

A Prayer for a Sunday with John 15:1–8

O God, you have made us to be branches of your vine,
that we may bear fruit.

Your Spirit nurtures us from within,
as you have nurtured all life and brought the universe into being.
We open ourselves to your life and your nourishment.
Feed us with your grace and goodness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O God, you have made us to be branches of your vine,
that we may bear fruit.

We give you thanks for the fruit that you have borne in our lives,
the blessing that we have love and can share love,
that we can bear the fruit that brings joy and celebration.
Feed us with your grace and goodness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O God, you have made us to be branches of your vine,
that we may bear fruit.

Sometimes our limbs are strained, our branches broken,
our leaves withered on the vine, and we need comfort, encouragement, renewal.
Feed us with your grace and goodness.

Lord, hear our prayer.

O God, you have made us to be branches of your vine,
that we may bear fruit.

Sometimes we have blockages, hindering the flow of your life within us,
making us weak, bearing no fruit, being a tangle and trouble to others,
not a source of hope and help to others, to ourselves and to you.
Forgive us. Feed us with your grace and goodness.

Lord, hear our prayer, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus said: I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you.

And so I declare you.

Our sins are forgiven.

Thanks be to God.

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