

For Aaron—Samhain, 2006

DIRECTIONS:

East: Hail, Guardians of the Watchtowers of the East, powers of air: blow the staleness away, fill our lungs. Help us bring freshness into our lives. Clear skies, clear minds for us to see our way. Let our words create a safe space. Blessed Be!

South: Hail, Guardians of the Watchtowers of the South, powers of fire: Come into our hearts, warm us and give us courage. Let passion glow on our birthright as we fight injustice. Help us free our emotions from all their hiding places. Blessed Be!

West: Hail, Guardians of the Watchtowers of the West, powers of water: rain on us, quench our thirst. Help us remember our ocean womb. Let us be connected to each other until all is one. Let the drought of separation be over. Blessed Be!

North: Hail, Guardians of the Watchtowers of the North, powers of earth: Strengthen our resolve, keep us centered. Help us be here, now. Let our bodies be strong for loving each other. Let the dizziness of the day pass. Because of our struggles and magic, may a greater circle be cast. 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!

INVOCATION: Nameless One of many names, Eternal and Ever-changing One; Lord of the Dance and Mother of all life, be radiant within us, engulf us with Your love. See with our eyes, hear with our ears, breathe with our nostrils, touch with our hands. Open our hearts that we may live free at last in the single song of all that is, was and shall be!

(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 by the doors.)

"Stones, evil you shall deny! Send it to the earth and sky! Send it to the flame and sea! Stones of power, protected this circle be." (3x)

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!"

FIRE PROTECTION: (Light a white candle from the blue altar candle and face each direction.)

East: "Nothing from the East can harm this home!"

South: "Nothing from the South can harm this home!"

West: "Nothing from the West can harm this home!"

North: "Nothing from the North can harm this home!"

(Take candle and hold in the air) "Nothing from above can harm this home!"

(Take candle and set on the ground) "Nothing from below can harm this home!"

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

(Now take stones and bury by doors. Pour the water in a circle around the spots.)

BANISHING: "Spirits of evil, unfriendly beings, unwanted guests--Begone!  
Leave us, leave this place, leave this home that the gods may enter.  
By the powers of life, death and rebirth:  
We banish you! We banish you! We banish you! Begone!" (3x)

SMUDGING: "Great Mother of the Earth and Sea, Great Father of the Wooded Wildlands,  
We ask Your protection on this home, and on all who dwell within its walls.  
Hold it securely in Your arms, safe from intrusion and disaster.  
Let it be a sanctuary of Your compassion to nourish all who enter in perfect love  
and trust. Blessed be."

SALT CIRCLE: (at front, side & garage door--sprinkle the salt while saying:)

"Salt and sea, of ill stay free; fire and air, draw all that is fair; around and around, the circle is bound."

(Return to altar for....)

BINDING: By the all the power of three times three,  
this spell bound around shall be.  
To cause no harm, nor return on me.  
As I do will, so mote it be! (3x)

THANKING GOD AND GODDESS: Nameless Eternal One, Lord of the Forest and Mother of All, we thank you for your radiance and your love. You have seen our rite, witnessed our work--we have been Your hands. We place our trust and gratitude in You. Blessed be.

THANKING DIRECTIONS:

East: Watchtowers of the East, powers of air: you carry inspiration and revelation into our lives. Thank you for helping us to create safe space. Blessed Be!

South: Watchtowers of the South, powers of fire: you give us the fire in our bellies to do our work. Thank you for the courage and the passion in our hearts. Blessed Be!

West: Watchtowers of the West, powers of water: you revive us. Thank you for the refreshment and the reminder of our birth and connection. Blessed Be!

North: Watchtowers of the North, powers of earth: you are the center. Thank you for grounding us in the reality we share. Blessed Be!

OPENING: The circle is open, but unbroken; may the peace of the Goddess be ever in your heart. Merry meet and merry part and merry meet again!