

## WORDS TO RECALL

*During this third week of Lent as you journey with Jesus, you could take time to recall other words from the Psalm of this week.*

*Never forget all his blessings*

*The Lord crowns you with love and compassion*

*He makes known his ways*

*The Lord is slow to anger and rich in mercy*

*His love is strong*



## LIVING WORD

### WEEK 3: Room for growth

### READ

From the Gospel of Luke 13: 6 – 9

Jesus told this story:

“A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard.

He came looking for some fruit on the tree, but he found none.

So the man said to his servant who took care of his vineyard,

*‘I have been looking for fruit on this tree for three years, but I never find any. Cut it down! Why should it waste the ground?’*

But the servant answered,

*‘Master, let the tree have one more year to produce fruit.*

*Let me dig up the dirt around it and put on some fertilizer.*

*Maybe the tree will produce fruit next year.*

*If the tree still doesn’t produce fruit, then you can cut it down.’”*

THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD

**PRAISE TO YOU LORD JESUS CHRIST**



## REFLECT

- What words or phrases stand out for you in this passage?
- In what way/s have you experienced God as a patient gardener in your own life?
- In your own journey of discipleship how good are you at being patient with others and giving them the chance to change and grow?
- In this Lenten journey what areas of need for growth are you identifying in yourself?



## RESPOND

As we continue our journey with Jesus this Lent, let's ask him to help us grow the fruits of love, peace and kindness in our lives.

Lord help us to grow

Lord help us to grow in love by thinking more about other people **Lord help us to grow**

Lord help us to grow in peace by saying sorry when we hurt someone **Lord help us to grow**

Lord help us to grow in kindness by affirming the generosity of others **Lord help us to grow**

Lord help us to grow in goodness by always thinking the best of others **Lord help us to grow**

## REST

Now take time to rest with a phrase, repeating it in your heart or out loud. Choose the one you are most drawn to:

- He came looking
- I've been looking for fruit
- Maybe ..next year

