

in the beginning was the Word,  
and the Word was with God, and  
the Word was God.

He was in the beginning  
with God.

All things came to be through him, and  
without him nothing came to be.

What came to be through him was life, and  
this life was the light of  
the human race;

the light shines in the darkness, and the  
darkness has not overcome it.

John 1:1-5



### The Kinara of the Soul

(The Kinara is a seven-place candleholder that represents the original stalk from which all African people sprang. It also represents reason and social structure. In Kwanzaa for life it represents the soul of each individual, the vessel, which contains the spirit of life. How fitting it is for us to celebrate the octave of His coming by reflecting on how His presence can be alive in this world by our embracing of the seven principles of Kwanzaa!)

### Kwanzaa for Life 2004 Prayer

Lord, our God, lead us to walk in your light as we celebrate the festival of Kwanzaa and the African American heritage. Shine on our thanks and praise for life. Strengthen us with your grace and mercy, so that we may love and preserve life. Guide us to uphold and respect life from its beginning to its natural end. Help us to always be true to our nature as you created us because all that you made is good. Finally, lead us on to eternal life with you our Creator, our Redeemer, and our Sanctifier, Jesus, our Lord. Amen.

#### Sending Forth Hymn:

The Lord Is My Light #132 LMGM or This Little Light of Mine #190 LMGM or Lead Me, Guide Me #168 LMGM or Go Tell It on the Mountain #22 LMGM

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jesus, may we...be in the Light...walk in  
the Light...talk in the Light...pray in the Light...  
act in the Light!

## umoja unity

When we would rather be selfish and driven only for self, show us the light to work for unity among all and redirect our energy to correct division based on who is better just because, Jesus, You know what is best.

*Response: Jesus, may we, be in the Light, walk in the Light, talk in the Light, pray in the Light, and act in the Light. Come on and praise the Lord for Life!*

## KUJICHAGULIA SELF-DETERMINATION

When we would rather change our image to please others, show us the light to know who we are and whose we are as we love the self that you created just because, Jesus, we know that all that You created is good.

*Response: Jesus, may we, be in the Light, walk in the Light, talk in the Light, pray in the Light, and act in the Light. Come on and praise the Lord for Life!*

## UJIMA COLLECTIVE WORK AND RESPONSIBILITY

When we would rather close our eyes and shift the blame, show us the light to a new conscience in which we share work and responsibility so that together we can see a new day just because, Jesus, we know that You lead us only along the right path.

*Response: Jesus, may we, be in the Light, walk in the Light, talk in the Light, pray in the Light, and act in the Light. Come on and praise the Lord for Life!*



## UJAMAA COOPERATIVE ECONOMICS

When we would rather squander our resources on foolish things and use our wealth to uphold businesses which degrade us, show us the light to uphold our dignity and support those who seek to benefit our communities just because, Jesus, we know that You can take the seed thrown on rich soil and produce fruit a hundredfold.

*Response: Jesus, may we, be in the Light, walk in the Light, talk in the Light, pray in the Light, and act in the Light. Come on and praise the Lord for Life!*

## NIA PURPOSE

When we would rather forget about why we are here, show us the light to recall that we are to love and serve others so that we may all return to greatness just because, Jesus, You are the Way, the Truth, and the Life.

*Response: Jesus, may we, be in the Light, walk in the Light, talk in the Light, pray in the Light, and act in the Light. Come on and praise the Lord for Life!*

## KUUMBA CREATIVITY

When we would rather imitate bad old ways, which keep our communities in a second-class status, show us the light to all the talent you have given us generation after generation just because, Jesus, You have the power to anoint our destiny if we just say yes.

*Response: Jesus, may we, be in the Light, walk in the Light, talk in the Light, pray in the Light, and act in the Light. Come on and praise the Lord for Life!*

## IMANI FAITH

When we would rather take up the cries of doubt and confusion of this present age, show us the light that leads us to the strength of our ancestors who knew how to walk in the ways which made each day more beautiful than the day before just because, Jesus, You are the alpha and the omega, the beginning and the end.

*Response: Jesus, may we, be in the Light, walk in the Light, talk in the Light, pray in the Light, and act in the Light. Come on and praise the Lord for Life!*

## During Kwanzaa for Life

(December 26, 2004- January 1, 2005)

let us also offer the following prayers:

**The Lord's Prayer**

**Marian Petition:** Holy Mary, Mother of God, Mother of Life, Pray for us.