THE FOUR CANDLES *burned slowly.*
Their ambiance was so soft you could hear them speak...

THE FIRST CANDLE SAID,
"I Am **Peace**, but these days, nobody wants to keep me lit."
Then Peace's flame slowly diminished and went out completely.

THE SECOND CANDLE SAID,
"I Am **Faith**, but these days, I am no longer indispensable."
Then Faith's flame slowly diminished and went out completely.

SADLY THE THIRD CANDLE SPOKE,
"I Am **Love** and I haven't the strength to stay lit any longer."
"People put me aside and don't understand my importance.

They even forget to love those who are nearest to them."
And waiting no longer, Love went out completely.

Suddenly...

A child entered the room and saw the three candles no longer burning.

The child began to cry,

"Why are you not burning?
You are supposed to stay lit until the end."

THEN THE FOURTH CANDLE spoke gently to the little boy,
"***Don't be afraid, for I Am Hope, and while I still burn,***
we can re-light the other candles."

With shining eyes, the child took the Candle of Hope
and lit the other three candles.

Never let the Flame of Hope go out.
With Hope in your life, no matter how bad things may be,

Peace, Faith and Love may shine brightly once again.

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Prayer is the key of the morning and the bolt of the night.

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I remember my affliction and my wandering,
The bitterness and the gall
I well remember them,
And my soul is downcast within me,
Yet this I call to mind
And therefore I have hope.

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed,
For His compassions never fail.
They are new every morning;
Great is Your faithfulness.
I say to myself, "***The Lord is my portion,***
Therefore I will wait for Him"

The Lord is good to those, whose hope is in Him,
To the one who seeks Him;
It is good to wait quietly
For the salvation of the Lord.

Lam 3:19-26

And now these three remain: ***faith, hope and love.***

1 Corinthians 13:13a

PLEASE PRAY FOR:

VERNA VELS is very ill with cancer, she had a mastectomy and chemo a while ago. The cancer has spread and is in her brain. Docs have stopped treatment. We pray for Verna and her family, may they be conscious of the Lord's touch on them.

***HYLTON SMITH* (Joyce's husband)** we have just heard the sad news that Hylton passed away on 3rd July after suffering with cancer. Pray for Joyce & family.

KINGSLEY has been diagnosed with motor neuron disease. Pray healing for Kingsley, peace & God's strength for him, his wife Marjorie & family.

ROB BROWN'S SISTER passed away this week. Our thoughts & prayers are with Rob & his family (Barbara, Alan, Graham, Michelle & Kirsten) at this sad time.

FRED ALNER we have received a report that Fred has been in hospital for a while & pray peace & healing into Fred & his family.

LOUIS BRUGMAN had a stent inserted 2 weeks ago after which his blood pressure dropped affecting his balance. Louis fell & seriously injured his hip. He now needs a valve replacement in his heart. Pray for doctors, Louis & his wife Jacky.

EVA & BRIAN HUMPHRIES Eva was rushed to hospital last weekend with a suspected lesion in her brain. Tests showed that she is allergic to her medication. Please pray healing and peace for Eva & Brian at this difficult time.

JOSHUA & KAYLEIGH JONKER'S FATHER was involved in a bad motor bike accident & sustained internal bleeding, and a ruptured spleen, he is in ICU. Pray healing for their father, wisdom for docs and peace for Joshua, Kayleigh & family.

BETTY BOYD we pray that the surgical procedure to her head last Tuesday was successful & that she enjoys perfect healing.

THE OCHSE FAMILY:* Pete's father, John,** passed away on Saturday afternoon (9th) in Grahamstown., Pete has been with him there, while ***VAL has been seeing specialists to sort out her bone density problem here at home. We pray for guidance and wisdom for the doctors treating her and peace & strength for the family at this sad time.

WE CONTINUE TO PRAY FOR:

BRIAN (Patsy Tromp's son) diagnosed with cancer in both lungs. He had his first chemo on Tues & is waiting for results of further tests. Continue to pray healing for Brian & peace for Patsy who would appreciate a call her no is: 011 678 4316.

TULA LUTHER was in hospital suffering with viral bronchial pneumonia. She is now home & we pray healing for her & peace for her & her family.

BETH LENNOX fell and broke 3 ribs. We pray healing & a release of the pain.

NOREEN MCKENZIE has had a problem with her left eye for 3 weeks with no improvement. Doc says there is a problem with the blood vessels to the optic muscles. We pray for God's perfect healing and peace for Noreen & her husband, Craig.

DUDLEY MIDDLETON was moved from ICU into High Care on Wednesday. We pray healing for him, strength and peace for Angela & family at this difficult time.

JOHN & ESTELLA VAN LOGGERENBERG John has lost a lot of weight & has undergone tests. ***Estella*** has bone cancer & battling with the pain. Please pray.

YOUTH PASTOR there is now a shortlist of 2 candidates for this position, we continue to pray for wisdom for the interviewing team that the right choice is made.

JOY VD KLIS "*markers down slightly but not below 20 yet. I thank you all for the wonderful support you have given me over the past 7 months*. With love always, Joy."

CANCER LIST: ***Gordon Bennett, David Edwards, Anton Marais*** (Sydney)***, Lee Barnes, Nola Dodds, Tracy Hoy*** (UK)***, Hilda Louter, Val Warren, Dudley Middleton, Marguerite, Peter, Myrren*** **(18)*****, Diane Turner, Maureen Lupton, Martin vd Merwe*** **(**Karin Blackburn's dad**)**, ***Joy vd Klis***, ***Jean Clarence, Rebecca Owens*** (bone marrow transplant), ***Daniela Andrade*** **(7), Estelle,** ***Russell Jones, Ursula Ryder, Lesley Steyn, Verna, David Edwards*** (UK)***, Doh Carneson, Louise Shaw*** (Texas), ***Brian K, John Sandison, Cindy Saunders, Marina van de Ruit, Ron Senyard.***

CHRONIC LIST: ***Denese Pieterse*** (back problems), ***Dave*** (Guillain Barre Syndrome), ***Emmanuel Thavhiwa*** (difficult times), ***Elaine Vermaak*** (osteoporosis), ***Craig Hart*** (sleep apnea), ***Moira Smith*** **(**hiatus hernia), ***Brian & Eva Humphreys*** (Eva's recovery), ***Maureen Dewberry*** (heart problems), ***Alison*** (spinal problems), ***Illia & Graham*** **(UK),** ***Diana Viljoen's Mom*** (stroke), ***Mike & Helen Urban*** (ill health), ***Colleen Hunter*** (brain op), ***Christiaan Vermeulen*** (heart surgery), ***Deon*** (facial surgery), ***Nora Swart*** (colon surgery), ***Susanne*** (stroke), ***Duncan Edwards*** (rare disease), ***Moira*** (heart), ***Noelle Marshall*** (leukemia & eye problems)***, Louise Combrink*** (nervous breakdown)***, Jenny Dembovsky*** (needs employment), ***Heather Seymour*** (emphysema), ***Nic Swart*** (stroke), ***Nic Breytenbach*** (MDS Leukemia)***, Ethne Gray*** (heart problems), ***Pat Mostert*** (heart problems), ***Elwyn Dyer*** (hip op), ***Norma Miller*** (heart failure), ***Bradley Manson*** **(**Kidney disease, dialysis**)***, Maureen Rees*** (bad fall), ***Ella*** (wounds on her leg), ***Reef's grandparents.***

"One single candle
lights a little dark space.

Many candles light a world full of people
desperately in need of each other's glow.

Each lone light makes us stronger
when we all stand together."