



**Mustard Seed**

## Daily Devotions

Lutheran Women in Mission

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### Living in the Spirit Helps Me Be Fruitful

#### In the Word

*“You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you to go and bear fruit — fruit that will last” (John 15:16a).*

#### Of the Word

We go to a nursery to carefully choose and buy a fruit tree. We plant, water, fertilize, and prune it. We expect it to blossom one day and bear fruit. To enjoy ripe fruit picked from the tree is a sweet experience.

God has chosen us. Jesus Christ has purchased us through His death on the cross. The Holy Spirit nurtures us and helps us to grow, blossom, and produce lasting fruit. The fruit of a Christian is the love and compassion shown to others. It is allowing the Holy Spirit to lead us to be Christ’s disciples wherever we are. What we do for others in God’s name gives Him glory and honor — fruit that will last.

*“But blessed is the man who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him. He will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes; its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fails to bear fruit” (Jeremiah 17:7–8).*

#### Walking with my Lord

O God, I want to be fruitful. I want to be Your hands and feet here on earth. I want to share You with others. Help me, through Your Holy Spirit, to be a true disciple in what I do and say. May the fruit produced in my life give You glory. Thank You, God, for choosing me. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

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