

CANDLE CEREMONY

NOW THAT OUR SACRED BOOK IS CLOSED
AND THE WORK OF THE DAY IS DONE
I HAVE A PARTING MESSAGE FOR THE HEARTS OF EVERYONE.

I HAVE LIGHTED THE CANDLE OF SERVICE
FOR THOSE WHO HAVE SEEN HIS STAR,
AND WOULD THINK OF THEIR NEEDY SISTERS AND BROTHERS,
AND HELP THEM WHERE EVER THEY ARE.

MAY ALL WHO HAVE COME TO THIS PLACE TONIGHT
WITH HEARS OVERBURDENED WITH CARE
GO FORTH WITH THEIR BURDENS LIGHTENED,
AND PEACE FIND A DWELLING THERE.

AND NOW, AS THE LIGHT OF THE CANDLE GOES OUT
AND THE DAY'S WORK IS OR'E
MAY ALL WHO HAVE COME TO THIS PLACE tonight
be permitted to come once more.