Slow down everyone pay attention
Let us reason for a while
I'm worried about this every day killing
That is turning into style
Don't try to convince it's normal
Playing with human lives
I don't know about you
But I know it brings tears to my eyes

And I cry for the children
And I pray for them
That someday consciousness will once again
Be the answer to our prayers oh yeah

Now I'm tired of all the goings on around us everyday
How did the little bitty innocent babies become pray by the way
How could we allow ourselves to go so far
I'm almost certain we've forgotten who we are
I'm wide awake in a dream that never ends
And my heart cries out for help everyday

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Oh yeah oh yeah I pray Lord I pray
How many more lives do you need for your games
Cause we're counting
How many more mothers will you leave in pain
Cause it's mounting
Could you give me a time or a day
How much longer we will have to wait
Will there be sunshine and no trace of crime when I wake

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I pray said I pray I pray I pray