



## **World AIDS Day, 1 December**

*A Prayer by R. Stanley*

Almighty God,

We worship You as the Creator of the heavens and the earth. We worship You as the Supreme Lover of mankind. We worship You as the Life-giver to all living creature. We worship You as the Provider for all our needs — physical, material, psychological and spiritual. We worship You as the Blessor who grants us whatever You desire for our enjoyment. We worship You as our Strengthener to fight Satan and all his evil schemes and temptations. We worship You as the loving Sympathiser who sustains us in our troubles and problems. We worship You as the Healer who can deliver us from all sicknesses — mental or physical. You are the Unchanging Living God!

We come to You now, O God, for the millions suffering with AIDS. We acknowledge that this is the direct result of disobeying Your holy commandments concerning sex life. We thank You for the gift of sex, but we regret that we have misused it. We have exceeded the limits and boundaries set by You in the Bible, even Your inspired Word. Forgive us, O God, our immoral behaviour and indulgence in forbidden pleasures. We dare to come to You, all-holy God, because You are rich in forgiveness. We dare to come to You because You would not keep Your anger forever. We dare to come to You because no sin is too dark to be cleansed by the blood Your only Son Jesus shed on the Cross while He died for our sins. We dare to come to You because no disease is too serious to be healed by You. Have mercy on us, O God!

Gracious Lord, we come to You for the millions of innocent victims of AIDS, especially children and faithful spouses. We worship You as the Righteous Judge. Be merciful to these dear ones and send Your healing virtue to flow into their bodies and perform a miracle. Nothing is impossible for You, O God!

Dear Lord, we pray for the doctors and health workers who are serving the AIDS victims. We pray for the governmental and non-governmental agencies working among these sufferers. Protect them and their families from any possible infection. Help us contribute liberally to the voluntary organisations. If that's your will for us, let us dedicate ourselves fulltime to this ministry. We pray that You grant wisdom to those involved in medical research to fight this misery. Forgive us for worshipping science and technology instead of You the Source of all Wisdom and Knowledge. We pray specially for the AIDS victims in poorer countries and underdeveloped nations. Descend on them with Your wings of healing!

Almighty God, help us not to take advantage of Your patience and lovingkindness. Forgive us our boldness to continue in sin, just because of safety measures. Bless the efforts taken to rehabilitate sex workers. Let there be a national repentance so all brothel homes may be closed down and legalised prostitution banned. Help us return to the moral standards stipulated in Your holy Word. We pray for the bereaved ones of the AIDS victims so Your peace might fill their hearts. Let each victim be a living warning to us, and let us not look down on any of them with a spirit of condemnation but lift up their spirits with an attitude of compassion. Help us pray regularly for these sufferers.

O God, we humble ourselves before You, seeking Your face, and pleading unto You to quickly turn away from this anger on mankind. We once again worship You for Your love and holiness. We offer this prayer through Jesus Christ the only Saviour and the unchanging Healer. Let it be so!

(Keep a print-out of this for individual and collective praying. Forward this Prayer to Christians and non-Christians world over.)