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### **Spirit in Action**

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## DAILY AFFIRMATIONS

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 1*

I rejoice as I consider that I live in an abundant universe.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 2*

I give thanks for all the gifts Life offers me.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 3*

God in me ministers to my every need. Alleluia.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 4*

God bless this nation with justice, peace, prosperity, kindness, generosity, and goodwill. Amen.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 5*

Life loves me and expresses beautifully through me.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 6*

Wisdom guides me today.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 7*

I Am in the right place at the right time for the right reason and I Am divinely guided in all that I do.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 8*

Blessings flow abundantly and continuously into my life.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 9*

I give thanks for miracles that are coming my way.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 10*

I am comforted by God's sweet and never-failing presence.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 11*

Goodness saturates my being.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 12*

Liberating, life-giving Truth is being revealed to me in every waking moment.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 13*

“All shall be well; all shall be well and all manner of things shall be well.” Amen.

\*Julian of Norwich

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 14*

Today, I reflect on my union with God, the All Good, and I Am filled with joy and peace.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 15*

I deny fear any power over me, and I choose to live in hope and with joyful expectation. Amen.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 16*

“May peace prevail on earth.”

\*Masahisa Goi

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*

*July 17*

Today, I feel love. I share love. I focus on love. I give thanks for love. Love is divine.

Love is everlasting. Love is omnipresent. Love heals. Love comforts.

Love encourages. Love empowers. Love casts out fear. Universal Love, I perceive you, and I behold miracles. Amen.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 18*

“I am part and parcel of God.”  
\*Ralph Waldo Emerson

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 19*

Universal Energy flows through me and fills my life with power and with possibilities. I allow miracles to take place. My heart rejoices. Amen.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 20*

My very Soul is the chamber in which the Mighty I AM dwells. I go within, and I commune with my innermost God. In Her presence there is joy, there is peace, there is power. And so it is that I am thankful. Amen.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 21*

As God is the Ground of being, my Isness is part of God's; and so it is that Good is always available to me. Blessings abound. Miracles are on the way. I perceive and receive them. Amen.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 22*

I can heal. I can prosper. I can grow. I can succeed. I can shine. I will. I do. And so it is.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 23*

I deserve to be successful. I deserve love in my life. I deserve to be happy. The Universe offers me unfathomable blessings, and I embrace more and more Good. My life is wonderful and is getting better all the time.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 24*

Nothing is too good for me. Nothing good is beyond my reach. There is nothing to prevent me from living my best life. Life loves me and provides for me. I am abundantly and continuously blessed. Grateful for the Good I've known, I am open to receive more Good than ever before.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 25*

Thank you, God, for every good thing in life. Amen.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 26*

I love myself. I love others as I love myself. Love is divine, and so it is that love heals, prospers, comforts, renews, empowers, and uplifts. The more I experience and express love, the more divine power fills my life. All is well; and so it is.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 27*

I think of someone today who is facing fears, who is experiencing a challenge, who is burdened with uncertainty or regret. I now see the Truth of who that person is: this beloved one is a child of God, a being of Light, an incarnation of divine Life. I see this blessed one whole and full of joy. O dear one, I give thanks for the miracle you are! God in you is ministering to your every need. Alleluia! Amen.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 28*

God is the great I Am; I am THAT I Am. God in me, as me, is me. My mortal experience isn't all of God, and yet all that I truly am, is God. I Am a drop in the Ocean, and what the Ocean is, the drop is. The drop is part of the Ocean, and in essence, the Ocean is in the drop. I Am part of God! All Good is possible. Amen.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 29*

I Am blessed! As one who is blessed, I bless others. As I bless others, I am blessed all the more. What a beautiful cycle of giving and receiving, receiving and giving. Thanks be to God.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 30*

Dear God, my hands are your hands. In my human words, your divine voice can be heard. Let the Love that you are be expressed through me today, and may that Love work miracles in our world. Amen.

*Spirit in Action Affirmation*  
*July 31*

What miracles will be made manifest in my life today? I Am willing and ready to receive them. Bring on the good stuff, Universe! Today is meant to be a wonderful day, and I am thankful.

