

## IMBOLC '10 with Treibh na Tintean

### Meditation

### Cleansing

Brigid's Well—(*Dip your finger into Brigid's Well and add a drop to the cauldron.*)

### Directions—

**EAST:** Powers of Air, Guardians of the Watchtower of the East—winds that fan the fires of the forge, winds that cool the brow of the Smith, winds of ancient knowledge of smith craft, of metals and of stones—come to this circle tonight. So mote it be!

**NORTH:** Powers of Earth, Guardians of the Watchtower of the North—minerals of the earth, steel and stone, wood and bronze, gold and charcoal, hammer and anvil, sword and shield, helm and torc, enduring matter that was before and will endure after all else has past—come to this circle tonight. So mote it be!

**WEST:** Powers of Water, Guardians of the Watchtower of the West—liquid that quenches the hot metal to temper it, cool draught which quenches thirst after the heat of the forge, cleanliness of the ritual bath—come to this circle tonight. So mote it be!

**SOUTH:** Powers of Fire, Guardians of the Watchtower of the South—flame of forge that heats the iron, flame which melts apart and welds together, flame that transforms the metal that it may be worked, flame which hardens so that all else will yield before its sharpness and strength—come to this circle tonight. So mote it be!

**Casting**--All: We cast this circle as sons and daughters, / Spinners and weavers, / Tool makers, potters; / As dancers and dreamers, / Fixers, changers, / Singers and screamers. / We cast this circle with our ancestors and guardians, / God and Goddess too, / You who teach and who speak true, / Who plant, who reap, / Who soar, who creep, / Who cook, who drum, / Who have been and yet to come, / Unreasonable women, / Unmanageable men. / We cast as pagan, druid and witches, / Loving hearts or furious bitches. / We are sweet water, we are the seed; / We are the storm wind to blow away greed. Into this circle we bring to birth / the love that reclaims our earth.

**Casting, con' t**—(Hand to hand, "I am the Circle.")

**Covenant** —As we gather here, in our sacred space, a circle is formed and we are connected in  
spirit.

**Invocation**—Brigit of the mantles, Brigit of the twining hair, Brigit of the peat heap, Brigit of the augury, we ask of Thee the sacred three: to save, to shield, to surround the hearth.

Brigit of the white palms, Brigit of the kindness, Brigit of the calmness, we ask the three this eve, while in Your sight, bless our hearth each single night.

### Candle Lighting for Haiti—

**NORTH:** We Light the Candle of Remembrance—for the Dead and the Dying with blessings for their transitions in the Otherworld. Be at Peace.

**EAST:** We Light the Candle of Cooperation—for All in the World who are contributing help in various ways with blessings of good communication and effective collaboration. Be in Harmony.

**SOUTH:** We Light the Candle of Strength—for the Relief Workers with blessings of stamina and protection. Be Strong.

**WEST:** We Light the Candle of Healing—for the Living who have survived the earthquake and for their loved ones with blessings of comfort, support, reconnection, and sustenance. Be Well.

**ALL:** We Light the Candle of Renewal—for the Land and All in the Circle of Life there with blessings of relief, recovery, and regeneration. Be Renewed.

**ALL:** So Mote It Be.

*(Following these five candle blessings, additional candles can be lit and placed on the altar around the five for our intentions.)*

**ALL:** Blessings to Haiti. Blessings for the gathered. Blessed Be.

**Rededication—***(We will take a moment of silent reflection as we prepare to rededicate ourselves to our individual paths. Then we will state what we are going to shed in this new spring and what we will build. Then we say together Gerald Gardner's blessing—The Five-fold Kiss.)*

Blessed be my feet, that have brought me to this path. / May I ever walk in wisdom and radiate the love of the Goddess. / Blessed be my knees that kneel before the sacred altar. / May I show forth both honor and humility. / Blessed be my womb, that brings forth new life. / May I be a channel for the power of the Goddess. / Blessed be my breasts, formed in beauty and in strength. / May I love and know love. / Blessed be my lips, that speak Her sacred name. / May I manifest divine truth in my work.

### Blessing the Candles—

**EAST:** I invoke the spirits of the east who paint the morning sky with brilliant light, who bring us the rebirth of the spirit! By the air that is Her breath, bless these candles and their users with Brigit's gifts of poetry and intelligence! So mote it be.

**SOUTH:** I invoke the spirits of the south who burn brightly as we celebrate the return of light, who are the fire of the forge that transforms us! By the flames that heat the cauldron, bless these candles and their users with Brigit's gifts of lore and knowledge! So mote it be.

**WEST:** I invoke the spirits of the west, deep waters of the sacred well who cleanse and restore us, who heal us of all wounds! By the water that is Her blood, bless these candles and their users with Brigit's gifts of meditation, reflection and comprehension! So mote it be.

**NORTH:** I invoke the spirits of the north, keepers of life's secrets, most powerful & ancient forces of creation, who greet us in wholeness at the end of our lives! By the earth that is Her body, bless these candles and their users with Brigit's gifts of wisdom and research! So mote it be!

**Circle Sweeping**—(*Pass broom from hand to hand*) All: By Her breath and by Her broom—the light returns, the light returns! / By Her work and in Her womb—the light returns, the light returns! / The fire burns, the wheel turns—the light returns, the light returns! / A tiny spark dispels the dark—the light returns, the light returns! (*Repeat until broom is all the way around the circle.*)

### **Communion**

**Thanking the Goddess**— All: May the holy maiden Bride, radiant flame of gold, Protect you from all dangers. No fire, no sun, no moon will burn you, no lake, no water, no sea shall drown you. No arrow of fairy nor dart of fey shall wound you. May Brigit's waters heal you. May Brigit's winds inspire you. May Brigit's fire warm you. Under Her protection, go in peace.

### **Thanking the Directions**—

**EAST:** Powers of Air, Guardians of the Watchtower of the East, we thank you for blessing us. We in turn bless you as you return to your realm.

**NORTH:** Powers of Earth, Guardians of the Watchtower of the North, we thank you for blessing us. We in turn bless you as you return to your realm.

**WEST:** Powers of Water, Guardians of the Watchtower of the West, we thank you for blessing us. We in turn bless you as you return to your realm.

**SOUTH:** Powers of Fire, Guardians of the Watchtower of the South, we thank you for blessings us. We in turn bless you as you return to your realm.

**The 4:** May the holy maiden Bride protect you from all dangers. May Brigit's waters heal you. May Brigit's winds inspire you. May Brigit's fire warm you.

**All:** The circle is open, but unbroken. May the peace of Brigit be ever with you. Merry meet, and merry part, and merry meet again!

### **Burning the Greens and Blessing the Woods!**