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For the 1996 Georgia All-State Junior High Mixed Chorus.

PRAYER OF THE CHILDREN

TTBB, a cappella

Words and Music
by KURT BESTOR
Arranged by
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Performance time: 5:15

Freely, with much feeling ♩ = ca. 52

* *unis. mp*

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

unis. mp

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

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cresc.

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

p cresc.

With intensity

mf unis.

heav - en - ward _ toward the _ light. Cry - in' **Je - sus

mf unis.

*May be sung 1/2 step lower
**Alternate text: Who will

9 *f*

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

mp *mf*

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

13 *mp*

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

unis.

home, _____ for some-thing of their ver - y _____ own. Reach - ing _

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