

The Lord's Light

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Almighty God,

In this cave, surrounded by the world's darkness, You are the light. You are the source of our strength, our comfort, and our safety.

Everywhere we are, You shine upon us; We are with You, and You are with us.

Only in Your divine power are we fully protected in this cave that is corrupt, hateful, and fearful.

We are Your creations and Your students, sent into this world to learn, to care, to live, and to love.

Protect Your students as we continue to walk through this world, this cave, to learn for Your sake, so we may feel safe in the homes You have put above our heads and the schools You have provided for us to learn and to teach.

Oh, Gracious Lord, protect us in navigating our way out of this cave, and help us to protect one another.

Help us to love the way You love, care the way You care, and protect the way You protect.

Let us create unity in our homes, in our schools, and in all places that we set forth on this Earth, so that we may one day leave the darkness and enter fully into Your light joyfully holding hands.

You created us in Your image, in Your light, as a community.

Let us spread goodness in our community and expel hatred from our minds and our hearts.

Heavenly Lord, You created this world in lightness, and will one day end it in the presence of Your light.

But through the darkness we experience in between, help us be the light for one another: for those who are suffering, for those who mourn, and for those who have returned to You before they fully had a chance to shine on this Earth.

Let victims of this cave's darkness see light within You, and with You.

And let Your students who remain, gain strength, peace, and love.

Finally, let those who have caused suffering to step out of the cave of darkness, and walk into Your merciful and loving light.

For all of this, we pray to You, Almighty Lord,

Amen.