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The Lord wants you to experience real and abundant life:

Col. 4:2 *Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.* (NIV)

The word **devote** here means to set aside all other things and distractions. This devotion is to walk in prayer, stay in prayer and live in prayer. Paul had admonished the church at Thessalonica to: ***pray continually* (1 Thess. 5:17 NIV)**. He had also encouraged the church in Ephesus: **Eph. 6:18 *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the LORD's people.* (NIV)**

There is no more important discipline that we can have than to stay in the attitude of prayer consistently. When we have a need, we should pray. When we see a need, we should pray. When we desire to abide in Him, we should pray. It is the central most critical thing we can do that keeps us in the presence of the Father. This prayer is simply stated: being in connection with the Father. When we are, we will likely understand His will and know what it is that He would have us do. **Jer. 33:3 *'Call to Me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.'* (NIV)**

Prayer is our lifeline. It is our connection with the Father. We must not have our line of communication interrupted by the desires of our heart or the distractions of this world. It is the most important choice we will make today and every day.

Dear LORD, help us to stay connected to You today. We need to live in Your presence and continue to listen and speak to You. Your ways are higher than our ways, and Your thoughts are higher than our thoughts. Lead us where we should go and into what we should do. In Jesus Name, Amen