

Commissioned for Eric J. Wickens

# David's Prayer

for Baritone and Handbell Ensemble

4-6 Octaves  
Handbells Used: 36, (39), (41)

Handbell ensemble notation for David's Prayer. The score consists of two staves: a treble clef staff and a bass clef staff. The treble staff contains a melodic line with a bracketed section of four notes (F#, G, A, B) labeled "optional". The bass staff contains a lower melodic line with a bracketed section of four notes (F, G, A, B) labeled "optional".

**Larghetto** (♩=65)

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Piano accompaniment for David's Prayer. The score is in 2/4 time and begins with a mezzo-piano (*mp*) dynamic. The first five measures are marked with numbers 1 through 5. The piano part features a rhythmic accompaniment with a bass line and chords. The lyrics "Lord in Thy mer - cy, Oh, hear my" are written under the vocal line starting at measure 6. The piano part includes dynamic markings such as *mp*, *p*, and *R* (ritardando). The score continues through measures 6 to 11.

12 13 14 15 16 17

Pray'r, Still keep me un - der — Thy watch - ful care! Each morn - ing

12 13 14 15 16 17

LV LV (sim)

18 19 20 21 22 23

low - ly Bend - ing the knee, — My voice is call - ing, Fa - ther, on

18 19 20 21 22 23

legato

24 25 26 27 28 29

Thee. Grant that I ne'er — may Wan - der a - way, — From paths of the

24 25 26 27 28 29

30 31 32 33 *cresc.* 34 35

right - eous, with Scorn - ers to stray. Teach me Thy stat - utes, Let me ful-

30 31 32 33 34 35

*mf*

36 37 38 39 40 41

fill Meek - ly and hum - bly, Thy gra - cious will. Lord, in Thy

36 37 38 39 40 41

*f*

42 43 44 45 46

mer - cy Oh, hear my pray'r, Lord, in Thy mer - cy

42 43 44 45 46

47 *rall.* 48 *a tempo* 49 50 51 52

Oh, — hear my pray'r.

47 48 49 50 51 52

*mf* R *mp*

53 54 55 56 57 58 59

Lord, when the wick - ed Com - pass me round, In Thee a - lone my — Ref - uge is

53 54 55 56 57 58 59

*p* LV LV (sim)

60 61 62 63 64 65 66

found. And when the night's dark Shad - ows are near, Oh! deign in mer - cy Thy

60 61 62 63 64 65 *legato* 66

67 68 69 70 71 72 73

ser - vant to hear. Thou, Lord, hast led me Up from my youth, Vouch - safe to

74 75 76 77 *cresc.*

send out Thy light and truth Guide me and

74 75 76 77

*mf*

78 79 80 81 82

teach me To know Thy will, Ev - er as - cend - ing

78 79 80 81 82

83 84 85 86 87

Thy — Ho - ly Hill; Lord in Thy mer - cy — Oh, hear my

83 84 85 86 87

*f*

88 89 90 91 92

pray'r, Lord, in Thy mer - cy — Oh, — hear my pray'r.

*rall.* *a tempo*

88 89 90 91 92

*R*

93 94 95 96 97

93 94 95 96 97

*mf* *mp*