Blessing for Lighting Holiday Candles

בָּרוּדְ אַתָּה אֲדֹנָי אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ לְהַדְלִיק גֵר שׁל יוֹם טוֹב

Barukh Atah Adonay Eloheynu Melekh ha-Olam asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu l'hadlik ner shel Yom Tov.

Blessed are You Holy Gd who guides the world and raises us up in holiness through our responsibility to light candles for the festival day.

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Barukh Atah Adonay Eloheynu Melekh ha-Olam sheheheyanu v'kiy'manu v'higianu laz'man hazeh.

Blessed are You Holy Gd who guides the world and raises us up in life, granting us sustenance and escorting us to this time.

Blessing for Lighting Third Holy Day Candle

Holy Eternal Gd of Life and Love,

On this night of Passover – *Hag HaPesach* - keep us safe in body and spirit. Watch over us as we tell the story of our people and the story of today.

On this night of Telling – *Hag HaMatzot* – let us share our questions and search for responses. May our stories prepare us for the journey ahead.

On this night of Freedom – *Hag HaHerut* – let us imagine liberation from fear and illness, masks and gloves. Let the masters who hold our fate in their hands release us with wise practice and expectations that make for safety.

On this night of Spring – $Hag\ HaAviv$ – let us imagine a future where breath enlivens us and beauty sustains us inside and out. May the signs of a new season bring us hope for change.

Let this flame illuminate our journey. May the song of our ancestors merge with the song of today. May we be blessed with peace and well-being.

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