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Lighting the Candles

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The first words in the creation of the universe out of the unformed, void and dark earth were God's "Let there be light." Therein lies the hope and faith of Judaism and the obligation of our people: to make the light of justice, compassion, and knowledge penetrate the darkness of our time till the prophecy be fulfilled, 'that wickedness vanish like smoke and the earth shall be filled with knowledge of God as the waters cover the sea' (Isaiah 11:9).

Baruch atah Adonai Elohaynoo melech ha-olam, asher keedshanoo b'meetzvotav v'tzeevanoo l'hadleek ner shel yom tov.

Praised are You, Lord our God, Whose presence fills the universe, Who has sanctified our lives through Your commandments and commanded us to kindle the festival lights.

Baruch ata Adonai, Elohaynoo melech ha-olam, sheh'hech'eeyanoo v'keeyemanoo, v'heegeeanoo la-z'man ha-zeh.

Praised are You, Lord our God, Whose presence fills the universe, Who has given us life and strength and enabled us to reach this moment of joy.