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May these candles be a sign of the coming light of Christ.

Blessed are you, God of hope, for you promise to bring forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse who will bring justice to the poor, who will deliver the needy and crush the oppressor, who will stand as a signal of hope for all people.

Today, our quest for justice, meeting human needs and standing against oppression, is reflected in the 1948 Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Next Thursday, we commemorate the declaration by observing International Human Rights Day. In keeping with our recent social message on human rights, it is a time for us to continue to promote, protect and preserve these rights.

O God, as we light these candles, turn our wills to bear the fruit of repentance, transform our hearts to live in justice and harmony with one another, and fix our eyes on the root of Jesse, Jesus Christ, the hope of all nations.

O people of hope, come, let us rejoice in the faithfulness of the Lord. Amen.