



# HOUSTON VISITING CHRISTIAN SCIENCE NURSE SERVICE, INC.

Our mission is to heal through practical, operative Christian Science.

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## “Gratitude is riches”

The spiritual nature of gratitude confers the power to heal.

We all want to see healing in our lives and in the world. What, then, we might ask ourselves, are we grateful for?

As students of Christian Science, we reserve our utmost thanks for the “pearl of great price”—the gift bestowed upon the world by God through Christ Jesus and, later, through the Discoverer and scribe of this Science, Mary Baker Eddy.

Truly, we’re so thankful to the master Christian and his closest adherent, our beloved Leader, for teaching and living the Word of God and for giving mankind the understanding of scientific spiritual healing. Equipped with that understanding, we’re able to conquer challenges of all kinds, including physical ills and injuries, relationship issues, financial afflictions, and emotional woes.

This gift of divine healing comes to us in countless constructive forms. One form is the instant and constant availability of Susie Petersen, our *Journal*-listed Houston Visiting Christian Science Nurse. Susie is Love in action. She ministers, supports, cares for, and comforts in the highest traditions of Christian Science nursing. She brings to each home she visits a pure thought that recognizes only the uplifting, indwelling presence of the Christ.

Many of us have had the special opportunity of getting to know Susie. If you haven’t yet, we encourage you to reach out for a “friendly visit”—a

Gratitude

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no-strings-attached way to meet her in your home and ask her any personal and practical questions you may have. Everything about her visit remains confidential, just like the Christian Science nursing calls she makes.

So, please take advantage of the blessing of making a new friend and getting to know a treasured member of our Christian Science community. You'll find it time well spent—and a joy!

We all feel deep gratitude for God's gift of the Houston Visiting Christian Nurse Service. "Our gratitude is riches," wrote Vivian Burnett in Hymn 249/250 (see the *Christian Science Hymnal*).

We each share our "riches" with HVCSNS in manifold ways. One important way is through financial support, which demonstrates the infinitude of divine Love's currency and offers practical evidence of that inexhaustible Love meeting the human need.

Thank you, dear friends, for the generous prayers and funds you've bestowed upon the HVCSNS over the years—even decades! Indeed, some of you have been our allies since 1971, when a small band of visionaries established the Service for the express purpose of ensuring that Christian Science nursing would *always* be available in our city. With your continued support, this shepherding Service will remain able to lovingly assist our Christian Science neighbors in time of need.

If you prefer to donate online, simply click the button below. Should you prefer to mail a check, please send it to 815 Valley Ranch Drive, Katy, Texas 77450.

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“Take my life, and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee”  
*Christian Science Hymn 324*