

ALL: THANKS AND RELEASING

Elements will be released in the opposite order that they were evoked. Quarter Callers can speak from the heart, or follow this script:

SHEPARD - (Facing North):

"I call upon the energy of Earth, element of strength and stability. We thank you for lending your energy to this sacred rite. Hail and farewell!"

BARD - (Facing West):

"I call upon the energy of Water, element of compassion and healing. We thank you for lending your energy to this sacred rite. Hail and farewell!"

AIDE - (Facing South):

"I call upon the energy of Fire, element of motivation and transformation. We thank you for lending your energy to this sacred rite. Hail and farewell!"

GUIDE - (Facing East):

East: "I call upon the energy of Air, element of communication and insight. We thank you for lending your energy to this sacred rite. Hail and farewell!"

GUIDE: OPENING THE CIRCLE

"The circle is open, but unbroken. Though the circle is open, we carry its light into the world. Though we go our separate ways, our blessings for one another remain. Merry meet, merry part, and merry meet again"

FULL MOON LUNAR RITUAL

RITUAL CREATED BY THE WOMEN OF
MADISON CORRECTIONAL FACILITY



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Aide:

Set up and cleanse the space

Bard:

Share stories, songs, chants

Guide:

Majority of speaking during ritual

Shepard:

Bring everyone to the circle when it is ready

FULL MOON RITUAL

AIDE: CIRCLE CLEANSING

The Aide will decorate the altar with symbols that reflect the full moon and the season before cleansing the space with blessed water. If you have a CD or DVD with chants, get the music ready on the TV

GUIDE: WELCOME & REMINDERS

Welcome everyone into the circle and offer a few reminders about ritual etiquette

- Be respectful when someone is speaking
- Don't leave the circle once the ritual begins
- If you must leave, let the group know

BARD: OPENING PRAYER OR LUNAR STORY

The Bard will read or recite a lunar prayer or story of their choice

GUIDE: CASTING THE CIRCLE

"Please join hands and visualize a glowing sphere of white energy surrounding our sacred space."

"This is the boundary of the circle:

Around us, above us, below us.

As a sphere, the circle is cast

and consecrated to aid us in our craft."

ALL: CALLING THE QUARTERS

Quarter Callers will take turns calling each direction from the heart, or with a script. Beginning with East, then South, West, and North

GUIDE - (Facing East):

"I call upon the energies of Air, element of communication and insight. Hail and welcome!"

AIDE - (Facing South):

"I call upon the energies of Fire, element of motivation and transformation. Hail and welcome!"

BARD - (Facing West):

"I call upon the energies of Water, element of compassion and healing. Hail and welcome!"

SHEPARD - (Facing North):

"I call upon the energies of Earth, element of strength and stability. Hail and welcome!"

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

Guide raises arms and speaks from the heart or says the following:

"Hail and welcome to all who gather here in this sacred space! Each member of our community is like a great tree; though we stand strong on our own and grow in our own time, we are still connected to each other, the earth around us, and the divine. We gather today to support each other as we learn and grow together. Today, we share our energy as we work towards our goals as one."

GUIDE: RITUAL WORKING

The Guide leads everyone in a working, activity, or meditation.