



# HOUSTON VISITING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE SERVICE

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## What's in a Day?

Every day the United States' calendar commemorates something. This month is no different. While the global community of Christian Scientists come together in prayer for the Bible Lesson on "Love," the sports world celebrates watching Super Bowl LIV. February 2<sup>nd</sup> is also Groundhog Day. Let's not forget National Kite-Flying Day (8<sup>th</sup>) and Abraham Lincoln's Birthday (12<sup>th</sup>), or Valentine's Day (14<sup>th</sup>). There are other specially designated dates worth a look: Did you know that President's Day is also Random Acts of Kindness Day (17<sup>th</sup>)? Or that February 11<sup>th</sup> is National Make a Friend Day? Perhaps you didn't know that February 7<sup>th</sup> is Give Kids a Smile Day ([nationaltoday.com](http://nationaltoday.com)). Makes you feel good all over just knowing that, doesn't it?



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The dictionary that Mary Baker Eddy consulted most often defines "love" in part this way: "In short, we love whatever gives us pleasure and delight, whether animal or intellectual; and if our hearts are right, we love God above all things, as the sum of all excellence and all the attributes which can communicate happiness to intelligent beings" (Webster's 1828 edition – [onelook.com](http://onelook.com)).

Our beloved Discoverer, Founder, and Leader amplified this definition by expounding upon the Master's love for little children (Matthew 18:1-6) — recognizing, as he did, that God cherishes each of us as an innocent child. She wrote: "Beloved children, the world has need of you, — and more as children than as men and women: it needs your innocence, unselfishness, faithful affection, uncontaminated lives. You need also to watch, and pray that you preserve these virtues unstained, and lose them not through contact with the world. What grander ambition is there than to maintain in yourselves what Jesus loved, and to know that your example, more than words, makes morals for mankind!" (*Miscellaneous Writings* 110:4). Let us watch and pray to preserve these unstained divine virtues for the glory of God and the healing of all mankind.

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