

When Mrs. Eddy was asked about politics she replied:

"I am asked, "What are your politics?" I have none, in reality, other than to help support a righteous government; to love God supremely, and my neighbor as myself."(The First Church of Christ, Scientist, and Miscellany, p. 276:21–25)

These readings are meant to help us pray more effectively about politics. They will go back and forth between the Bible and Science and Health.

### Hymns

#### 1. Hymn. 519

Lean on the sustaining infinite / And blessings will be yours. / Lean not on person, place, or thing, / Or economic laws; / But lean upon all-blessing God / Who will all needs supply / And give to all abundant good / That money cannot buy. /

Let the healing reign of Truth and Life, / The reign of Love divine, / Be now established within me / To show Soul's clear design / Of Oneness, indivisible— / Of God and me as one— / As water is to ocean wave, / As sunbeam is to sun. /

Love with a heart of tenderness / Your enemies and friends; / However hard this may appear, / This quality just mends. / For Love is God in action true, / A presence that is felt; / A healing and a saving power / That will all discord melt. /

So lean, and let, and love; / This is the balanced Way. / It's free from self-will, pressure, stress; / It welcomes in God's day. / The leaning is so gentle; / The letting is so free. / And loving is the only way / To think, and speak, and be.

## 2. Hymn. 179

Love one another,—word of revelation; / Love frees from error's  
thrall,—Love is liberation. / Love's way the Master trod; / He that loves  
shall walk with God. / Love is the royal way. /

Love knows no evil, neither shade of sadness; / Love casts out every  
fear, lifts the heart to gladness. / Love heals our every ill, / All the law  
does love fulfill. / Love is our answered prayer. /

Love now is dawning over every nation; / Showing true brotherhood,  
publishing salvation, / Love bids all discord cease. / Conquering hate,  
enthroning peace, / Love, Love alone is power.

## 3. Hymn. 443

Be gentle, be pure. / Since Spirit keeps all secure, / No pain or fear has  
power. / Be gentle, be pure; / Love guards, Love guides this hour. /

Be tranquil, be free. / Since Life holds both you and me, / We know what  
Life has wrought. / Be tranquil, be free; / Infirmity is nought. /

Be watchful, be still. / Then listen for Love's clear will / Which keeps us  
safe, at ease. / Be watchful, be still; / Assured your God you'll please. /

Be joyful, be calm. / As Soul's own melodious psalm, / Each day you're  
sung anew. / Be joyful, be calm; / Know well that God loves you.

## The Bible

### B1. Ps. 61:1, 2

Hear my cry, O God; attend unto my prayer. From the end of the earth  
will I cry unto thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock  
that is higher than I.

B2. Rom. 8:35, 37–39

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? ...

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him that loved us. For I am persuaded, that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor principalities, nor powers, nor things present, nor things to come, Nor height, nor depth, nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.

B3. Ps. 23:4, 6

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. ...

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

B4. Ps. 46:10 (to :)

Be still, and know that I am God: ...

B5. John 16:33 2nd In

... In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world.

B6. II Tim. 1:7

For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.

B7. I John 4:18 (to :)

There is no fear in love; but perfect love casteth out fear: ...

Science and Health with key to the Scriptures by Mary Baker Eddy

S1. SH 410:17

The Apostle John says: “There is no fear in Love, but perfect Love casteth out fear. . . . He that feareth is not made perfect in Love.” Here is a definite and inspired proclamation of Christian Science.

S2. SH 215:12

Whatever is governed by God, is never for an instant deprived of the light and might of intelligence and Life.

S3. SH 14:25–28

Entirely separate from the belief and dream of material living, is the Life divine, revealing spiritual understanding and the consciousness of man’s dominion over the whole earth.

B8. I Sam. 16:7 3rd the

... the Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the LORD looketh on the heart.

B9. Ps. 51:10–12

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from thy presence; and take not thy holy spirit from

me. Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation; and uphold me with thy free spirit.

B10. John 19:1, 9–11 (to :)

Then Pilate therefore took Jesus, and scourged him. ...

And went again into the judgment hall, and saith unto Jesus, Whence art thou? But Jesus gave him no answer. Then saith Pilate unto him, Speakest thou not unto me? knowest thou not that I have power to crucify thee, and have power to release thee? Jesus answered, Thou couldest have no power at all against me, except it were given thee from above: ...

S4. SH 94:14

Tyranny, intolerance, and bloodshed, wherever found, arise from the belief that the infinite is formed after the pattern of mortal personality, passion, and impulse.

S5. SH 102:1–3

Animal magnetism has no scientific foundation, for God governs all that is real, harmonious, and eternal, and His power is neither animal nor human.

S6. SH 442:30

Christian Scientists, be a law to yourselves that mental malpractice cannot harm you either when asleep or when awake.

B11. Ps. 133:1

Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!

B12. Prov. 16:7

When a man's ways please the LORD, he maketh even his enemies to be at peace with him.

B13. Prov. 3:5, 6

¶ Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths.

