









The Reason

(Light two PURPLE CANDLES - Candle of Peace)

We light the 'Bethlehem Candle' to remind us of the dark night when Joseph and Mary found light and warmth in the manger.

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2: 1-6 – (*Optional*)

Reflect:

Do we ever act like the Bethlehem innkeeper, turning away the hungry and the homeless? Hunger is not always about food and homelessness not always about physical space.

Action Plan:

Give thanks to God for a warm safe home, daily bread, love and acceptance. Share a meal with someone.

Let us Pray:

God almighty, we thank you for friends and strangers who have welcomed us when we were lonely, afraid or tired. Help us to make room in our hearts for those who need us, both near and far. Remove the things that hinder us from receiving Christ with joy so that we may share his wisdom and become one with him when he comes in glory, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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