

A Mother's Silent Prayer

Medium voice solo or mezzo/alto duet.

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$\text{♩} = 54$

mp

2 4 6

Musical notation for measures 1-6, including piano accompaniment and vocal line.

mp

8 10 12

She calls up-on the Fa-ther of cre-a-tion, With
Voice 2 (if duet): Ev-'ry self-less deed is her pe-ti-tion, That

Musical notation for measures 7-12, including piano accompaniment and vocal lines.

14 16

ev-'ry act of kind-ness for our sake, *mf* She seeks his grace to
bears a-loft a fer-vent, word-less plea, And like a prayer a-

Musical notation for measures 13-17, including piano accompaniment and vocal lines.

18 20 22

guard and guide her chil-dren, To raise us up in right-eous-ness, and
scend-ing in- to hea-ven, --- Ev-'ry qui-et sac-ri-fice en-

Musical notation for measures 18-22, including piano accompaniment and vocal lines.

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(Optional harmony:)

24 26

strengthen us in faith, *f* And as each labor of her love becomes an
 treats him silent-ly, (1&2)

28 30

of-fering, Gifts upon the altar of her home,

32 34 36

He hears her silent prayer, and labors with her there *rit.*

38 40 1.

To mold our hearts, to shape our very souls. *mf*

a tempo

42 44 46 *mp*

48 50 52 *mf*

souls. *mf* Each word of hope or coun- sel, Each sor- row that she shares, Each

54 56 *rit.*

com- fort that she of- fers is a mo- ther's si- lent prayer,

rit.

mf Melody: Of high e- state or poor and low- ly sta- tion, 'mid

58 60 *mp*

mp Opt: Of high e- state or poor and low- ly sta - tion,

a tempo

mf
a tempo

62 mor- tal praise or by the world un- known, 64 Ev- 'ry work of

Or by the world un - known, Ev- 'ry

68 mo- ther- hood's de- vo- tion 70 Ris- es up to plead for her be-

work of mo- ther- hood's de- vo- tion Ri- ses up be-

72 fore the Fa- ther's throne, 74

fore the Fa- ther's throne, *f* All voices: And as each la- bor of her love be- comes an

76 78 80

of- fer- ing, Gifts up- on the al- tar of her home,

82 84

He hears her si- lent prayer, and la- bors with her there

rit.

86 88 90

a tempo To mold our hearts, to shape our ve- ry souls.

a tempo *mp*

92 94

rit.