

Blessing Over Fire

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The third blessing is over the lights of the candle, which we have already lit. We say:

בָּרוּךְ אַתָּה יְיָ אֱלֹהֵינוּ מֶלֶךְ הָעוֹלָם, בּוֹרֵא מְאוֹרֵי הָאֵשׁ

Baruch atah, Adonai, Elohaynu melech ha'olam, boray me'oray ha'aysh.

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Blessed are You, Lord our God, ruler of the universe, who creates the lights of fire.

[A traditional translation.]

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Blessed are you, THE RADIANCE, our God, the sovereign of all worlds, who creates the light of fire.

[An alternative translation from Kol Haneshamah, the Reconstructionist siddur.]

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After the blessing, hold up your hands to feel the warmth of the braided candle. To make use of the light, some people look for the reflection of the candle light in their fingernails. Another custom has people start with fingers cupped toward their palms and slowly opening them to see the light on their palms.