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# The Prayer of Saint Francis

SATB Chorus (divisi)

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## TEXT

Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace;  
where there is hatred let me sow love,  
where there is injury, pardon,  
where there is doubt, faith,  
where there is despair, hope,  
where there is darkness, light,  
where there is sadness, joy,  
O Gracious God, grant that I may not so much seek to be consoled as to console,  
to be understood, as to understand,  
to be loved, as to love.  
For it is in giving that we receive,  
in pardoning that we are pardoned,  
and in the dying to the human self  
that we are born into the eternal Christ.

Attributed to Francis of Assisi (1182-1226)

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To my friend Charles Witmer  
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Music by  
David Evan Thomas

**Lento ma non troppo** ♩ = 58

Soprano

Alto *pp*  
Mm

Tenor *pp*  
Mm  
*pp*

Bass Mm

*for rehearsal only*

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*poco rall.*

4

S

A

T

B

*poco rall.*

4

*a tempo*

8 *p* *legatissimo*

S Lord, make me an in - stru - ment of thy peace; where there is

A *p* *legatissimo*  
Lord, make me an in - stru - ment of thy peace; where there is

T *p* *legatissimo*  
8 Lord, make me an in - stru - ment of thy peace; where there is

B Lord, \_\_\_\_\_ *p* Lord, where there is

*a tempo*

11 *pp*

S hat - red let me sow love, \_\_\_\_\_ where there is in - ju -

A *pp*  
hat - red let me sow love, \_\_\_\_\_ where there is in -

T *pp*  
8 hat - red let me sow \_\_\_\_\_ love, where there is in - - ju - ry,

B *pp*  
hat - red let me sow \_\_\_\_\_ love, where there is in - - ju - ry,

14 *mp* *poco movendo*

S  
ry, par - don, par - don, where there is des - pair, — *p*

A  
- ju - ry, par - don, where there is doubt, faith, *p*

T  
par-don, where there is doubt, faith, doubt, — *p* where there's des -

B  
par - don, where there is doubt, faith, *poco movendo*

18 *cresc.*

S  
hope, — where there is dark - ness, light, *cresc.*

A  
where there's des - pair, — hope, where there is dark - ness, *cresc.*

T  
pair, — hope, where there is dark - ness, light, *cresc.*

B  
— where there's des - pair, — hope, — where there is *cresc.*

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35 *sostenuto* *p*

S par - doned, and in the dy - ing to the hu - man self that we are

A par - don - ing and in the dy - ing to the hu - man self that we are

T par - don - ing and in the dy - ing to the hu - man self that we are

B ceive, in dy - - - ing that we are

*sostenuto*

**Slowly** *sempre diminuendo*

38 *div.* born in - to the e - ter - nal Christ.

S born. Mm.

A *sempre diminuendo* *div.* born in - to the e - ter - nal Christ. Mm.

T *sempre diminuendo* *div.* born in - to the e - ter - nal Christ. Mm.

B *sempre diminuendo* *div.* born in - to the e - ter - nal Christ. Mm.

**Slowly**