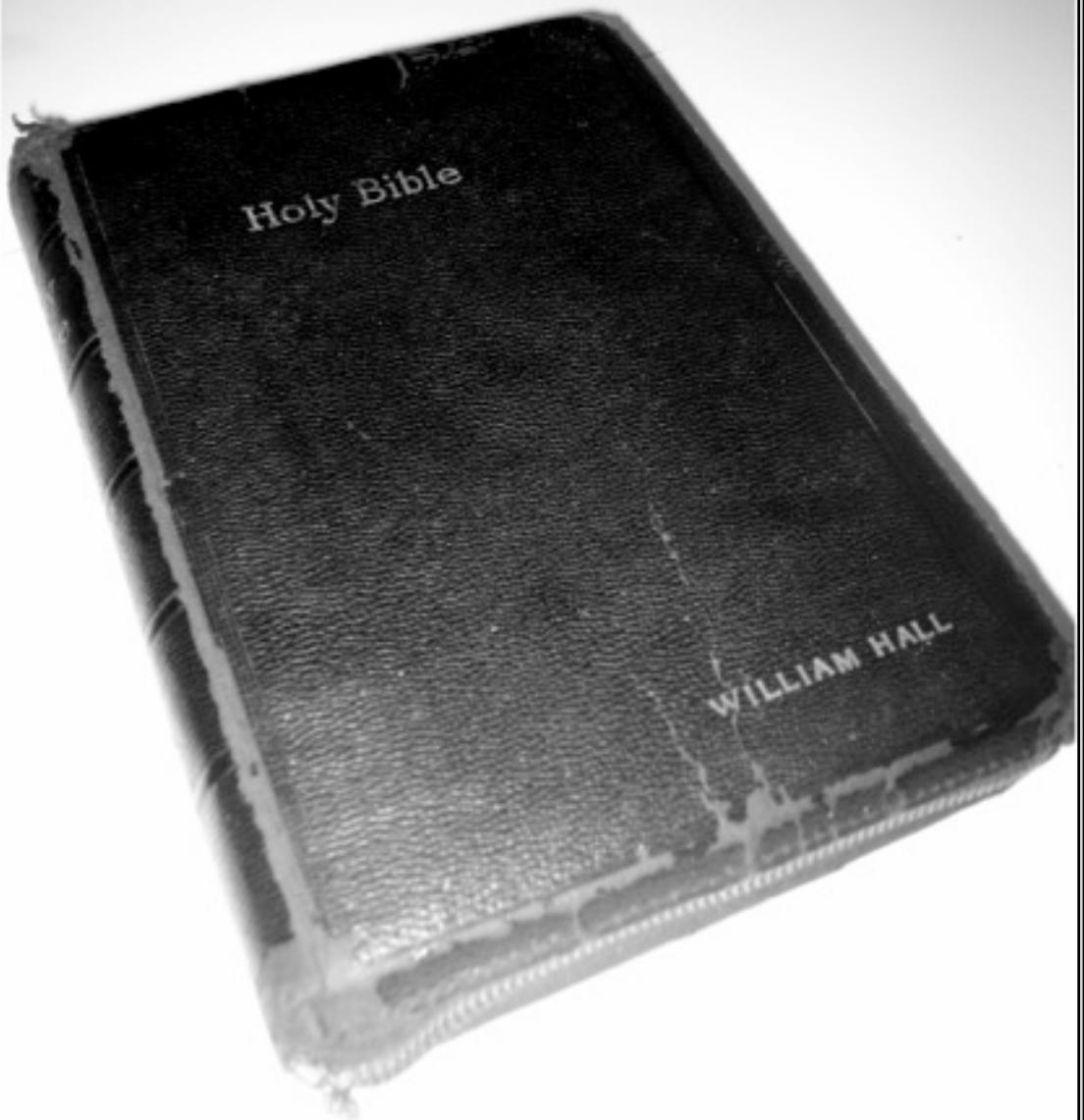


Thomas Rex Beverly

I Pray For Them

for SATB Chorus,
unaccompanied



Text

Excerpts from John 17 (King James Version)

John 17:1

...Father, the hour is come; glorify thy Son, that thy Son also may glorify thee:

John 17:9-10

I pray for them: I pray not for the world, but for which thou hast given me; for they are thine. And all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and I am glorified in them

John 17:21

That they all may be one; as thou, Father, art in me, and I in thee, that they also may be one in us: that the world may believe that thou hast sent me.

