

## *Candle Lighting Service -- 12 Powers*

### **Understanding**

On this Holy Christmas Eve we give the world the gift of understanding. We recognize there are many troubled situations in our world and to these situations we give understanding. We are aware of God's laws of order, peace, love, and wisdom stand under all of His creation. The foundation of our world is God and we give strength to that foundation by our understanding. We acknowledge the good, active in our lives. We give thanks that the perfect, full expression of the Christ is for all men.

We light this candle symbolic of our understanding knowing that God guides us in giving this gift to all mankind.

### **2. Renunciation**

On this Holy Christmas Eve we give to the world the gift of renunciation. Our world is cleansed by Christ. With one clean sweep the power of Christ frees us from mistaken ideas and makes room for higher concepts of perfection. Hurts of the past year, misunderstandings, and sorrows are now washed away. We release all unforgiving thoughts and feelings. We let go of the past. We establish a new, fresh wonderful world.

We light this candle which represents our gift of renunciation to the world knowing that the past is gone forever.

### **3. Will**

On this Holy Christmas Eve we give to the world the gift of our will. We let go all small ego concerns. We relax our hold upon earthly demands. We let go of tension and stress. We know that God is in charge of this world and we give to the world our willingness to let God's perfect will be done. We acknowledge that God's will for us all is good and only good.

As we light this candle, we give our will to God and let God's will rule the world.

### **4. Zeal**

On this Holy Christmas Eve we give to the world the gift of our zeal. Joy, enthusiasm and zeal bring sparkle into the world. The indomitable Spirit of God uplifts and sustains us. Whatever the need, we are lifted up by the Spirit of God and all is fulfilled. We celebrate happiness. We celebrate the joy and enthusiasm that bubbles up and bursts forth into the world bringing the everlasting goodness of God.

As we light this candle we send forth with joy the awareness of spiritual zeal.

## **5. Love**

On this Holy Christmas Eve we give to the world the gift of our Love. As God's creation we are important and are needed to fill our own particular niche in life. No one else can express God's love to the world in exactly the way we can. We bless others. We acknowledge God's live in action in our world. Jesus said, "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another; even as I have loved you, that you also love one another."

As we light this candle we send forth into the world the spiritual love of the Christ.

## **6. Wisdom**

On this Holy Christmas Eve we give the world the gift of wisdom. Divine wisdom is being established in all people everywhere. The ability to make wise, well-thought-out decisions; the ability to remember and retain needed information; the ability to put things into proper perspective; the ability to weigh options and make right choices, is given to everyone. This gifts comes from our hears and minds and flows freely into God's great world.

As we light this candle we are sending forth into all the world the gift of Divine Wisdom.

## **7. Order**

On this Holy Christmas Eve we give the world the gift of order. We realize that there is no need, no situation that the love of Christ cannot harmonize, adjust and make right, for the love of Christ establishes Divine Order. We are in tune with the Infinite. Our gift of order establishes itself in proper timing and perfect peace. All confusion and disorder are dissolved. The power of God is active in the world in an orderly, peaceful, loving way.

As we light this candle we symbolize our dedication to Divine Order in our world.

**8. Power**

On this Holy Christmas Eve we give the world the gift of power. The powerful affirmation of the Truth of God is our gift to the world this Christmas Eve. Through the power of the Christ within we have control of the world. We release that power in positive ways; upbuilding, creating; liberating and enlightening as we speak. We affirm only good; we affirm only love; we affirm only power; we affirm only peace.

As we light this candle we reaffirm the power of God on earth.

**9. Life**

On this Holy Christmas Eve we give the world the gift of life. We acknowledge that every phase of life is fascinating. We rejoice in the new ideas, new discoveries, new revelations and new involvement of each day. We give the awareness of purpose to every part of life. We give thoughts of pure health and revitalizing life to every are of the globe.

As we light this candle, we acknowledge our gift of life to the world.

**10. Imagination**

On this Holy Christmas Eve we give the world the gift of imagination. We imagine a world full of love. We imaging a world of peace. We imaging everyone well fed. We image every home prospered. We imagine each person realizing the truth of their being and accepting their indwelling Christ.

We imagine all people living up to their fullest potentials. We imagine a world where everyone accepts that we are God's image!

This candle is our outer symbol of the awareness of the Christ in everyone.

**11. Strength**

On this Holy Christmas Eve, we give to the world the gift of our strength. Christ is our strength. In the midst of confusion we are held steady and calm. We acknowledge our

patience and steadfastness in Truth. We know for all people, everywhere that they have the inner resources to face life with their courage. God is our refuge and strength. We can do all things in him who strengthens us.

This candle is representative of the spiritual strength we acknowledge in our world.

## **12. Faith**

On this Holy Christmas Eve we give to the world the gift of our faith. This is the faith that knows God is the true essence of everything. This is unshakable; it knows God is the power at work in every situation.

This is the faith that acknowledges for all people everywhere, “You are the Christ, the son of the living God.” This is the firm foundation which underlies all of God’s creation.

This candle is representative of our gift of faith in the presence and power of God action in the universe.