

Matthew 5:14-16 (NIV)

“You are the light of the world. A town built on a hill cannot be hidden. Neither do people light a lamp and put it under a bowl. Instead they put it on its stand, and it gives light to everyone in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.”

- In what ways have you quenched your light so as to remain safe - unseen?
- Have there been ways in which others have quenched your light? What about disappointments? Hurts? Illness?
- What priorities need to be rearranged so that you have time to meet with God and allow him to bring healing and transformation, to bring you out of darkness and refuel you so that you can burn more brightly, or even be re-lit? Do you need to make things right with someone? Do you need time to grieve? Use this time to bring these things before God - maybe even to schedule time with God in your calendar right now before you start to pray.

Light a votive as a symbolic declaration of your intent to shine the light of Christ more brightly where you are and where you go. As you place the votive on the table, ask God to reveal any darkness yet in your own life, and allow him to illumine it so you can be absolutely filled with the light of the presence of God.