

Happy New Year, dear Friends!



He will cover you
with his feathers,
and under
his wings you
will find refuge;
his faithfulness
will be your shield
and rampart.

Psalm 91:4 NIV

In the book *Hidden in His Hands* Mother Basilea writes: "Darkness covers the nations today... A sense of insecurity, a fear of uprisings, violence, disaster... govern the majority of people.

Because God the Father loves His children, He does not want them to be tormented by fear, nor does He want them to fall into despair when calamity strikes. Accordingly, He bids us now to prepare for such times, so that we shall then receive all the help and comfort we need.

Who will experience this help and comfort?—He who has God on his side at such times. For when the almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth, is for us and contends for us, who or what could harm us? Then we have at our side the One to whom all power in heaven and on earth is given. And He will exercise this power on our behalf if we love Him. For Jesus has said that whoever loves Him will be loved by Him in return (see John 14:21). And if God loves us, **He will tenderly care for us, making it His concern to grant us protection and aid.**

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Take me 'neath Your wings of love,
For I am Your precious one,
Whom You guard and shelter.
Hold me tightly in Your arms,
There as in a nest so warm,
I shall rest in safety.

Father, You look after me
When I am in fear and need;
I can always trust You.
For Your own You never forsake;
To Your heart Your child You take.
You are my true refuge. MB

Praying for God's blessing and protection for you and your dear family in the New Year 2012,
The Sisters at Canaan in the Desert