

The background of the image is a dark, starry night sky with numerous small, glowing yellow and blue circles representing stars. A large, stylized crescent moon is located in the upper left corner. In the lower right corner, there is a detailed illustration of a Christmas tree with green and yellow leaves, a brown trunk, and a large, shiny yellow star at the top.

Tree of Remembrance

December 5th 7:00pm, Centennial Park Gazebo

PROGRAM

- Welcome, hot chocolate & cookies
- Town of Olds Greeting
- Board greeting
- Candle lighting
- Walk of light
- Hanging of the stars
- Blessing
- Musical reflections
- Removal of the stars
- Thank you, and wrap-up



Candle Ceremony

As we light these five candles in honor of you, our loved one,
We light one for Grief, one for courage, one for memories, and one for love,
and one for hope.

The first candle represents our Grief. The pain of losing our loved one is intense. It reminds us of our love for those we have lost.

The second candle represents our courage - the courage to confront our sorrow, to comfort each other, and the courage to change our lives.

The third candle is lit in memory. The memories of the times we laughed, the times we cried, the times we were angry with each other, the silly things that made our life, and the care and the joy we remember with you.

The fourth candle is the light of love. We cherish the special place in our hearts that will always be reserved for our loved ones. We are grateful for the gift your living brought to us.

And finally, the fifth candle is the light of hope. It is a reminder of the love and memories that are ours forever. May the glow of the flame be our source of hopefulness, now and forever.



CHRISTMAS BLESSING

*Christmas is tenderness for the past, courage
for the present, hope for the future.*

*It is a fervent wish that every cup may
overflow with blessings rich and eternal and
that every path may lead to peace.*

Blessings and love for Christmas!

Blessing for Those We Remember

"Tonight, as we gather in the soft glow of Christmas lights,
we honour the ones we carry in our hearts.

May the warmth of this season wrap gently around your grief,
bringing moments of peace in the midst of longing.

May you feel your loved one's presence in quiet ways—
in a song, a memory, a flicker of candlelight.

And may the love you shared continue to guide you, comfort you,
and remind you that they are never far from you.

May this Christmas bring you tenderness where there is ache,
companionship where there is loneliness,
and hope where the road ahead feels uncertain.

Blessings of light, comfort, and love
be with each of you tonight,
and in all the days to come."