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## NEW THOUGHT LUMINARIES FOR JULY

### ***Divine Science***

Agnes Galer (1860-1939) - ordained a Divine Science minister by New Thought pioneer Nona Brooks (c. 1907) and established a church in Seattle. Galer is known for being the minister who ordained Ernest Holmes (Holmes was a Divine Science minister before starting the Religious Science movement).

Agnes Lawton (1865 – 1946) ordained by Nona Brooks in 1905. Wrote Hints to Bible Study, and also collaborated with Albert Grier on the book, Truth and Life.

Kathleen Besly (1858 – 1946) – Divine Science minister who wrote the classic, The Divine Art of Living, in which she writes, “We cannot fear anything or anybody if we have the full realization that God is everywhere, that God is Love and that Love is the great power of life.”

Max Ballard (1914 – 1998) – youngest person to be ordained by Nona Brooks. Ballard pioneered churches in Colorado and Missouri and led a church in D.C. until his demise.

### ***Other New Thought Traditions***

Charles Fillmore – Co-founder of the Unity School of Christianity. Known for his allegorical interpretations and practical application of scripture, Charles was called an “American mystic.” After attributing a physical healing to spiritual practices, Charles (with his wife Myrtle) co-founded the Unity Church and movement. He believed forgiveness was healing: “Here is a mental treatment guaranteed to cure every ill that flesh is heir to - sit for half an hour every night and mentally forgive everyone against whom you have any ill will or antipathy.” Fillmore was also a proponent of positive thinking: “Deny that lack has any place or reality in your thought or your affairs and affirm plenty as the only appearance. Praise what you have, be it ever so little, and insist that it is constantly growing larger.”

Elizabeth Sands Turner (1897 – 1979) – was the director of the Unity Training School, a teacher of metaphysical bible interpretation, the author of three books, and finally, a parish minister in Florida.

Frederick J. Eikerenkoetter II “Rev. Ike” (1935 – 2009) – a prosperity preacher who taught that health, wealth, good luck, harmonious relationships, and protection from adversaries could all be achieved and experienced by those who practiced his system of metaphysics. His seminary taught the “Science of Living” and his business institute was the home of “Thinkonomics.” His church was a large, remodeled theatre in Washington Heights (NYC) and he believed that combining affirmative prayer with generous giving could result in an empowered, joyous, and even opulent life. Rev. Ike taught, “Acknowledge the God in you and ask for guidance” and “Your mind will work what seems like miracles to accomplish the good purpose you give it.” He used such affirmations as “Nothing is too good for me” and “Good health is my divine right.” He liked the bible verse, “According to your faith shall it be done to you.” He called his teaching “mind power”, “self-awareness”, and “self-image psychology.”

H. Emilie Cady (1848 – 1941) – author of spiritual texts, including *Lessons in Truth*, one of the most widely read books in New Thought spirituality. She was a homeopathic physician. In one of her books she declared, “I AM...is God’s name...I AM cannot be weary, or faint, or powerless; for I AM is all-life, all-power, All-Good...’I AM’ spoken upward, toward the good, the true, is sure to out-picture in visible good, in success, in happiness.”

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Spirit in Action  
By Rev. Dr. Durrell Watkins  
President, Divine Science Federation International

The Divine Science Federation International (DSFI) experienced Spirit in Action during the global pandemic. The leadership of DSFI responded to the apparent crisis by giving thanks for the resources we had, for the faithfulness and creativity of our members, and for the divine guidance upon which we metaphysicians depend.

Of course, spiritual maturity isn't just about what we can achieve in challenging times, it also is about how we can encourage others as they navigate their own paths of unfoldment.

Throughout pandemic, DSFI continued to share daily lessons by email and Facebook. Our daily lessons are free and anyone can subscribe to them.

In addition to our daily lessons, we changed the format and increased the frequency of our newsletter. "Spirit in Action" is now a monthly newsletter and includes daily devotions as well biographies of Divine Scientists from our history and other iconic metaphysicians. There is usually a lesson from one of our early pioneers as well. This is another free service DSFI provides.

DSFI welcomes donations from our members and friends but we also use modest membership fees to help with our operating expenses. Last year, however, we didn't charge fees per se, but instead, asked every member and prospective member to simply make a donation of any size to secure their membership.

