

A Baby Blessing

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Quarter Callings

East

Spirits of the East, Spirits of Air, A new child has been born to us. Come to see her. Come to bless her. Come to us who wait for you.

(Repeat for each element, South, West, North)

Elemental Blessing

There are many paths, and each must find her own; therefore we do not seek to bind (Child's Name) to one path while she is still too young to choose. Rather we ask the Goddess and the God, who know all paths and to whom all paths lead, to bless, protect and prepare her through the years of her childhood; so that when at last she is truly grown, she shall know without doubt or fear which path is hers and shall tread it gladly.

East

Hail, Old Ones of the East! Hail, Guardians of Air! Bless this child, (Child's Name), with a vision as wide as the Wind's, and with the courage of curiosity, that she may ever greet new dawns without fear.

South

Hail, Old Ones of the South! Hail, Guardians of Fire! Bless this child, (Child's Name), with a heart as fiery as the Sun, and the courage of passion, that she may ever dance in the light without fear.

West

Hail, Old Ones of the West! Hail, Guardians of Water! Bless this child, (Child's Name), with a soul as deep as the Sea, and with the courage of love, that she may ever watch a sunset without fear.

North

Hail, Old Ones of the North! Hail, Guardians of Earth! Bless this child, (Child's Name), with bones as sturdy as the Earth, and the courage of commitment, that she may ever explore the Mystery without fear.

Goddess

Receive the blessings of our Mother Earth: May she protect you all of your days, wrapping Her arms around you as you go your way.

God

Receive the blessings of our Father Sky: May He protect you all of your days, watching over you as you go your way.

Medicine Pouch

Crystal: I empower this stone to attract all powers wondrous and good. May it always empower her to take the next step in her journey.

Jet: I empower this stone to absorb all negative forces acting upon this child and those who care for her. May it always encompass all negative energies, leaving her path clear for success.

Amethyst: As this stone represents the child, let it draw positive energies, love, light, and health. As the Wheel turns, may her coming years be blessed with happiness and gifts from the Lord and Lady.

Charge to the Parents

As we have asked the Gods to guard and guide (Child's Name) while she grows, so too do the Gods and (Child's Name) rely on you, her chosen parents, to uphold your responsibilities to her.

I bid you both to give (Child's Name) the finest and deepest of training. Yet make not her life one of tedious labor, for the young must also learn the joy of life.

I bid you both to give (Child's Name) a home of love, warmth, and gentleness. If you have differences, resolve them with moderation, so that her world will feel secure.

I bid you both to respect (Child's Name) as an individual, for she is unique. Remember that a small frame and child's ways often cover an excellent mind that in later years many will honor.

I bid you both to always give a fair hearing to (Child's Name). Have patience as she learns and asks. Remember that you yourselves once ran her path.

I bid you both to give her new horizons, new challenges, and freedom to try for the joy of the attempt, so that (Child's Name) may go so far as her own mind and spirit will lead.

Do you each swear to undertake these responsibilities to the best of your abilities?

Parents:

We do.

The Charge to the Community

The Minister addresses the congregation:

(Parent's Names) have accepted these responsibilities in their new lives as a family with (Child's Name). But a family does not stand alone. Without the presence and support of a community, they cannot give their child all that she needs to grow strong and balanced. As their religious community, will you accept the task of providing a supportive community to this family?

All: We will

("We are a Circle" Chant)

Quarter Closings

North

Spirit of the North, we thank you for your help. Go now in peace, but be never far away, and answer quickly when (Child's Name) calls for you that you might aid her in her need.

(Repeat for each element, West, South, East)

Goddess and God

Mother and Father, we thank you. For the gift of life and the beauty of the world in which to live it. For the gift of love and the wonderful people with which to share it. But most of all today for (Child's Name), who is both life and love. We ask your blessings as you depart. Hail and Farewell.