

House Blessing

Set intention and order for the evening: We are gathered to bless my home as inspired by reading an article about the Navajo house blessing.

We will process around the building counterclockwise in silence accompanied by a native American flute and drop cornmeal to bless the building and protect it.

As we re-enter _____ will smudge us with copal. She will place cauldron on altar.

We will open all doors and windows.

Call directions and elements and Hearth Goddesses from around the world.

(Face East) In the direction of East, the element of Air, we call on the Greek goddess Hestia as air is necessary for the hearth fire. Hestia was worshiped in the matriarchal age when the hearth of the clan mother was the first fire altar and her duties of fire-keeping, food preparation, and creating the sacred center of human activities were revered. We also honor Kamui Fuchi an Ainu of Northern Japan; Kikimora, Lady behind the Oven in Russia; Mitergabiae, Lithuanian Woman of Fire.

Call direction w/o lighting candle.

(Face South) in South, the element of Fire, we call on the Roman Goddess Vesta who was fire, the Roman Goddess to whom a daily offering was made in each home, at her sacred place, the hearth. Vesta is the Roman name for the Greek goddess Hestia. We also invoke Ghar-Jenti whose name meant "Light of the House" to the northern Assamese Indians. Call direction w/o lighting candle.

(Face West) in West, Water, we invoke Lakshmi for one of her legends tells of her wringing water from her hair and causing a tsunami that washed away the invading army. Ancient India did not erect temples to this goddess, for why try to contain the one who embodies herself in all forms of wealth? In jewels, in coins, in rare shells, in every child born to welcoming parents and particularly in cows. Lakshmi grew to symbolize not only the wealth of earth but of the soul as well, becoming a magnificent symbol of the delights of spiritual prosperity. We honor

the Lithuanian Goddess Asplenie who ruled the corner of the house behind the stove and Tu-Njami, the Siberian “Mother Fire.” Call direction w/o lighting candle.

(Face North) In North, the element Earth we invoke Athena who was originally a Minoan household goddess—possibly related to the bare-breasted Cretan figure who holds snakes over her head. Athena was symbolized by the home and its hearth and by the mild serpent who, like a household cat, lived in the storehouse and protected the family’s food supplies from rats. We honor also Haltia “The House Goddess” of the Baltic Finns. Call direction w/o lighting candle.

(Face the Center) As we call to the Above we invoke Bona Dea the Roman Good Goddess who was worshiped only by women. The rites conducted by the Vestal priestesses were held in the home of a high ranking Roman matron and may have been rather bawdy affairs. We include Port-Kuva “House Woman” of Eastern Russia.

As we honor the spirits of the Below we call upon Pozo-Mama from Serbia who was the most sacred goddess who lived in the hearth fire; she was also mistress of the mountains. Like other hearth goddesses she was the bond that kept the family intact as well as the heat that kept them alive. Call direction without lighting candle.

Dear Goddess Within we invoke Brigit an Irish Goddess whose one identity was that of healing and medicine. When her beloved son was killed, Brigit invented keening, the mournful song of the bereaved Irishwomen. And we honor Brigit as carrier of the flame which is necessary for the Hearth.

As we light the candles we will visualize an Octahedron around ourselves, this home, this building, all people in the world.

(Light Yellow candle.) Golden light of purity and protection we ask you to saturate every particle of our bodies and this home.

(Light Red candle.) We call forth Divine Love to envelop us and this home so that every molecule can feel this love.

(Light Blue Candle.) Blue flame of purification and forgiveness please burn through any negativity and impurities in us and in this home.

(Light Green Candle.) Green light representing harmony and compassion please connect us with all that is loving and positive.

(Light the white candle.) White light of protection please surround us and this home to bring complete safety.

Guardian and Sacred Powers, watch over all comings and goings in this home. Let peace, joy, health and love freely enter here.

Spirit of the Goddess of Love and Peace

Protect this space and never cease

Within these walls no evil may dwell

By the ringing of this Bell.

Dear Goddess bless the stones as symbolic of the powers of all creation.

Empower them to safeguard my home and my sacred space. Fill them now to act as a shield of faith against all storms I may weather.

We will walk through each room three times.

The first round will be to purify the home of old energies and any negativity. We will use Salt Water, Copal and place amethyst at each door and window sill.

All chant: Purify this home. Purify this home. Purify this home.

The Second round is blessing placing Rose Quartz at each door and window. Sprinkle Lavender water. (Add another fragrance.)

All chant: Bless this home. Bless this home. Bless this home.

The third round we will be adding protection placing crystals at doors and windows. And we are asking for Prosperity in the Guest Bedroom according to Fung Shu by placing money in the south eastern most corner of the home. And placing three grains of rice and three lentil beans in each corner(a Peruvian ritual).

All chant: Protect this home and bring prosperity. Protect this home and bring prosperity. Protect this home and bring prosperity.

Closing the ritual:

(Face North) Earth of our Foundations, that holds firm this home, we thank you for participating in this ritual. Allow your magical roots to linger, watching over all those who seek refuge here. (Extinguish the candle.)

(Face West) Waters of Cleansing, that wash ever through this place, we thank you for participating in this ritual. Allow your healing waves to roll, making whole all those who seek refuge here. (Extinguish the candle.)

(Face South) Fires of Creation, that burn ever in the hearth, we thank you for participating in this ritual. Allow your magical embers to linger, warming all those who seek refuge here. (Extinguish the candle.)

(Face East) Air of Insight, that breathes ever through these windows, we thank you for participating in this ritual. Allow your refreshing winds to invigorate all those who seek refuge here. (Extinguish the candle.)

(Face Center) Spirit of Truth and Perfect Love, be always a welcome guest in this home. Keep it filled with good thoughts, kind words and constructive action.

(Extinguish the White candle.)

Gather for a potluck dinner.

This ritual was designed by Helen Dixon in May, 2015.