

Praying the Fruit of the Spirit
Week #1: Love (Galatians 5:22)
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<u>The Fruit of the Spirit</u>	<u>Memory Device</u>	<u>Pray on:</u>
Love	Heart	Sunday
Joy	Smile	Monday
Peace	Mind	Tuesday
Patience	Ear	Wednesday
Kindness	Shake hand	Thursday
Goodness	Give a gift	Friday
Faithfulness	Ring finger	Friday
Gentleness	2 cradling arms	Saturday
Self-control	Stomach	Saturday

Why pray for fruit rather than try to be fruitful?

- 1. Trees (and vines) don't have to try to bear fruit.**
- 2. Fruit grows on branches connected to healthy trees.**
- 3. The secret to bearing much fruit: Abide.** (John 15:1-5)
- 4. Love: the fruit that is the basis of all others.** (John 3:16)
The Four Words for Love in Greek
Storge: Familial love
Eros: Erotic love
Phileo: Friendship love
Agape: Self-sacrificial love

- 5. How to grow in love? Pray for Christ to live in you!** (Gal 2:20)

Lord, I pray first that you shine the light of your love into my life today; may I be filled with the life and love of Jesus himself. May your love flow in and through me so that others may be blessed by that love.

Lord, I also pray for _____ that you shine the light of your love into their lives. May they be aware of your love today and may your love overflow from theirs to others. Amen.