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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Jer. 29:11-13 *For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Then you will call on Me and come and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. You will seek Me and find Me when you seek Me with all your heart.* (NIV)

Did you know that the Lord is always thinking about you? He has great plans for you. He loves you so very much. In fact, David had written in **Ps. 40:5** *Many, LORD my God, are the wonders you have done, the things You planned for us. None can compare with You; were I to speak and tell of Your deeds, they would be too many to declare.* (NIV)

The Hebrew word used for *plans* is **hammacha shavot** which means *what He has designed, intended and thought out for you*. God’s will is planned out for you and me. He has perfect plans that are ready to be put into action. He wants to give us peace, safety and security. He knows everything that we need and He is at the ready to fulfill those needs. **Phil. 4:19** *And my god will meet all your needs according to the riches of His glory in Christ Jesus.* (NIV)

Verse 12 reminds us that we are to call on Him and come and pray to Him and He will listen. Have you ever been talking to someone and realize that they are not really listening to you? It can be frustrating. But the LORD loves and cares for you so much that He is always listening to you. He hears your heart. He knows your thoughts. And He will always listen to you. And then in just a few chapters later, He reminds us of this: **Jer. 33:3** *Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.* (NIV)

Dear LORD, we are so grateful today that You have a plan for us. As we come to You and pray to You, help us to remember that You have plans for us in place. Help us to seek You first and Your righteousness. In Jesus Name, Amen