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OUR HEAVENLY FATHER'S EVERLASTING LOVE

For this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, declares the Lord. I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts. And I will be their God and they shall be my people. Jeremiah 31:33 (ESV)

Jeremiah lived at a time when Israel was forsaking God, following idols, and worshiping the works of their own hands. But God told Jeremiah that "Before I formed you in the womb, I knew you, and I ordained you as a prophet to the nations." (Chapter 1:5)

Then Jeremiah prophesied to the Israelites that God was very angry with them. Chapter 5:19: And it will be when they say, "Why does the Lord our God do all these things to us?", then Jeremiah, you will answer that "Just as you have forsaken Me and served foreign gods in your land, so you shall serve aliens in a land that is *not* yours."

In Chapter 7:23: God spoke through Jeremiah, "This is what I commanded your fathers: Obey my voice and I will be your God, and you shall be My people. And walk in the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well with you." (You can also read some of the other things that God said in Chapter 9:23-24; Chapter 17:5-13; and Chapter 23:5-6) When the Israelites became captives, Jeremiah wrote letters to them. Some included these words, as seen in Chapter 29:11-14: "For I know the plans I have for you", says the Lord, "thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future and a hope. Then you will call upon Me and pray to Me, and I will listen to you. And you will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart. And I will be found by you", says the Lord.

When the remnant of Israel was saved, the Lord told them, "Yes, I have loved you with an everlasting love." (Chapter 31:3)

We need to pray for all the people of Israel, just as Jeremiah did many hundreds of years ago. We know that God wants them all to be saved, just as He wants each of us to follow His commandments and to be a reflection of His love and salvation to many people. "Praise the Lord of hosts, for the Lord is good, for His mercy endures forever." (Chapter 33:11)

Prayer: Dear Lord, Thank You for the love and forgiveness You give to us, and to people throughout the entire world. We look forward to spending eternity with You! Amen

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