



## THE PRAYER PROJECT

*Composed and Arranged by Amanda Harberg, Conducted by JoAnn Falletta*

*Produced by Amanda Harberg and Micah Fink Edited by Micah Fink*

*Final Mix by Ryan Streber, Oktaven Audio Web Design and Consultant Ulla Suokko in association with the National Flute Association*

*Sheet music available from Theodore Presser Company*

An unprecedented virtual, ninety-one member flute orchestra, The Prayer Project is an outstanding example of the global community of flutists collaboratively reflecting through music. This composition and the performance are a gift. The opening melody alone is shaped for holding close to the heart and for playing to welcome in and close each day. It shows us that, not only despite of all our present challenges but because of them, we have great and deep capacity for connecting and experiencing the healing power of music.

A composition that reflects love and hope for and faith in humanity and healing, Prayer was originally composed for flute and piano by Amanda Harberg in 2011. The piece was originally composed as a meditation on healing after an illness of a close family member.

This 2020 version of Prayer was created by Amanda Harberg in collaboration with the National Flute Association and aptly named The Prayer Project. The goal of the project was to uplift and bring friends and colleagues together through the creation and performance of music during the difficult period of isolation caused by Covid-19. The Prayer Project is conducted by Maestra JoAnn Falletta, and features 91 flutists from around the world, alongside harp, percussion, and timpani.

*What we have created with The Prayer Project can offer comfort as we face some profoundly upsetting challenges. May the music we've made add some degree of meaning and sense to the frightening struggles that our world is facing. May all of our musical projects help to give courage and light to the world around us. – Amanda Harberg*

The following link is to a recent interview on Interlochen Public Radio with composer Harberg. This site includes a link to the YouTube video performance from the flute orchestra followed by the version for flute and piano. A listing of performers and credits is included.

- **Interview with Performance:** <https://www.interlochenpublicradio.org/post/prayer-project-features-94-member-virtual-flute-orchestra>
- **Original Performance for Flute and Piano:** YouTube video of Robert Langevin, principal flute of the New York Philharmonic playing the flute solo, with the composer at the piano - <https://youtu.be/YL61W0nuMmU>

The GPFS plans to purchase this piece in the future.

