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i got flowers today ...

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it wasn't my birthday or any other special day.

we had our first argument last night, and he said a lot of cruel things that really hurt me.

i know he is sorry and didn't mean the things he said, because he sent me flowers today.

i got flowers today.

it wasn't our anniversary or any other special day.

last night, he threw me into a wall and started to choke me.

it seemed like a nightmare. i couldn't believe it was real. i woke up this morning sore and bruised all over.

i know he must be sorry, because he sent me flowers today.

i got flowers today, and it wasn't mother's day or any other special day.

last night, he beat me up again. it was much worse than all the other times.

if i leave him, what will i do? how will i take care of my kids?

what about money? i'm afraid of him and scared to leave.

but i know he must be sorry, because he sent me flowers today.

i got flowers today.

today was a very special day. it was the day of my funeral.

last night, he finally killed me. he beat me to death.  
if only i had gathered enough courage and strength to  
leave him,  
i would not have gotten flowers today.

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the founder of this ministry often worked with poor and  
abused women. she also founded "peach orchard park"  
which provides temporary housing for abused women and  
children. too often women lose hope in these  
situations and see no way out. a way out that may be  
well save them, their children and the abuser.

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everyone.

above all, remember the promise of God - "for I know  
the thoughts that I think toward you, says the Lord,  
thoughts of peace and not of evil, to give you a future  
and a hope." jer 29:11