

# FOUR CANDLES

**F**our candles slowly burned.  
The ambiance was so soft, one could almost hear them talking .....

The first candle said:

"I am PEACE!"

"The world is full of anger and fighting. Nobody can keep me lit."

Then the flame of Peace went out completely.

The second candle said:

"I am FAITH!"

"I am no longer indispensable. It doesn't make sense that I stay lit another moment."

Just then a breeze softly blew Faith's flame.

Sadly the third candle began to speak:

"I am LOVE!"

"People don't understand my importance so they simply put me aside. They even forget to love those who are nearest to them."

And waiting no longer Love's flame went out.

Suddenly ... a child entered the room and saw the three unlit candles.

"Why aren't you burning? You're supposed to stay lit till the end." Saying this, the child began to cry.

Then the fourth candle answered:

"Don't be afraid. I am HOPE! While I am still burning we can re-light the other candles."

With shining eyes the child took the candle of hope and lit the other candles.

The Greatest Of These Is LOVE ...

... but the flame of Hope should never go out of your life!

With hope each of us can live with Peace, Faith and Love.

PRAYER:

"Dear God, You are my light and my salvation. You are my hope. Please come into my heart, forgive all my wrongs and give me Your wonderful gift of eternal Life. Help me be an instrument of Your love and cause Your light to shine on others through me. Amen"