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Based on Psalm 143

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Peacefully (♩ = ca. 78)

Capo 3: (G) (C/G) (D/G) (G) (C/G) (D/G) (G) (C/G) (D/G)
 B \flat E \flat /B \flat F/B \flat B \flat E \flat /B \flat F/B \flat B \flat E \flat /B \flat F/B \flat

Melody

1-4. Hear my prayer, _____ O

Keyboard

(G) (C/G) (D/G) (G) (C/G) (D/G) (Em) (Am7)
 B \flat E \flat /B \flat F/B \flat B \flat E \flat /B \flat F/B \flat Gm Cm7

1-4. Lord. _____

1. Turn your ear _____ to my
 2. Lead me out of the dark - ness. _
 3. Let me hear _____ of your
 4. Teach me to do _____ your

(Em) (Cm/E \flat) (G/D) (Am7) (C/G)
 Gm E \flat m/G \flat B \flat /F Cm7 E \flat /B \flat

1. plea. _____ In your right - eous - ness _____ an - swer
 2. _____ My heart is trou - bled _____ with - in me, _____
 3. love, _____ of your stead - fast love, _____ for my
 4. will. _____ Let your spir - it _____ lead me, _____

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*Optional handbell part. (Play on keyboard in absence of handbell.)

(F) Ab (C/E) Eb/G (F) Ab 1-3 (D) F D.C.

1. me, _____ an - swer me. _____
 2. _____ trou - bled with - in me. _____
 3. trust, my trust is in you. _____
 4. _____ lead me on the right path. _____

1-3 D.C.

Final (D) F (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (D/G) F/Bb (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (D/G) F/Bb (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (D/G) F/Bb

4. _____ Hear my prayer, _____ O

Final *

(G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (D/G) F/Bb (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (D/G) F/Bb (G) Bb (C/G) Eb/Bb (D/G) F/Bb (G) Bb

4. Lord, my prayer _____ O Lord. _____

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Assembly Edition

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1-4. Hear my prayer, O Lord.

1. Turn your ear to my
2. Lead me out of the dark - ness.
3. Let me hear of your
4. Teach me to do your

1. plea. In your right-eous-ness an - swer
2. My heart is trou-bled with - in me,
3. love, of your stead-fast love, for my
4. will. Let your spir - it lead me,
to Final after Vs. 4
2

1. me, an - swer me.
2. trou-bled with - in me.
3. trust, my trust is in you.
4. lead me on the right path.

Final
4. Hear my prayer, O Lord, my prayer O Lord.

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Composer Notes

Psalm 143 is a wonderful, personal, and intimate heart-to-heart between David and God.

David, chosen by God, achieved much success as a young man, and felt led by God. As David's success grew, he left God out of his plans. When his heart began to ache for God, he sought refuge in him again. This Psalm is a prayer of simplicity and trust that God will fulfill our heart's desire and lead us. When we long for personal intimacy with God, this Psalm voices our need for God to answer our prayer.

Psalm 143 may be sung effectively by a soloist/cantor, or a unison choir of any size, especially when multiple voices are unavailable. Sing it at any time there needs to be a focus on prayer, especially during Advent, Lent, and Penitential Services. The optional handbell notes help call the mind into prayer and meditation.

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