

# The Light in Darkness



The Lord is my light and my salvation;  
*whom shall I fear?*

The Lord is the strength of my life;  
*of whom shall I be afraid?*

— Psalms 27:1

My eyes are downcast and swollen,  
my hands grasp each other for comfort.  
Heavenly wings enfold me,  
and solace is gained.  
Soft words of peace soothe my heart,  
in the darkness a warmth wraps around me.  
My Lord sits beside me,  
holds me close.  
He knows my pains  
and feels my fears.  
His love is the light in the darkness  
His mercies end the fear.

—Theresa Beswick  
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May God be very near and dear to each of you during this Holiday Season,  
especially to the innocent victims of Violent Crime.