His grace,

Pno. *f*

44 *mf*

W I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer, I'll

M I'll cast on Him my ev - 'ry care And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer, I'll

Pno. *mf*

49

W cast on Him my ev - 'ry care And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

M cast on Him my ev - 'ry care And wait for thee, sweet hour of prayer.

Pno. *thoughtfully*

54 *still slower*
W *p*
In sea - sons of dis - tress and grief, My
Pno. *still slower*
p

59
W soul has of - ten found re - lief, And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare, By
M *p*
And oft es - caped the tempt - er's snare, By

59
Pno.

63 *slowing and softening*
W thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.
M thy re - turn, sweet hour of prayer.

63 *slowing and softening*
Pno.