

**BLESSING OF CANDLES**

**P:** Our help is in the name of the Lord.

**All:** Who made heaven and earth.

**P:** The Lord be with you.

**All:** May He also be with you.

Let us pray.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, bless ✠ these candles at our lowly request. Endow them, Lord, by the power of the holy ✠ cross, with a blessing from on high, you who gave them to mankind in order to dispel darkness. Let the blessing that they receive from the sign of the holy ✠ cross be so effectual that, wherever they are lighted or placed, the princes of darkness may depart in trembling from all these places, and flee in fear, along with all their legions, and never more dare to disturb or molest those who serve you, the almighty God, who live and reign forever and ever.

**All:** Amen.

**They are sprinkled with holy water.**