



MONDAY IN HOLY WEEK, APRIL 14

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

There is no law against such things.

—Galatians 5:22-23

In his letter to the Galatians, the apostle Paul invites us to live centered by faith in the love of Christ, our Liberator, and as slaves to the love of our neighbor, guided by the fruits offered to us by the Holy Spirit, source and giver of life, guide and inspiration for all of our lives.

Whenever we, on our own or together with our communities, feel inspired to enlarge our economic opportunities, whenever we would like to try to open our way to improve our economic situation, let us be ever mindful of the presence of divine love which, through the Holy Spirit, is the cause of the fruits or the necessary virtues to undertake any effort to improve our lives.

The most important of all those virtues is love. The movement of that love in our being is the source of inspiration, the motor to start every endeavor. That love is the one that, by loving God with all our strength, loving ourselves and loving those around us, fills us fully not only with joy and peace but also helps us to be kind, patient and gentle. If we know ourselves as faithful and placing all our trust in God, we will grow in humility and in self-confidence. As we feel ourselves filled with the Spirit and strengthened with the given fruits, we will enter in our power, we will affirm and share our wisdom, and our voices will be heard. Nothing and nobody will be able to go against our dreams of economic well-being.

—**Emma Rosero-Nordalm**