

LENTEN DEVOTIONAL

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Lent Devotion/Day 14/Tuesday, March 2, 2021

[Jesus said], "I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit." John 15:5

Meditation: How do we cultivate a more fruitful life? The spiritual nutrients we need flow from the source, the vine of Christ. When we remain firmly attached to Christ, his Spirit continually flows into us and through us. That enables us to nurture and share generous portions of the fruits of the Spirit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control." (Galatians 5:22-23)

When we live in Christ, these fruits of the Spirit become for us not an addendum, but a way of life. The love of Christ compels us to respond to others with kindness and faithfulness, to reach out to those in need with gentleness and generosity, to respond to difficult people and situations with patience and self-control and to reflect Christ's love and joy and peace in all that we say and do.

Prayer: *Blessed Redeemer, fill us with the fruits of the Spirit so that we may live a fruitful life in your service. Amen.*

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