



Each month a member of the Desert View family selects a prayer topic for the team and shares some thoughts to get our work together off and running. Our united prayer supports not only Desert View, but the wider Christian Science nursing community and our global community, too. We invite you to join our prayer team. This month Administrator, Chris Radel, shares a message titled –

“New Birth Moments and Opportunities”

I’ve never been one for New Year’s resolutions. Although I have always felt there was plenty of room for improvement, for myself, and also needed change and hope for progress in the world around me, I have never felt it was about the resolve to address things, individually or collectively, come January each year. In her work entitled, *Miscellaneous Writings*, Mary Baker Eddy talks about progress in her article, “The New Birth.” She tells us, “It begins with moments and goes on with years; moments of surrender to God, of childlike trust, heaven-born hope, and spiritual love.”

New birth moments and opportunities -- that’s my focus, for Desert View, and equally, the wider Christian Science nursing community. What would that look like? It’s not mine to define, but I am thinking of all of us in our community united in addressing needs. Care committees, private duty Christian Science nurses, Christian Science nursing facilities and organizations, individual church members, and all of those who consider themselves friends of Christian Science nursing. It is really one unlimited care community, isn’t it, and what does that look like?

Please join with us in seeking those new birth moments that are all around and engage in them. To get us started, here is a verse from a favorite poem, “My Father Worketh Hitherto” by Peter Henniker Heaton. (CSJ 6/44)

God has His plan and program for today;
and even now we see with opened eye
the full achievement of man's destiny,
the unassailable fact of God and man
co-perfect, since before the world began,
and still co-perfect in the eternal plan.
Founding our thought upon this rock, we see
today unfold in ordered harmony.