

HEALING THE EARTH, ONE PLACE AT A TIME

A RITUAL TO BLESS A PLACE AND MAKE IT SACRED.

After each speech, pause with low drum or rattle.

Opener

We have come to bless this place, to make it holy, to make it whole.
We open our hearts to love, and we open our mouths to bless.
We begin here to heal our Mother Earth.

Invoker of the spirits of the Four Directions

Facing East: We welcome the energy, the beginning way, the rising sun at the beginning of the day and the light of illumination. We welcome the energies of the East.

Facing South: We welcome the energy of service to all my relations, the heat of the noonday sun and the spirit of action in the world. We welcome the energies and spirits of the South.

Facing West: We welcome the energy of looking deep within to find the gifts of healing and renewal. We welcome the energies and spirits of the West.

Facing North: We welcome the energy of wisdom and blessing the Grandmothers and Grandfathers who teach us. Teach us to be generous and honor all that we receive from the Earth.

Invoker of nature spirits:

We invite the spirits of the ground, spirits of the soil.
We invite the spirits of the plants and the standing people.
We invite the spirits of the elementals, the little people.
We invite the spirits of the animals, the furred and four-legged.
We invite the spirits of the insects, the many-legged.
We invite the spirits of the birds, the winged ones.
We invite the spirits of all living creatures in the web of life to be here with us, to bless this place.

Invoker of the ancient spirits of the place:

We ask the spirits who have lived, worked, prayed and played in this place to be here now with us, to bless this place.
We ask the spirits of native peoples who were here for thousands of years to be here now with us, to bless this place.
We ask the spirits of peoples who came here from other lands to make this their home, who learned to love this place, we ask them to be here now with us, to bless this place.

Invoker of the Divine:

We ask the Holy One, the Nameless One called by a thousand names to speak and act through us, to bless this place.

Pledger:

We regret any harm which has been done to this place by our human kind.
We pledge to refrain from harm to this place or to any other place on our Earth.
We pledge to teach our children to feel gratitude to our Earth and treat her and all her creatures with reverence.
We pledge to teach that we are all part of the web of life, that all beings are our relatives.

Earth Blesser: We come with this corn meal (handful of grain or seed) to bless the Earth and make it sacred.

Air Blesser: With loving Energy, we move the air (feather or paper fan, waved in all directions) to bless this place and make it sacred.

Fire Blesser: With fire (smudge bowl or candle or incense sticks) we bless this place and make it sacred. *Go around the circle, smudging each person.*

Water Blesser: (in a bowl or cup, with feather to disperse), we bless this place and make it sacred. We share this blessing with all gathered here.

Everyone: *Holding out hands to bless:*

A leader may speak and everyone repeat, phrase by phrase:

With our hearts and minds voices and hands we bless this place and make it sacred.

May this place thrive and be protected from harm.

May this place give peace and joy to all who come here.

Disperser: We call for blessing upon all who are gathered here. We ask you to take this blessing to other places. Go forth and open hearts. Teach reverence for our Sacred Earth to people everywhere.

Closer: It is done! This place on Earth is now healed and blessed. Let us rejoice!

Cheer, drum, shake rattles, applaud, embrace.

Note: If any onlooker is curious and asks about this ritual, give them a copy of this script and ask them to use it. Tell them to gather a group to bless some other place. This ritual will be owned by nobody and everybody. It is a give-away. It may be changed in any way as long as the intent and effect is to bless a place and bring healing to Mother Earth.

Resource: http://www.waterblessings.org/ceremonies_general.html