

# FRUIT of the Spirit

## LOVE

### *Prayer for the Fruits of the Spirit*

O Bounteous Spirit, we ask you to bring forth in our lives your fruits: the fruit of love, so we may love you above all things and all others for your sake; the fruit of joy, that we may find our delight in your service; the fruit of peace, that we may be pardoned through your mercy and find our rest in your love; the fruit of long-suffering, so that we may bear with patience all afflictions; the fruit of gentleness, that we may subdue all anger and take calmly and sweetly all trials and provocations; the fruit of meekness, that we may forgive freely all who hurt us and endure with patience all burdens that are laid upon us; the fruit of temperance, that we may restrain all desires and bring them into the subjugation of your holy will. Amen.



**LOVE = SACRIFICE OF SELF**

### God's Love

- God so loved the world, that he gave His only begotten Son (John 3:16)
- The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to *serve* and to *give* His life (Matthew 20:28)
- Jesus “*resolutely set His face to go to Jerusalem*” (Luke 9:15)
- **Little children, let us not love with word or with tongue, but in deed and truth** (John 3:18)
- **If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. And if you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same** (Luke 6:32-33)
- **Love your enemies and do good . . . and you will be sons of the Most High; for He Himself is kind to ungrateful and evil men** (Luke 6:35)
- **But to you who are listening I say: Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who mistreat you** (Luke 6:27-28)
- **A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another, even as I have loved you** (John 13:34)



### HOMEWORK

1. Begin loving the people God puts in your path by first loving those people at home. As the saying goes, “What you are at home is what you are!” So be a woman who walks in God’s love . . . at home.
2. Go to God throughout the day for a fresh supply of His love to share. At the first sign of waning love, look to the Lord of love.
3. Remember that your assignment is to serve. (Galatians 5:13)
4. Remember Jesus, who “did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give His life a ransom for many” (Matthew 20:28)

Love Is A Conscious Act of Will—Love Is Action—Love Reaches Out to The Unlovely—**We Need God to Help us Love**—Love Expects Nothing in Return.