Also, last year the DSFI executive board decided to bless DSFI ministries in pandemic by tithing to DSFI member organizations. We won't always tithe to our own centers, but the time seemed right to do so this once.

Another gift we were able to give our members as a free resource was a booklet of mine titled, *Divine Dozen: 12 Steps for Overcoming Problems in Life*.

Right before pandemic and throughout, DSFI benefited from some significant cash and in-kind gifts as well as a bequest, and a tithe from Community of Infinite Spirit on the sale of some property; so, it was our joy to share the blessings and participate in the circulation of divine supply by giving back in various ways.

In August it will be time for the DSFI biennial conference. This year we are offering it online and for only \$99. Two days of teaching, praying, and meetings without the expense of travel or lodging for conference registrants and the conference itself is only \$99.

The conference title is the same as our newsletter title: Spirit in Action. We want to share how Spirit has moved in our lives and ministries over the last two years and how we can prepare for a post-pandemic world. This affordable and convenient conference opportunity is meant to energize all of us and give us joyful expectation for the future. The conference is open to everyone regardless of Divine Science affiliation.

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## GREAT TEACHERS

### **Mrs. E.D. Cheney**

“The Larger Prayer”, shared in Charles Edgar Prather’s *Divine Science: Knowledge of Truth* (1915)

At first I prayed for Light: Could I but see the way, how gladly, swiftly would I walk to everlasting Day.

And next I prayed for Strength: That I might tread the road with firm, unflinching feet, and win the heaven’s serene abode.

And then I asked for Faith: Could I but trust my God, I’d live enfolded in [God’s] peace Though foes were all abroad.

But now I pray for Love: True love to God and man, a living love that will not fail However deep [God’s] plan:

And Light and Strength and Faith are opening everywhere! God only waited for me till I prayed the larger prayer.

### **W. John Murray**

from “Jesus & Healing”, *The Murray Course in Divine Science* (1927)

Jesus did not make a secret of the source of his power. It came, he said, from [God]. It was used to confirm the word that he spoke, to convince the skeptical of his reception of power and authority from God. But this was merely an external reason. The true reason was that the healing of the sick and the diseased was inseparable from his spiritual mission. To save and to heal means, according to etymologists, the same thing. Salvation, a much-abused word, means healing, a saving from false-thinking and error. The healings effected by Jesus showed his love for humanity. He could not witness suffering without feeling an immense compassion for the victim of disease, bound down to false conditions and crying for aid. To the spiritualized Jesus the sight of men and women in the chains of sickness and disease must have been revolting, as he could see them only as the pure, celestial, perfect spirits they really were behind their physical bondage. No cry came to him from an earnest soul that was not immediately answered. Even the woman who touched the hem of his garment, reverently and in complete self-effacement, received healing from him as her thought impacted upon his and made him aware of her act.

### **Nona Brooks**

from “Where is God?”, *Short Lessons in Divine Science* (1940)

There is one word that I would write upon the hearts of [humanity] – Omnipresence. Omnipresence! Repeat it to yourself; say it often; get the fullness of its meaning. It can never grow old; it will never become threadbare; it can never wear out. I prefer it to faith, hope, and love, because it is greater than these. Omnipresence is beyond hope; it is fulfillment. It is greater than either faith or love, because it includes these, and more within itself. Omnipresence, the All-Presence, the Presence that is always present!

## THANKS FOR EVERYTHING, REV. DRYDEN

*Rev. Mary Emma Dryden has retired as the minister of Quimby Church (Secaucus, NJ) and has stepped down from the DSFI Board. Mary Emma has served and led Divine Science in various ways for many years. Rev. Dryden most recently served as Secretary of the DSFI Board where she was an absolute treasure. She took copious notes, “kept the trains running on time,” offered excellent ideas, encouraged other board members, and shared beautiful prayers. Her value to DSFI cannot be overstated and we look forward to her continued, peaceful presence in our movement.*

*Thanks for everything, Mary Emma!*



## Divine Science Statement of Being

God is all, both invisible and visible.

One Presence, One Mind,

One Power is all.

This One that is all is perfect life,  
perfect love, and perfect substance.

\*[We are] the individualized expression of God and [are] ever one with this perfect life, perfect love, and perfect substance.

\*Man is...and is...