

FULL MOON/PROTECTION RITUAL -- Feb. 24, '05

INVOCATION:

Wondrous Lady of the Moon
You who greets the dusk sky with silvered kisses:
Mistress of the night and all magics,
Who rides the clouds in blackened skies
And spills light upon the cold Earth;
O Lunar Goddess, Crescented One,
Shadow maker and Shadow breaker;
Revealer of mysteries past and present,
Puller of seas and ruler of women,
All-wise Lunar Mother,
We greet your celestial jewel
At the waxing of its powers
With a rite in Your honor.
We pray by the Moon,
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CORNERS:

East: Spirits of Air, Elementals of the East, we do call you here, to be with us, to aid in the magic which we shall perform. Blessed be!

South: Spirits of Fire, Elementals of the South, we do call you here, to be with us, to aid in the magic which we shall perform. Blessed be!

West: Spirits of Water, Elementals of the West, we do call you here, to be with us, to aid in the magic which we shall perform. Blessed be!

North: Spirits of Earth, Elementals of the North, we do call you here, to be with us, to aid in the magic which we shall perform. Blessed be!

CASTING:

These woods are dark, the path is shadowed. Walk with us, Lord and Lady.
Hunter of the Forests, stand at our back. Star-eyed Protectress, fold your wings around us. Hold us fast, we pray; and banish all fear. With harm to none, so mote it be!

As we gather here in our sacred space, a circle is formed and we are connected in spirit with perfect love and perfect trust.

INVOKE:

We will serve the Great Goddess and give reverence to the Great God. We are

pagans, stones of the ancient circle, standing firmly balanced on the earth, yet open to the winds of the heavens, and enduring through time. May the old Gods witness our works!

Now is the time to extend the circle to the boundaries of this property.

Light altar candles. Black to absorb negativity. White for protection. And blue for protection and to drive evil away.

FOUR WINDS: (We summon the winds to aid in our work and to make an announcement to the whole world of our intentions for this rite. When each wind is called, we chime the bell.)

East: Winds of the East! Dazzling and bright! Aid us in our magical work!

South: Winds of the South! Fiery and radiant! Aid us in our magical work!

West: Winds of the West! Gentle and bouyant! Aid us in our magical work!

North: Winds of the North! Rushing and mighty! Aid us in our magical work!

PROTECTION STONES: (As we say this, pour all of our energy into the stones. These stones will be buried in the circle and also by the entrance of the church.)

"Stones, evil you shall deny! Send it to the earth and sky! Send it to the flame and sea! Stones of power, protected the circle be."

WATER PROTECTION: (Place staffs, point down, into the water)

"Into the water we place our staffs. To guard against theft and shade. May no flesh nor astral shell enter this place wherein we dwell!"

(Now take the cauldron and pour the water around the circle, saving some for the vessel to place at the door of the church.)

FIRE PROTECTION: (Take a burning stick from the fire and face each direction.)

East: "Nothing from the East can harm our circle and land!"

South: "Nothing from the South can harm our circle and land!"

West: "Nothing from the West can harm our circle and land!"

North: "Nothing from the North can harm our circle and land!"

(Take stick and thrust into the air) "Nothing from above can harm our circle and land!"

(Take stick and thrust into the ground) "Nothing from below can harm our circle and land!"

(Now focus on the fire and see the energy going into the stones of protection.)

(Now take stones from the circle and bury them. Now take stones for the vessel and put them in it with the water. And take to entrance of church.)

MEDITATION: Sit in circle and meditate quietly on something each of us wants to bring into our lives. Each wish should be strongly visualized. When everyone is ready, each person will state out loud his/her intention to work magic for. When all wishes have been expressed, all should link hands. We should start to draw up the raised energy of the circle, visualizing it as a silvery white light that we begin to push to the person on left, shaping it gradually into a cone that spins clockwise, gaining speed and rising in height. As the cone of power gains force, we begin our chant:

Ancient Lady, Ancient Moon
Rising now above us
We gather in Your sacred Grove
Asking that You bless us.

The cone of power will be building and building until at last one or more people will sense that it is ready to be released and will call "Now!" Then we all release the energy into the night.

SIMPLE FEAST

PULL CIRCLE BACK INTO OUR SACRED SPACE

THANKS TO THE GOD AND GODDESS: Lord and Lady, we are blessed by Your sharing this time with us; watching and guarding us and guiding us here, and in all things. We came in love, we depart in love.

DISMISSING:

East: Depart in peace, Elemental Air, our blessings take with you! Blessed be!

South: Depart in peace, Elemental Fire, our blessings take with you! Blessed be!

West: Depart in peace, Elemental Water, our blessings take with you! Blessed be!

North: Depart in peace, Elemental Earth, our blessings take with you! Blessed be!

The circle is open, yet the circle remains as its magical power is drawn back into us. Merry meet, merry part and merry meet again!