

To be said when lighting your candles:

As I prepare to kindle the Sabbath lights, I pause to reflect on my connection to the Jewish people – those around the world who are lighting candles and those who cannot do so due to war or captivity. We pray that those held hostage may soon be able to open their eyes to the light of freedom, fulfilling the words of your prophet: “And those redeemed by God shall return, and come with singing to Zion, crowned with joy everlasting; they shall attain joy and gladness, while sorrow and sighing flee.” (Isaiah 35:10)

**בְּרוּךְ אַתָּה ה' אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם אֲשֶׁר קִדְּשָׁנוּ בְּמִצְוֹתָיו וְצִוָּנוּ
לְהַדְלִיק נֵר שַׁבָּת.**

*Barukh atah Adonai, Eloheinu melekh ha-olam, asher kid'shanu b'mitzvotav v'tzivanu
l'hadlik ner shel Shabbat.*