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For the 1996 Georgia All-State Junior High Mixed Chorus

PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN

SATB, a cappella

Words and Music
by KURT BESTOR

Arranged by
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Performance time: 5:15

Freely, with much feeling (♩ = ca. 52)

S
A

Can you hear _____ the pray'r of the chil - dren _____ on bend - ed

unis. *mp*

T
B

knee, _____ in the shad-ow of an un - known room? _____ Emp - ty _____

p

5 *p* Eyes _____ *cresc.* with no more

eyes _____ with no more tears to _____ cry, _____ turn - ing

cresc.

heav - en - ward _____ toward the _____ light.

With intensity
mf

Cry - in' *Je - sus

mf

*Alternate text: Who will

9 *f*

help me — to see the morn-in' light — of one more day, but if

f *unis.* *mp* *mf*

I should die be-fore I wake, I pray my soul to take. Can you —

mp *mf*

13

feel — the hearts of the chil - dren — ach - ing for

mf

home, — for some-thing of their ver - y — own? Reach - ing —

unis.

17

hands — with noth-ing to hold on to, — but hope for a