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Spirit in Action

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Excerpted from *The Prayer That Never Fails* by Nona L. Brooks pps 27-30

When I was brought from the culture and friends of the East to Pueblo, Colorado, which at that time was an undeveloped, unattractive western town, I thought a great evil had befallen me. Now I know that the Spirit was carrying out my most earnest and steadfast wish, to know God, for it was in Pueblo that I began to study Truth; it was there that my entire life was transformed... God is often answering our prayers when we do not know it. We should have faith when we do not understand.

It is a long time since I prayed for things. I seek now to realize spiritual gifts. When this is done all else will follow; it is law. In fastening my attention upon the objective I may dim my vision to that which is of far greater value.

For the same reason I do not try to enlarge or strengthen my personal will, nor do I seek to force it upon another. There is the One Will which will guide each one to his own best decisions and actions when he turns to it with perfect trust. The personal will is to be used only for the purpose of keeping one true to this all-knowing, all-powerful Will of the Father.

The life of power is the one based on this Higher Will. Jesus knew this and he said: "My meat is to do the will of him that sent me." "My meat," that which strengthens and sustains me.

Let us be very sure that in every problem the highest, the most certain, the most powerful and the only harmonious solution is to turn to the Christ-Mind within saying from the heart, "I wish to be guided; I am willing to follow; I leave this problem with thee, oh, Father; I am willing to do what thy wisdom leads me to do. I rejoice in thy guidance; I trust and rest in thee."

Remember, steadfast prayer is always answered and that real prayer includes the whole of one's life – every thought and feeling, the motive of every decision and of every action.

Remember also that it is not the Father who fails to answer our prayers. It is we who fail to fulfill the law.

Persistent, unwavering aspiration accompanied by faithful living is always realized. I say this over and over that it may sink in.

Getting to Know Our DSFI Family

The Church of the Infinite Presence Divine Science, Oklahoma City, first met in April 1999. The new congregation had a very strong idea that the congregation should govern the church; thus, it has no Board. The congregation meets in a business meeting on the first Sunday of every month. Reports are given and business is accomplished.

Rev. Harold Wardrop is the minister. He was ordained by Rev. Lucille Fredericks of the Brooks Divinity School. Rev. Wardrop's lessons can be viewed on YouTube. One of the ministries of the church is Messages from Zion, a Bible lesson given through email that reaches many states and foreign countries.

The church first met in a hotel; moved to an IOOF hall, and meets now in a lovely chapel in a shopping center. Divine Science classes are held and a Practitioner class is being planned. There are four assistant ministers who help with the church and other activities. The church is a member of DSFI and United Divine Science. A book study class meets at 10 am on Sunday, followed by the church service at 11 am. All are welcome.
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Mark Your Calendars

DSFI Biennial Conference/Retreat 2010 at Mercy Center, St. Louis, MO from July 19 – 22. *Remembering God* will be organized in a retreat format, with extended interactive and contemplative workshops including: Meditation, Contemplation, The Mystic Life, Relevance, Vision and Action, New

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Affordable rates for meals and lodging are included in the registration for participants staying at the conference center, which is situated on verdant grounds with walking trails and labyrinth. The emphasis during the conference/retreat will be on spiritual renewal and fellowship. Contact the DSFI office for information.

Practical Spirituality: *Living the Sacred* - A Special Retreat with Rev. Jane Kopp, Ph.D. in Weston, VT April 16-18, 2010. Contact New Thought VT 802-384-3845

2010 Spiritual Retreat - *Transformation of Consciousness: Karma or Christ* led by Dr. Al G. Salazar at the Airlie Center, Warrenton, VA August 5 - 7. Contact Rev. Donna Gatewood 703-641-9141 (Divine Science Church of the Healing Christ, Washington DC)

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