Seek the *Shalom* of the City

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| *Chorus*:  **C                     am        F    -   G**  We prayed to the Lord from a place of exile.  **C                    am        F          -        G**  We prayed to the Lord for the birth of our child.  **C                   am                   F      -        G**  Pray to the Lord for the peace of the city        a**m  F                          G      am -  C/Csus**  In its *shalom*, we shall find—our own.      **C               am      F           -      G**  I’ll watch over you, ’till you come home.  **C                   am                F           -      G**  No longer a captive, no longer you’ll roam.  **C                am      F        -        G**  I am your God, we’ll never part,  **am        F   G          am   -         C/Csus**  Return to me — with all of your heart.  (*Chorus*:)      **C                    am     F          -         G**  I’ll build you up, not tear you down.  **C                    am             F        -      G**  I’ll give you roots, so abundance abounds.  **C               am        F    -     G**  Sins of rebellion, I will forgive        a**m                 F             G       am -  C/Csus**  In renown and joy and honor—you’ll live.  (*Chorus*:)      **C               am               F      -        G**  Call unto me,  my answer I’ll bring  **C               am           F      -            G**  Of great and mighty, unsearchable things    C**am        F        -      G**  Health and healing now will appear              a**m                F               G   am -  C/Csus**  Of my goodness, nations of earth—shall hear  (*Chorus*:) | *“Thus says the Lord of hosts, the God of Israel,* ***to all those who were in exile...*** *Build houses and dwell in them; plant gardens and eat their fruits.  Take wives and become fathers; find wives for your sons and give your daughters in marriage, so that they to may have sons and daughters.  Increase in number, do not decrease.****And seek the shalom of the city where I have caused you to be carried away captive, and pray to the Lord for it; for in its shalom you will have shalom***(Jer. 29: 4-7).*”*  “This is what the Lord, the God of Israel, says: ‘Like these good figs, I regard as good the exiles from Judah, whom I sent away from this place to the land of the Babylonians.  ***My eyes will watch over them for their good, and I will bring them back to this land.  I will build them up and not tear them down; I will plant them and not uproot them.***  I will give them a heart to know me, that I am the Lord. ***They will be my people, and I will be their God, for they will return to me with all of their heart*** (Jer. 24:4-7).”    ***“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 upon me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you.  ***You will seek and find me when you seek me with all your heart.***  ***I will be found by you,” declares the Lord, “and will bring you back from captivity*** (Jer. 29:11-14).”        “***Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know….*** Nevertheless, ***I will bring health and healing to it; I will heal my people and will let them enjoy abundant peace and security*.** I will bring Judah and Israel out from captivity and will rebuild them as they were before.I will cleanse them from all the sin they have committed against me and will ***forgive all their sins of rebellion against me.***  ***Then this city will bring me renown, joy, praise and honor before all nations on earth that hear of all the good things I do for it***; and they will be in awe and will tremble at the ***abundant prosperity and peace I provide*** for it (Jer. 33:3, 6-9).”    “Seek the *Shalom* of the City” was written by Gary Mar (December 2004) and is recorded by Chiwei Julie Li (Producer, Keyboards, Vocals), Shandra Velez (Vocals) and Pete Chu (Sound Engineer). |