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Mix together the flour and salt, then gradually add the water, mixing well with your hands until you can form a ball of dough. Now shape it into whatever shape you want your candle holder to be, remembering that the candle has to stand safely and upright in it, held in place by enough dough. Press the base of your candle into the dough shape to form a hole that your candle will fit into. Remove the candle and place your candle holder on a baking tray lined with baking paper. Cook for 3 hours until completely firm, then allow to cool before painting.



A prayer for when it turns dark in the evening



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