

# Scripture

## Psalm 27 (NLT)

- 1 The Lord is my light and my salvation—  
so why should I be afraid?  
The Lord is my fortress, protecting me from  
danger, so why should I tremble?*
- 2 When evil people come to devour me,  
when my enemies and foes attack me,  
they will stumble and fall.*
- 3 Though a mighty army surrounds me,  
my heart will not be afraid.  
Even if I am attacked, I will remain confident.*

- 4 *The one thing I ask of the Lord—  
the thing I seek most—  
is to live in the house of the Lord all the days  
of my life, delighting in the Lord's  
perfections and meditating in his Temple.*
- 5 *For he will conceal me there when troubles come;  
he will hide me in his sanctuary.  
He will place me out of reach on a high rock.*
- 6 *Then I will hold my head high  
above my enemies who surround me.  
At his sanctuary I will offer sacrifices with shouts  
of joy, singing and praising the Lord with music.*

- 7 *Hear me as I pray, O Lord.  
Be merciful and answer me!*
- 8 *My heart has heard you say,  
“Come and talk with me.”  
And my heart responds, “Lord, I am coming.”*
- 9 *Do not turn your back on me.  
Do not reject your servant in anger.  
You have always been my helper.  
Don’t leave me now; don’t abandon me,  
O God of my salvation!*
- 10 *Even if my father and mother abandon me,  
the Lord will hold me close.*

- 11 *Teach me how to live, O Lord.  
Lead me along the right path,  
for my enemies are waiting for me.*
- 12 *Do not let me fall into their hands.  
For they accuse me of things I've never done;  
With every breath they threaten me with  
violence.*
- 13 *Yet I am confident I will see the Lord's goodness  
while I am here in the land of the living.*
- 14 *Wait patiently for the Lord.  
Be brave and courageous.  
Yes, wait patiently for the Lord.*