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I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need. Philippians 4:12

God will provide what we need. I now that this sounds like a broken record but these verses are presented to me randomly. But I believe that we can see the hand of the Holy Spirit behind that randomness. When we pray, we naturally feel that we should be answered quickly and in the proper way. But we do not see the "big picture." Only God can understand all of the ramifications of our requests. We must approach prayer not as a "vending machine" but as a conversation with God about what is on our hearts – and His heart as well. We need to be open to what God wants from us and we should not spend all of our time in prayer telling God what we want from Him. If we truly believe that God is a loving Father, we must trust that His answer to our prayer is the proper one.

Go raibh síocháin Chríost a bheith in éineacht leat.

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