



This October, Prothious would like to share the joyous celebration of Diwali with you. We appreciate your business and we'll light a candle for you in honor of our relationship.

Happy Diwali!

**Sincerely,
The Team at Prothious**

For more information on Diwali you can visit <http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Diwali>.



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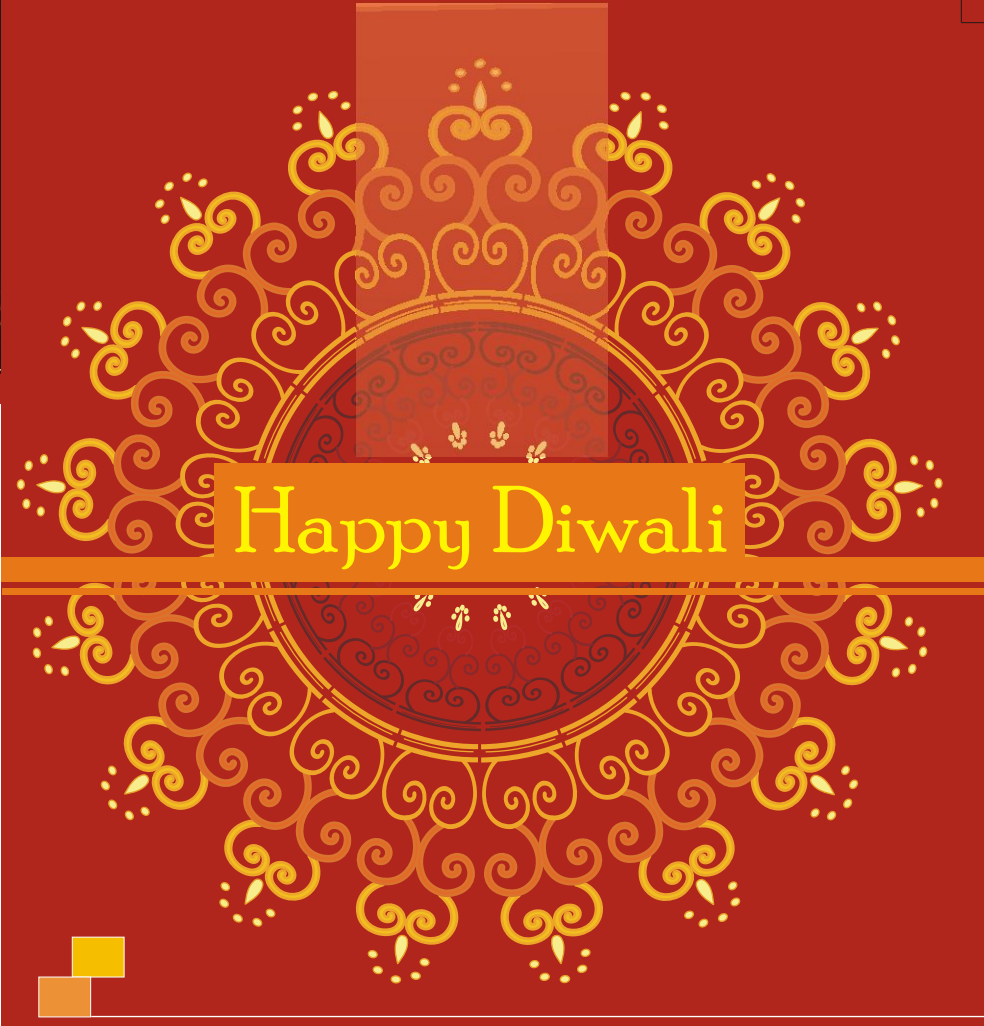
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Rows and rows of beautiful lights and candles. The exchange of gifts. Fireworks in the sky and children dancing in the street. This is the wonderful celebration of Diwali, one of India's most festive and widely honored holidays. As hundreds of millions of people throughout the world celebrate Diwali, we would like to take the opportunity to extend our warmest appreciation to you and your company.

Diwali occurs on the new moon between October 13 and November 14; in 2009, it falls on October 17. Diwali typically lasts for five continuous days, with the third day celebrated as the main "Festival of Lights". The literal meaning of Diwali comes from the ancient Sanskrit for "row of lamps"; lighting little clay lamps in rows throughout homes and neighborhoods is perhaps the most popular Diwali tradition.

In addition to the ceremonious lighting of lamps and candles, houses and business are lavishly decorated, sidewalks and entrances are painted in fanciful rangoli (colored powder or rice) designs, splendid meals are prepared for family and friends, kids and adults perform folk dances, and fireworks sparkle in the nighttime sky. It's almost like the 4th of July, Thanksgiving, and New Year's Day all rolled into one.

Although the holiday has roots in ancient Hinduism (the festival is over 2,500 years old), in today's modern culture it also symbolizes the strength of community and family values. Diwali gives us an opportunity to briefly step away from our busy lifestyles and embrace the beautiful poignancy of life. It's about family. It's about friendships. It's about cherishing children and the elderly. It's really about the most worthwhile aspects of our lives. So, despite changing over time and adapting to our current social customs, the festival still rests firmly on a foundation of spirituality and kindness that is universal to all cultures.



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