



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 Desert View House Practitioner, Barbara Whitewater, CS, shares a message titled --

"The Healer by Gennesaret Shall Walk the Rounds with Thee."

You are invited to join with us in prayer of thanks and gratitude for our Father-Mother's ever-present Love which meets all human needs.

For nearly five years, I was the bookkeeper for a Christian Science nursing facility. One day, the administrator asked the office workers to take Christian Science nurse's aide training, so that if there was a need, we would be available to help.

On the first day of training, as I stepped onto the Christian Science nursing floor, a deep sense of peace came over me. The supervisor took me into an empty patient room to teach me how to make a patient bed. She asked me to take the pillow off. I tossed it onto a chair. She said "No, no, watch." After returning the pillow to the bed, she slipped both arms under it and lifted it as gently as one would lift a baby. Right then I saw that all that drives every Christian Science nursing activity is love.

When I was taught how to change bed linens with a patient on the bed, I was struck by how perfectly their method protects the patient's comfort and dignity. Again, it was obvious to me that Christian Science nursing is empowered by divine love.

I did not ever consider taking on Christian Science nursing as a full-time profession, because I was working towards full-time practice. But I will always cherish what it taught me about God's ever-present shepherding, no matter the need. Working directly with patients was a joy. They were so grateful for the help and so trusting of Christian Science to bring healing, much of which I happily witnessed. I invite all to give some time each day to prayerfully support Christian Science nursing and prayerfully consider it as a career.

As promised in the Christian Science Hymnal:

So shalt thou be with power endued / Like him who went about / The Syrian hillsides doing good / And casting demons out. / The Great Physician liveth yet / Thy friend and guide to be; / The Healer by Gennesaret / Shall walk the rounds with thee (Christian Science Hymnal, No. 96:2).

Thank you!