

LITURGY FOR BLESSING THE CANDLES

Before you begin, gather your new candles. If you desire, turn down or turn off the lights and light a few of your old candles.

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Everyone speaks the words in bold.

Our help is the name of the Lord:

The maker of heaven and earth.

Nations shall come to your light

and kings to the brightness of your rising.

Read: John 8:12

Jesus spoke to them, saying, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Loving God, who called forth light at the beginning of creation, bless these candles that they may faithfully give light to your people. Let the hearts and minds of all who enter our home be illumined by the true Light of the World. Grant that the light of Christ, once kindled in our hearts, may shine forth in our lives that your glory may be revealed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

