Each Candle a Miracle: A Responsive Reading for Hanukkah

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One: We light the Hanukkah candles in wonder, joy and gratitude,

Many: Each candle a miracle.

One: When the Holy Temple was rededicated at the time of the Maccabean liberation battle, only one day's worth of oil remained, yet it burned for eight days so we light candles in remembrance.

Many: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of light in a season of darkness.

One: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of trust in a time of anxiety.

Many: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of hope in a time of despair.

One: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of faith in a time of cynicism.

Many: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of wholeness in a time of fracture.

One: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of courage in a time of fear.

Many: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of resistance in a time of oppression.

One: We rededicate ourselves to the miracle of peace in a time of violence.

Many: And in a time of hatred we rededicate ourselves to the miracle of love.