

## PEACE CANDLE – PRAYER TRADITION

In 1985 the Rev. Blair R. Monie of New York visited the Soviet Union. In a small village an old woman approached him and pressed a small sum of money into his hand and asked that he do something for world peace. What could he do with three rubles? After much thought he purchased a small votive candle, he placed it on the altar and lit it. After hearing his story, the congregation agreed to make it permanent and purchased a supply of votive candles so that they could make a “Peace Candle” available to any visitor to take back to his/her sanctuary.



When we see the glow of our Peace Candle, we offer our prayers for peace. This small, non-threatening symbol helps us to be praying people and to play our part as peacemakers, as Jesus called us to do. Today these candles burn in the United States, England, Australia, Canada, Ireland, Kuwait, South Africa and Denmark.

Members of Resurrection Lutheran Church, Avon Park, Florida, brought our candle to us. It is our hope that visitors will join us in spreading this peace reminder by taking a “Peace candle” back to their church to be used on the altar, and also make candles available for their visitors to take with them to their church with our best wishes.

Please stop at the table in the narthex after this service to get a candle for your church.

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