

**CELEBRATING**

**THE**

**LORDS**

**DAY**



# THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLE

[The Wife or assistant usually presides over the lighting of the candle]

ASSISTANT: In the beginning was the Word and the word was with  
(A) God and the Word was God.

GROUP: All things were made through Him and without Him  
(G) nothing was made that has been made.

(A): In Him was life and the life was the light of the world.

(G): The light shines in the darkness and the darkness has  
not overcome it. (John 1:1-5)

(A): Heavenly Father, in honor of your Son, Light of the World  
and author of life, we are about to kindle the light for the  
Lord's Day.

(G): May our celebration of His resurrection this day be filled with  
your peace and heavenly blessing.

(A): Grant that peace, light and joy ever abide among us.

(G): For in you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

[Light the candle and recite the following blessing.]



(A): Blessed are you Lord our God, who created light on the first  
day and raised your Son, the Light of the World, to begin the  
new creation

(G): Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the Universe, who gave  
us joy as we kindle the light of the Lord's Day. Amen.

## THE BLESSING OF THE MEAL AND THE SETTING-ASIDE OF THE DAY

[The following blessing is a proclamation to introduce the meal.]

LEADER: Brothers and sisters, this is the Lord,s day.

(L):

(G): Let us welcome it in joy and in peace.

(L): Today we set aside the concerns of the week that we may honor the Lord and celebrate His resurrection. Today we cease from our work in order to worship God and remember the eternal life to which he has called us.

(G): The Lord Himself is with us, to refresh and strengthen us

[The blessing of the wine. Pour the wine into the cup, raise it, and recite the following prayer.]



(L): Let us praise God with this symbol of joy and thank Him for the blessings of the past week – for health, strength, and wisdom, for our life together in **[SAY NAME OF GROUP OR FAMILY NAME HERE]** for the discipline of our trials and temptations, for the happiness that comes to us out of our work.

(G): Let us thank Him this day especially fir the great blessing He has bestowed on us in Christ.

(L): Blessed are you Lord our God, King of the Universe, who has created the fruit of the vine.

(G): Amen.

[The leader drinks from the cup and passes it to the others present. The Leader then takes the bred and recites the following blessing.]



(L): The eyes of all look to you, o Lord, and you give them their food in due season.

(G): You open your hand, you satisfy the desire of every living thing.

(L): Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the Universe, who brings fourth bread from the earth.

(G): Amen.

**[Distribute the bread and begin the meal]**

## **BLESSINGS AFTER THE MEAL**

(L): Let us bless the Lord.

(G): Blessed be the name of the Lord from this time fourth and forever.

(L): Let us bless our God, of whose bounty we have partaken.

(G): Blessed be our God, of whose bounty we have partaken and through whose goodness we live.

(L): May the Lord bless you and keep you; may the Lord make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; may the Lord lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

(G): Amen.