



Invitation to Join us in Prayer

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 Christian Science Nurse, Rudolf Quintino Meyer, shares a message titled

"And the oil stayed"

The Bible offers its readers timeless pearls that, when understood, are a guide through life. One such pearl is found in the book of II Kings, where Elisha helps a widow pay for her debts. In this story, the widow's deceased husband had debts with creditors who were going to take her children away as collateral for the unpaid loan. However, when the widow came to the prophet in desperation, his inquiry "...what hast thou in the house?" (II Kings 4:2) broke the mesmerism that was keeping her in lack. As the story continues in II Kings, the widow was urged to borrow empty vessels from her neighbors in order to sell her oil.

Mrs. Eddy defines oil as "Consecration; charity; gentleness; prayer; heavenly inspiration" (SH 592:25). Understanding the widow's story through Mrs. Eddy's definition of the word 'oil' makes meaning more relatable to present times because through it we can be assured that there will always be enough demand, supply, and human and financial resources to perform Christian Science Nursing. Perfecting our work as Christian Scientists in loving our neighbors and meeting the present needs of our communities, strengthens our Movement and guarantees success.

Love provides and guides us to where we need to go and what we need to do to do His work. Like the widow that could not have paid her debts if she sold the one pot of oil she had, we need to be very watchful as Christian Scientists and Christian Science nurses that we do not practice from a base of limitation, but instead from limitless consecration to serving God and helping our fellow man. Only abundant love for our community can fill our pots and give meaning to our day to day.

God gave us a practical love and this love is enough to go around.

Thank you in advance for all that you do in supporting the active ministry of Desert View and Christian Science nursing everywhere.

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