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To My Mother  
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# The Prayer Perfect

\*Poem by  
JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

Music by  
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High G<sub>b</sub> High Medium F Low Medium E<sub>b</sub> Low C

Slowly and Reverently

*pp*  
Dear Lord! Kind Lord! Gra - cious Lord! I pray

*a little faster*

*mf pp in time*

Thou wilt look on all I love, Ten - der - ly to - day! Weed their hearts of wear - i - ness,

*a little faster* *mf* *pp in time*

Scat - ter ev - ry care Down a wake of An - gel wings Win - now - ing the air.

*mf* *pp* *ppp* *rit.*

*mf* *pp* *ppp* *rit.*

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*p in time*

Bring - un - to the sor - row - ing All re - lease from pain;

*in time*

*faster* *slower* *f in time*

Let the lips of laugh - ter O - ver - flow a - gain;

*faster* *slower* *in time*

*slower* *pp*

And with all the need - y, O di - vide, I pray,

*slower* *pp*

*p slowly*

This vast treas - ure of con - tent, That is mine to - day!

*p slowly*

8 bassa

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Dear Lord! Kind Lord!  
Gracious Lord! I pray  
Thou wilt look on all I love  
Tenderly today!  
Weed their hearts of weariness,  
Scatter every care  
Down a wake of Angel-wings  
Winnowing the air.

Bring unto the sorrowing  
All release from pain;  
Let the lips of laughter  
Overflow again;  
And with all the needy,  
O divide, I pray,  
This vast treasure of content  
That is mine today!

*James Whitcomb Riley.*