

Word of the year 2023: “You are the God who sees me.” (Genesis 16:13)

*I will counsel you with **my loving eye** on you. (Ps 32:8)*

I will walk before the LORD in the land of the living. (Psalm 116:9)

People look at the outward appearance, but the LORD looks at the heart.” (1 Sam 16:7)

Ever seeing Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Heavenly Father, we are never out of your sight,
The darkness of the night will not hide us from you,
The deepest cave cannot shelter us from your presence,
Even the mighty oceans are not a barrier for you.
You are indeed the El Roi, the Mighty God who sees us always, we glorify your name.

Dear Jesus, your eyes have penetrated us,
In the deepest levels of our souls,
What is hidden to others is no secret for you,
Always searching for the deepest answers,
You are indeed the El Roi, the Messiah with piercing eyes, we glorify your name.

Holy Spirit, you are always searching,
How to enlighten the ways of God’s Kingdom,
So that your people will see what is still hidden
And walk on new roads that no one else has discovered.
You are indeed the El Roi, giving us (in)sight of your future, we glorify your name.

El Roi, Father, Son and Spirit:

This year, give us eyes that may see your light beam in our dark age,
This year, give us your loving kindness when we meet strangers, knocking at our door,
This year, give us courage to look further and deeper in this mixed-up world.

Make us an instrument of your peace in a world full of hate and despair.
Let our eyes see your presence in each person we meet.
May we discover the signs of your Kingdom and respond to it,
showing the people around us see more of your Kingdom and Glory.

And your mercy be on all the Nations.

Amen.

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