

Velveteen Rabbi

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Opening Prayer

We read responsively:

Long ago at this season, our people set out on a journey.

On such a night as this, Israel went from degradation to joy.

We give thanks for the liberation of days gone by.

And we pray for all who are still bound.

Eternal God, may all who hunger come to rejoice in a new Passover.

Let all the human family sit at Your table, drink the wine of deliverance, eat the bread of freedom:

Freedom from bondage *and freedom from oppression*

Freedom from hunger *and freedom from want*

Freedom from hatred *and freedom from fear*

Freedom to think *and freedom to speak*

Freedom to teach *and freedom to learn*

Freedom to love *and freedom to share*

Freedom to hope *and freedom to rejoice*

Soon, in our days *Amen.¹*