

The author of one of the most frightening stories ever written, *Dr. Jekyll and Mr. Hyde*, was also the author of some of the greatest adventure novels as well, having written *Kidnapped* and *Treasure Island*. Following is a prayer that Robert Louis Stevenson wrote. May our society birth more great writers like him! And during this Christmas season, may our prayers be like his...

A Christmas Prayer

by Robert Louis Stevenson

*Loving Father,
Help us remember the birth of Jesus,
that we may share in the song of the angels,
the gladness of the shepherds,
and worship of the wise men.*

*Close the door of hate
and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift
and good desires with every greeting.
Deliver us from evil by the blessing
which Christ brings,
and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.*

*May the Christmas morning
make us happy to be thy children,
and Christmas evening bring us to our beds
with grateful thoughts,
forgiving and forgiven,
for Jesus' sake.*

Amen.