Program Note

In 2010, my mom went to her hometown of Beaver, Pennsylvania. Upon returning from her trip, she presented me with a treasure found tucked away in my Grandpa's attic: a well-worn King James Bible.

I don't remember much about my Grandpa because he died when I was four, but as I opened the Bible I was amazed to find a few passages marked by old newspaper clippings. As I flipped to the marked pages, I felt close to my Grandpa knowing I was reading the same passages he had read years ago. What most amazed me was that I had already written a theme for a choir piece and had been looking for a text to go with it. As I read John 17:9, I came to Jesus saying, "I pray for them" and stopped. These words fitted perfectly with the music playing in my head and I realized the text I had been looking for had dropped into my lap.

What follows is John 17, one of the passages my Grandpa had marked in his Bible. In this chapter, Jesus is praying before his crucifixion. While I wanted to put entire chapter to music, it was too long so instead I took excerpts from the three main sections in which Jesus prays for himself, for the apostles, and for all believers.

I usually have to do a lot of searching to find a meaningful reason to write a piece. This one found me. It moved me and I hope it moves you too. Enjoy.

in memory of William Hall
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for S.A.T.B. Chorus, unaccompanied

John 17: 1, 9, 10, 21

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SOPRANO
Fa- ther _____ Fa ther _____ Fa- ther, _____ The hour is come;

ALTO
Fa- ther _____ Fa ther _____ Fa- ther, _____ The hour is come;

TENOR
Fa- ther _____ Fa ther _____ Fa- ther, _____ The hour is come;

BASS
Fa- ther _____ Fa ther _____ Fa- ther, _____ The hour is come;

For rehearsal only

9

S.
glo-ri-fy_ thy Son, _ that thy Son al- so_ may glo-ri- fy thee. _____

A.
glo-ri-fy_ thy Son, _ that thy Son al- so_ may glo-ri- fy thee. _____ I pray for

T.
glo-ri-fy_ thy Son, _ that thy Son al- so_ may glo-ri- fy thee. _____ I pray for

B.
glo-ri-fy_ thy Son, _ that thy Son al- so_ may glo-ri- fy thee. _____ I pray for

Pno.

17 *p*

S. *p*
but for them which thou hast

A. *p*
them_ I pray for them: I pray not for_ the world,___ but for them which thou hast

T. *p*
them_ I pray for them: I pray not for_ the world,___

B. *p*
them_ I pray for them: I pray not for_ the world,___

Pno. *p*

25 *mf* *p*

S. *mf* *p*
given me;_ for they are thine, are thine.

A. *mf* *p*
given me;_ for they are thine, thine.

T. *mf* *p*
are thine, thine. and all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and

B. *mf* *p*
thine, thine. and all mine are thine, and thine are mine; and

Pno. *mf* *p*

32 *mf*

S. I pray for them_ I pray for them_ I pray_

A. I pray for them_ I pray for them_ I pray_

T. *< mf* I am glo-ri fied_ in them. I pray for them_ I pray for them_ I pray_

B. *< mf* I am glo-ri fied_ in them. I pray for them_ I pray for them_ I pray_

Pno. *mf*

40 *p*

S. _____ for them_____ That they all may be one; as thou, Fa-ther,art in me, and

A. _____ for them_____ That they all may be one; as thou, Fa-ther,art in me, and

T. _____ for them_____

B. _____ for them_ That they Fa - -

Pno. *p*

45

S. I in thee, that they al-so may be one in us: that the world may be - lieve that thou hast

A. I in thee, that they al-so may be one in us: that the world may be - lieve that thou hast

T. al- so one in us: world may be - lieve that thou hast

B. ther al- so one in us: world may be - lieve that

Pno.

49

S. sent me. I pray for them_ pray for them_ I pray_ for them_

A. sent me. I pray for them_ I pray for them_ I pray_ for them_

T. sent me. I pray for them_ pray for them_ I pray_ for them_

B. I pray for them_ pray for them_ I pray_ for them_

Pno.

57 *f* *ff* *fff*

S. I pray for them_ I pray for them_ I pray_____ for

A. *ff* *fff*
I pray for them_ I pray for them_ I pray_____

T. *f* *ff* *fff*
pray for them_ I pray for them_ I pray_____ for

B. *ff* *fff*
I pray for them_ I pray for them I pray_____

Pno. *f* *ff* *fff*

64 *p* *f* *f* *f*

S. them for them_____ for them_____ Fa ther_____

A. for them_____ them_____ Fa ther_____

T. them_____ Fa ther_____

B. for them_____ Fa ther_____

Pno. *p* *f*