



Archdiocese of San Antonio
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Catholic-Jewish Hanukkah Opening Prayer
December 10, 2015

Lord God,

As we gather during this time of the celebration of the rededication of your Holy Temple so many years ago, we recall that you are indeed our light and our strength. You are the God who saves your people. You are the God who “shows mercy unto the thousandth generation” to those who love you and seek to do your will. As your people celebrate with hope, we trust in your never failing mercy, which calls us back to your love and your grace.

Help us in our gathering today to remember your call to be people of mercy, united by your love for us – even through our faults and our failings. You have made us your own people, and called us out of darkness into your own wonderful light. You have shared with us

everything that you are and given your grace and mercy freely. For this we joyfully praise your name forever.

May our celebration help us to carry on your work of mercy with all we meet. May we grow in our desire to share your merciful love freely, holding nothing back, just as you have done for us.

We make this prayer to you, who are God forever and ever. Amen.