What do you hanker after?

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To hanker (anhelar) is to have a strong desire for, or yearn for, something. The origins of the word come from Dutch in the 1600's, from the word "hunkeren".

The verb hanker can be followed by "after", "for" and to (do something). The noun is "hankering" (anhelo).

Contemplate these examples:

- Many mortals hanker for fame (...anhelan fama).
- Gilberto has been hankering (...ha estado anhelando...) after his homeland (patria).
- Whatever we do not have, we hanker for (...lo deseamos).
- Some people hanker for the last century.
- Glorimar has a hankering (anhelo) for a Porsche, and she hankers to drive it to Patagonia.

So, what do you hanker after? A fairer and just world? The end of the aggression by Russia towards Ukraine?