



Words for lighting a chalice at home

The flaming chalice has become the shared symbol of Unitarians and Universalists around the world, and in this section you'll find words for lighting a chalice from Unitarians and Universalists all over the world.

Some families set aside time to be together each week, perhaps on Friday evening at or near sunset, or perhaps on Sunday evening before dinner. These are good times to pause and catch your breath as a family, while you light a candle or a flaming chalice. This would be a good time to use the chalice lighting words.

I.

The light of the ages has brought wisdom and truth to all peoples, in all times of human history. We light this flame to remind us to seek wisdom in our own time.

— *Dan Harper*

II.

We light this chalice to remember that life is born again every day.

Encendemos este cáliz como recuerdo de que la vida nace de nuevo cada día.

— *La Sociedad Unitaria Universalista de España (Unitarian Universalist Society of Spain)*

III.

O hidden life that vibrates in each atom,
O hidden light that shines in each creature,
O hidden love that embraces everything in unity,
May all who feel one with you
Know that for this very reason we are one with all
the others.

O vida oculta que brilha em cada átomo
O luz oculta que brilha em cada criatura,

O amor oculto que tudo abrange na unidade,
Possa todo aquele que se sente um contigo
Saber que por isso mesmo é um com todos os
outros.

— *adapted from Annie Besant by Paulo Ereno, courtesy Brazilian Unitarian Universalists*

IV.

Just as the sun bathes us in its light, its warmth and its love,
So may the spirit of this chalice bless us with truth, life, and love.

— *Derek McCullough, Australian and New Zealand Unitarian Association*

V.

We light this flame to represent our liberal religion:
A religion that stands for freedom and tolerance;
A religion that believes in the full use of reason;
A religion that offers hope that we can make the world better.

— *Dan Harper*