B14. Matt. 5:38, 39, 43–45

¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, An eye for an eye, and a tooth for a tooth: But I say unto you, That ye resist not evil: but whosoever shall smite thee on thy right cheek, turn to him the other also. ...

... ¶ Ye have heard that it hath been said, Thou shalt love thy neighbour, and hate thine enemy. But I say unto you, Love your enemies, bless them that curse you, do good to them that hate you, and pray for them which despitefully use you, and persecute you; That ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven: for he maketh his sun to rise on the evil and on the good, and sendeth rain on the just and on the unjust.

B15. Matt. 7:1–3

Judge not, that ye be not judged. For with what judgment ye judge, ye shall be judged: and with what measure ye mete, it shall be measured to you again. And why beholdest thou the mote that is in thy brother's eye, but considerest not the beam that is in thine own eye?

S7. SH 55:16–21

My weary hope tries to realize that happy day, when man shall recognize the Science of Christ and love his neighbor as himself, — when he shall realize God's omnipotence and the healing power of the divine Love in what it has done and is doing for mankind.

S8. SH 340:23

One infinite God, good, unifies men and nations; constitutes the brotherhood of man; ends wars; fulfils the Scripture, “Love thy neighbor as thyself;” annihilates pagan and Christian idolatry, — whatever is wrong in social, civil, criminal, political, and religious codes; equalizes the sexes; annuls the curse on man, and leaves nothing that can sin, suffer, be punished or destroyed.

S9. SH 209:5–8

Mind, supreme over all its formations and governing them all, is the central sun of its own systems of ideas, the life and light of all its own vast creation; and man is tributary to divine Mind.

S10. SH 444:27

Immortals, or God’s children in divine Science, are one harmonious family; but mortals, or the “children of men” in material sense, are discordant and oftentimes false brethren.

S11. SH 469:30

With one Father, even God, the whole family of man would be brethren; and with one Mind and that God, or good, the brotherhood of man would consist of Love and Truth, and have unity of Principle and spiritual power which constitute divine Science. The supposed existence of more than one mind was the basic error of idolatry. This error assumed the loss of spiritual power, the loss of the spiritual presence of Life as infinite Truth without an unlikeness, and the loss of Love as ever present and universal.

S12. SH 571:15

At all times and under all circumstances, overcome evil with good. Know thyself, and God will supply the wisdom and the occasion for a victory over evil. Clad in the panoply of Love, human hatred cannot reach you. The cement of a higher humanity will unite all interests in the one divinity.

B16. Isa. 9:6, 7 (to 1st .)

For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given: and the government shall be upon his shoulder: and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, The mighty God, The everlasting Father, The Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and peace there shall be no end, upon the throne of David, and upon his kingdom, to order it, and to establish it with judgment and with justice from henceforth even for ever. ...

B17. Mark 12:13–17 they (to 1st .)

... they send unto him certain of the Pharisees and of the Herodians, to catch him in his words. And when they were come, they say unto him, Master, we know that thou art true, and carest for no man: for thou regardest not the person of men, but teachest the way of God in truth: Is it lawful to give tribute to Cæsar, or not? Shall we give, or shall we not give? But he, knowing their hypocrisy, said unto them, Why tempt ye me? bring me a penny, that I may see it. And they brought it. And he saith unto them, Whose is this image and superscription? And they said unto him, Cæsar's. And Jesus answering said unto them, Render to Cæsar the things that are Cæsar's, and to God the things that are God's. ...



B18. Rom. 15:13

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope, through the power of the Holy Ghost.

B19. I John 2:15–17

Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever.

S13. SH 6:3 (only)

Divine Love corrects and governs man.

S14. SH 149:26–27 God (to ,)

... God, divine Mind, governs all, not partially but supremely, ...

S15. SH 180:25–27

When man is governed by God, the ever-present Mind who understands all things, man knows that with God all things are possible.

S16. SH 192:30

Whatever holds human thought in line with unselfed love, receives directly the divine power.

S17. SH 208:20

Let us learn of the real and eternal, and prepare for the reign of Spirit, the kingdom of heaven, — the reign and rule of universal harmony, which cannot be lost nor remain forever unseen.

S18. SH 225:14–16

The history of our country, like all history, illustrates the might of Mind, and shows human power to be proportionate to its embodiment of right thinking.

S19. SH 318:28–29 In (to 2nd ,)

In Science man is governed by God, divine Principle, ...

S20. SH 379:6

The real jurisdiction of the world is in Mind, controlling every effect and recognizing all causation as vested in divine Mind.

S21. SH 393:16–18

Be firm in your understanding that the divine Mind governs, and that in Science man reflects God's government.

S22. SH 420:3–4

Truth not error, Love not hate, Spirit not matter, governs man.

S23. SH 532:3 God

God makes and governs all.

S24. SH 497:24 And

... And we solemnly promise to watch, and pray for that Mind to be in us which was also in Christ Jesus; to do unto others as we would have them do unto us; and to be merciful, just, and pure.