Dear Members,

How do we learn to heal effectively, consistently and wonderfully? There is no better guide on earth than the inspired Word contained in The Bible and the writings of Mary Baker Eddy.

On our lecture day, we'll be diving deep into the core of prayer that heals, as revealed in the first line of Mrs. Eddy's *Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures*.

"The prayer that reforms the sinner and heals the sick is an absolute faith that all things are possible to God, — a spiritual understanding of Him, an unselfed love." (S&H, p.1)

In preparation for our lecture, I invite each of you to explore this one sentence prayer and *actively pray*. A good way to do this is to pick one aspect of the prayer (faith, understanding or love) and explore it in *The Bible* and *Science and Health*, etc. Then, *strive* to demonstrate your spiritual findings throughout your day. Additionally, I recommend that you read the chapter "Prayer" in *Science and Health*. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email or call.

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Below are some short passages on absolute faith, on understanding God spiritually and on unselfed love that will whet your appetite for further study and demonstration. I'm looking forward to joining your church—and your community— and exploring the Science of Christianity. God will bless each and all.

With love, Nate

Absolute faith

You can pray for anything, and if you have faith, you will receive it." -Matt 21:22 (NLT)

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. "You of little faith," he said, "why did you doubt?" -Matt 14:31 (NIV)

"Have more faith in God—talk to Him."

"Your faith is, that God is All and you know whom you trust. This will win every time..."

-Mrs. Eddy, We Knew Mary Baker Eddy vol. II, p.329

"We must talk more closely to God. Bring Him nearer to us more like the old style of praying. We must feel and know that God is what we live in—like the atmosphere and the sunlight. God is about us. We must rest more in God. When treating a patient, do as well as you can, and let God do the healing...Give up more to God."

-Mrs. Eddy, We Knew Mary Baker Eddy vol. II, p.315

"Have faith in God, knowing that the work is done." -Mrs. Eddy, We Knew Mary Baker Eddy vol. II, p.193

Spiritual understanding of God

Jesus replied, "You are in error because you do not know the Scriptures or the power of God." -Matt 22:29 (NIV)

"And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free." -John 8:32 (KJV)

"It is our ignorance of God, the divine Principle, which produces apparent discord, and the right understanding of Him restores harmony."

-S&H p.390

"God is Mind: all that Mind, God, is, or hath made, is good, and He made all. Hence evil is not made and is not real. -S&H p.311

⁻Mrs. Eddy, We Knew Mary Baker Eddy vol. II, p.343

Unselfed love

- "We love because he first loved us."
- -1 John 4:19 (NIV)
- "Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love." -1 John 4:8 (NIV)
- "God gives you the sweet peace and wisdom of impersonal love, and there is no other."
- -Mrs. Eddy, We Knew Mary Baker Eddy vol. II, p.287
- "Depersonalize self. To personalize thought limits spiritual growth."
- -Mrs. Eddy, We Knew Mary Baker Eddy vol. II, p.548
- "When working for all, you are doing good work for yourselves."
- -Mrs. Eddy, We Knew Mary Baker Eddy vol. II, p. 550
- "...lose self and win Love..."
- -Mrs. Eddy, We Knew Mary Baker Eddy vol. II, p.317