



Blessing Ceremony

The following outline may be used for most blessing ceremonies. Specific wording for the blessing will reflect the purpose of the ceremony.

Cleansing

Cleanse the physical space, objects and tools with pure water and earth-friendly cleaning agents such as vinegar and herbs or salt. Cleanse the participants and atmosphere with prayer, smudging and calling upon angels and guides.

Introduction

A brief overview of the purpose of the ceremony is given. This may include historical facts and inspirational quotations or thoughts related to the ceremony.

Invocation

A prayer, reading, poem or meditation for the purpose of calling forth aid, protection and inspiration begins the ceremony.

Music

Optional musical elements may be provided with bells, gongs, chants, songs and musical selections played on instruments or recordings.

Ritual

A blessing is bestowed according to customs and beliefs using solemn wording and/or readings from sacred texts. Rituals may include candle lighting, incense burning, smudging, herbal oil lamp lighting, using a blessing spray, anointing doors and windows, and sacramental activities.

Benediction

The ceremony may conclude with a prayer, reading, poem or meditation pronouncing a blessing of good wishes upon the participants and the object of the ceremony as well as anyone or anything associated with it.