

Hello, my name is Kaye Patterson from the Christian Science Organization located in room 105 at the A.D. Bruce Religion Center on campus.

I invite you to come with me for the next few minutes as we clear our thinking and strive to enter the Kingdom of harmony and rule out all FEARS!

Let's pray to let our lights shine in this world that needs our joy and peace.

Let's seek audience with divine Love to destroy our fears as we enthrone God's Allness, together.

First, I am going to pray my version of the prayer that Jesus gave us which encourages us to rise above the sense of limitations of a material life. Each line of this Lord's prayer will be followed with a Spiritual statement to lift us to unite with the only infinite, eternal Power.

Join me to experience this Divine Love to wash over us...and all of God's creations.

Our Father in heaven,
Our Father-Mother God, all-harmonious,

Hallowed be Your name.
Adorable One.

Your kingdom come.
Your kingdom is come; You are ever-present.

Your will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Enable us to know, — as in heaven, so on earth, — God is omnipotent, supreme.

Give us this day our daily bread;
Give us grace for to-day; feed the famished affections;

And forgive us our debts, as we also have forgiven our debtors.
And Love is reflected in love;

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil;
And God leads us not into temptation, but delivers us from sin, disease, and death.

For Yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.
For God is infinite, all-power, all Life, Truth, Love, over all, and All.

And this forgiveness and humility poem.

Dear Father/Mother God of us all,
Forgive our foolish ways;
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.
Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from us now the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Now we ask to reflect this peace and ground us in ONE spiritual Kingdom where we live and move and have our Being now and forever.

We pray that this prayer governs and enriches not only us, but all mankind.

Amen

If at any time during this exam period, you feel fearful or discouraged, reconfirm the power of our prayer, and claim God's all governing power in your life and don't leave out for all mankind. Please consider cutting and pasting some part of this prayer to refer to on a regular basis.

Now, I would like to share a college experience that changed my life and lead to my **discovery of a deeper understand of God founded in the Bible in Genesis I.**

During my sophomore year in college, I met a man who was a Christian Scientist. I had never heard of Christian Science which is a religion founded by Mary Baker Eddy in the late 1800's. I ended up marrying this dear man and even though I told him, emphatically, I would never study Christian Science, I began to embark on a study that I have referred to as my preparatory School from material sense to Soul, or my grand, spiritual adventure.

My anthropomorphic concept of God began expanding to God as ...

‘incorporeal, divine, supreme, infinite Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love.’

You can hear more about this adventure at this Pilot link in the chat box you can cut and paste to a podcast that is a work in progress:

<https://dibstudio-my.sharepoint.com/:u:/p/carlos/Edf45ddMiFIBr2nacRLkmRcBjXqIRw4uX9TkDbZFMfoEEQ?e=Felf5x>

Let me share a little about Mary Baker Eddy (1821-1910) who was a spiritual pioneer and the founder of this Bible based religion, Christian Science, that covers the disciplines of science, theology, and medicine.

In 1866, she experienced a dramatic recovery from a life-threatening accident after reading one of Jesus' healings. From that moment, she wanted to know how she had been healed. She read the Bible and prayed for answers. It became clear to her that spiritual healing was based on divine laws of God, Spirit. She proved that these laws could be applied by anyone to heal every form of human suffering and sin.

Spiritual healing isn't miraculous, but an effect of understanding God's all-power and love. It's as provable today as it was in biblical times. For the next forty years, Mary Baker Eddy practiced, taught, and shared this healing Science of Christianity. You can learn more about her and Christian Science at www.christianscience.com the official website.

Let's reason and ask ourselves some questions:

How did we pray today to find freedom from fear, stress, frustration? Where does this freedom exist? Where did the fear, stress, frustration go?

When you think of Light, what comes to your thought?

When you think of Peace what do you think about?

Where do these thoughts come from? From us or something Bigger than us?

We have been working today through prayer to remove the fear, stress, frustration, and replacing it with LIGHT

¹⁴⁻¹⁶“Here's another way to put it found in the Bible in Matthew verse 5: adapted from Eugene Peterson's interpretation:

You're here to **be** light, bringing out the (*Spiritual*) colors in the world. (*Love*) is not a secret to be kept. (Let's) go public with this, as public as a city on a hill. If I make you light-bearers, you don't think I'm going to hide you under a bucket, do you? I'm putting you on a light stand.

Now that I've put you there on a hilltop, on a light stand—SHINE! Keep open house; be generous with your lives. By opening up to others, you'll prompt people to open up with God, this generous Father in (HEAVENLY CONSCIOUSNESS).

I find this statement adapted from Eddy on 258 of Science and Health helpful:

(You) are more than a material form with a mind inside, which must escape from its environments in order to be immortal. (You) reflect infinity, and this reflection is the true idea of (Love, Life, Truth, Mind, Soul, Spirit, Principle).

The Christian Science Organization (CSO) at the University of Houston is a student-run group on campus and again,,,,, we have an office and meeting place at 105 in the AD Bruce Religion Center. We are working together to find a spiritual approach to all aspects of campus life through the practical teachings of The Bible (from Genesis to Revelation) and the textbook of Christian Science, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures by Eddy.

I am usually on campus every Wednesday and by appointment. If I can support you through this semester, Please feel free to call or email me at: 281-932-6645 or kpatterson@mpactnonprofit.com

We are all here at the Bruce Religion to support you in your journey. Please come by or call any of Campus Ministries that can be found on the website: https://uh.edu/adbruce/campus_ministries/index.html .

During your finals for this semester, hold to the affirmation that you are guided, guarded, and governed by Mind, Spirit, Soul, Principle, Life, Truth, Love to

LET YOUR LIGHT SHINE!