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When I feel I cannot face the future, give me Your strength.
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A few moments silence
Break the silence softly with music and each person lights a candle.

Prayer (say together)

Lord Jesus, you are our light that shines in the darkness. We light our candles to remind ourselves that we can find your light at the centre of our lives. So wonderful is your light that it dispels the darkness of even the darkest night and leads us to the glory of the morning and a new day.

Leader: God of all mercy, You bury our past in the heart of Christ, and You are going to take care of our future. Protect us from harm, and give us wisdom to find the way forward, and the strength to build a new and better future for our families. Amen.

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