

This invocation was delivered at the general meeting of the  
Interfaith Children's Movement  
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**Introduction:**

For quite a lot of us, living thru April 20, 2010, feels like we are living in a hard place....

Hard economic times where we ourselves are more stressed than usual...

Hard times if we work in helping professions, because we know the food bank is low on food, more people are homeless and need help, there are more children needing foster care and fewer people and less money to care for them.

As we finish the last 3 days of the GA legislative session we feel beaten down by the cruelty of balancing the state budget on the backs of the poor while Georgia gives more tax breaks to people who don't need them.

We watch Goldman Sachs and Citicorp make billions in the first quarter while all around us in our neighborhoods, houses are being foreclosed and 10 % of our people search for jobs that just aren't there.

"Yes WE CAN" seems like a naïve slogan.

Sometimes we just need to pause, to take stock and to remember.....

**The reading:** (from the responsive readings in the UU hymnal)

**We Need One Another**

*We need one another when we mourn and would be comforted.*

*We need one another when we are in trouble and afraid.*

*We need one another when we are in despair, in temptation, and need to be recalled to our best selves again.*

*We need one another when we would accomplish some great purpose, and cannot do it alone.*

*We need one another in the hour of success, when we look for someone to share our triumphs.*

*We need one another in the hour of defeat, when with encouragement we might endure and stand again.*

*We need one another when we come to die, and would have gentle hands prepares us for the journey.*

*All our lives we are in need, and others are in need of us.*

*– by George E. Odell.*

**Conclusion:**

We may feel battered by what's going on in the world.

But we are still here. And the children who need us to speak for them have not gone away.

We must keep on....

Doing what we are called to do for Georgia's children.

Doing what we can do...

Doing it because it must be done!

**So let us light a chalice.....** as we do at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation every Sunday:

We light this chalice for the light of truth.

We light this chalice for the warmth of love.

We light this chalice for the energy of action.

We light this chalice for the harmony of peace.

May it be so.