

**March 14<sup>th</sup> 2020**

**Psalms 27:1-14**

**The Lord is my light and my salvation. Whom then shall I fear?**

I selected this scripture because not only is it one of my favorites, but it is also a beautiful piece of music. I used to sing it as a vocal solo in the church down town before we moved to our current location. It speaks about trusting the Lord for strength and to not be afraid. For in the time of trouble, He shall hide me in His tabernacle. He will protect me from harm in adverse situations if I only trust Him. Trust in the Lord is found in the Old Testament 191 times-mostly in the Psalms. In the New Testament it appears 214 times in one form or another. It certainly seems like a very important word with which to give our attention.

Within the past several years our family has been attacked multiple times by the evil one. I'm not certain that it's because we are trying to do much for the kingdom of the Lord, and Satan is trying to wear us down, or something else, but I do know that these attacks have made our faith and trust in our Heavenly Father even stronger than before.

Our oldest son Michael and his family had a good outcome with a family situation in which they were praying. They trusted in the Holy Father and He came through as He always does. Our son Marc, a Major in the Army, has been in wartime situations in Iraq, Afghanistan and South Korea 5 times returning with Melanoma and other serious medical issues. Trust in the Lord with all your heart and strength.

Melody was healed for a brain tumor and the positive outcome was because of trusting our Heavenly Father and the prayers of our blessed church family with Pastor David and Michele at the helm. Trust in the Lord always and again I say rejoice. Then my heart decided to play games and caused me a complete heart block. Talk about the action of trust. Next is Gary who is battling Cancer. Through the trust in the Lord we have tried to show, even our Middle Eastern Oncologist who said, "Your prayers are going to put me out of business," when 2 biopsies were negative after a Positive PET Scan. Trust!

And now our most recent trial; our youngest daughter is recovering from a serious illness and is looking at future surgery. And the word is-Trust! Many people exposed to these situations may not have been able to get through. But: "The Lord is our light and our salvation. Whom then shall we fear?" TRUST in the Lord!

**Prayer:** Our most beloved Heavenly Father, we thank you for all of your miraculous work in our lives. We ask you to give the gift of trust to those who are in need. We thank You in advance for this gift for those who are going through pain and suffering. We praise Your Holy name for giving us eternal life through Your death and resurrection. Amen

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