



# HOUSTON VISITING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE SERVICE, INC.

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## Gratitude, Rocks, and Fleas

The following anonymous quote aptly embraces God’s law of abundance: “Gratitude turns what we have into enough.” Enough is plenty, isn’t it? We HVCSNS board members think so!

We humbly acknowledge the *plenty-full* prayerful support and the many kind comments you’ve sent our way. We love hearing how grateful you are to read newsletters that voice clients’ appreciation for the healing touch of Christian Science nursing in Houston. And we thank all who have lovingly provided financial gifts. We cherish each donation as evidence of your selfless desire to share God’s goodness.

Our *Journal*-listed CSN, Susie Petersen, continues to serve with grace, providing immediate, loving, practical Christian Science nursing care “to those leaning upon the sustaining infinite” (*Science and Health* vii:1). This sustaining infinite—divine Love—does not see claims of conflict, confusion, fear, or upheaval. Rather, Love sees only what She creates and sustains: peace, calm, quiet joy, perfection. Love is truly our rock of salvation.



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Mentioning “conflict” and “rock” in the same breath reminds me of a comment Mick makes in the 1986 movie *Crocodile Dundee* as he tries to educate his girlfriend, who’s visiting the Australian outback for the first time:

“Well, you see, Aborigines don’t own the land. They belong to it. It’s like their mother. See those rocks? Been standing there for 600 million years. Still be there when you and I are gone. So arguing over who owns them is like two fleas arguing over who owns the dog they live on.”

We’re not fleas and we don’t live on a dog, yet the warring factions

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of so-called mortal mind seek to prey on us, infest us, divide us, confound us. The alert Christian Scientist well understands Mrs. Eddy's wise observation, "Ignorant of our God-given rights, we submit to unjust decrees, and the bias of education enforces this slavery" (SH 381:2-4), and her equally wise counsel, "We sustain Truth, not by accepting, but by rejecting a lie" (357:5-6).

The consecrated work of the Christian Science nurse is to sustain Truth by rejecting lies about each client. The mortal scene always lies and always personalizes.

"Jesus said of personified evil, that it was 'a liar, and the father of it.' Truth creates neither a lie, a capacity to lie, nor a liar. If mankind would relinquish the belief that God makes sickness, sin, and death, or makes man capable of suffering on account of this malevolent triad, the foundations of error would be sapped and error's destruction ensured; but if we theoretically endow mortals with the creativeness and authority of Deity, how dare we attempt to destroy what He hath made, or even to deny that God made man evil and made evil good?" (SH 357:7-16).

The calm, still thought is what brings the light of divine Truth, Life, and Love that heals. This is why our *Journal*-listed CSN, Susie Petersen, is in demand. She always makes room for God, always sees spiritual man. Not fleas. Not lies. Not personalities. Not confusion. Just perfection.

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