

Celebrate the

BLESSING of the CANDLES



February 2 is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. On this day, it is customary to bless the candles to be used in the Church's prayer and liturgy. Celebrate this blessing in your home. Purchase new candles for your prayer table and dinner table. Gather your family around the table and invite family members to extend their hands in blessing as you pray:

God of night and of day, . . . in the beauty of these candles, keep us in quiet and in peace, keep us safe and turn our hearts to you that we may ourselves be light for our world. All praise be yours through Christ, the light of nations, the glory of Israel, forever and ever. Amen.

Sing a song about light, such as "This Little Light of Mine" or "Christ, Be Our Light."

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