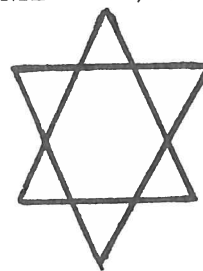


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Perhaps here in Viet Nam, more than any place else in the world, we are continually tested and faced by the most difficult of challenges. More than this though, our faith is challenged.

In this atmosphere it becomes necessary to remain strong to those ideals that our great heritage teaches us.

With Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur a thing of the past and Chanukah just a few days in the future, we have much to learn from these holidays.

The commitment of the High Holy Days gives us the strength for today and the inspiration of Chanukah with its heroes, the Maccabees, gives us the courage to face the future and to fight for that which is right.

May all of us witness an end to struggle and the ushering in of peace for all mankind.