



Candle Lighting Ceremony

These candles glow in your honour.

We light this candle for our grief.
The pain of losing you is intense.
It reminds us of the depth of our love for you.

We light this candle for our acceptance.
We acknowledge the void your leaving has left
even as we wait for you to come home to us.

We light this candle for our courage.
The courage to confront our sorrow,
to comfort each other, and to change our lives.

We light this candle for our resilience.
As we meet each new challenge
our fragility becomes our strength
and our wounds the joy of healing.

We light this candle in your memory.
For the times we laughed,
the times we cried,
the times we were angry at each other,
the silly things you did, and the caring and the joy you gave us.

We light this candle for the gift of healing.
Each passing day is a blessing
as we journey towards wholeness,
and discover our new identity.

We light this candle for our gift of gratitude.
It burns brightly for the life that remains.
May we find new grace for living
As we behold our homecoming each new day.

This candle is the Light of Love.
Day by day we cherish the special place in our hearts
that will always be reserved for you.
We thank you for the gift your living brought to each of us.

This candle is for Thanksgiving.
We have our joys
Our times of happiness.
Each of us receives gifts.

This candle is the Light of Hope.
It reminds us of love and memories of you that are ours forever.
May the glow of the flame of Christ be our source of hopefulness now and always.
We love you. We miss you.