

INVOCATION

Raise the first cup of wine or grape juice and say:



Come, let us welcome the Passover!
May its constant renewal,
Spring after spring
In age after age
Recall our past and renew our potential,
For they are intertwined.
May tonight's celebration remind us
Of who we were, of who we are,
And of who we can become.

Descendants of slaves
We cannot fulfill tonight's obligation
Through ritual alone.
Reciting pious words
And eating symbolic foods
Will not suffice
To honor the Passover.
We are reminded this night
That we cannot truly be free
As long as others are enslaved.
The message our Haggadah proclaims
Is a song of universal freedom.

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