**House Cleansing Ritual**

Preparation:

Clean house from top to bottom, back to front, out the door.

You will need the following:

One quartz crystal for each room in the house and 4 more for outside

Your altar with only decorations, god/dess images, candles, offerings, and ritual needs

CANDLE

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WELL

SMUDGE

RITUAL BOOK

OFFERINGS

A= ANCESTORS K= KINDRED G= GOD/DESS

O = GOD/DESS OF OCCASION

S = SPARE

Well, tree, and fire will be carried in by bearers, and placed in a triangular formation, with Fire being south.

LD

N

O

R

T

H

Altar

**Initiation of Ritual**

Processional of Druids

Chant song on entry – We approach the Sacred grove

1. Purification
   1. With the incense or smudge burning on the altar druids gather at altar and waif themselves
   2. Small container of salted water on altar all dip fingers and purify themselves
   3. When all purified got to start positions.. once there Lead Druid rings a bell three times
2. Earth mother / sky father blessing
   1. Earth Mother

“Oh beloved mother of all from, whos starry womb the green earth springs

You are the bearer of all life. We pray you bless and uphold this rite.”

RESPONSE: (Kneel and kiss earth) **So say we all**

* 1. Sky Father

“Nurturing father of all, whos breath fills sustains our lives. You are both guide and guardian. We pray you bless and uphold this rite.

RESPONSE: (kiss hands raise arms up) **So say we all**

1. Purpose

If this is done in a small group, explain what needs to be done and the intent you wish to accomplish.

1. Creating the Cosmos
   1. With the tree, well and fire in a triad the bearers do the following.
      1. Well bearer… with well filled with water, states

**I come upon the veil, in love and respect.**

**This well, our link to the primal waters of life, portal to the under realm.**

**With silver I beg thee open.**

**So say we all**

* + 1. Fire bearer lights fire, then with arms in up position brings them down to horizontal position and says

**I come upon the veil, in love and respect.**

**This fire our link to the Gods and Goddesses, portal to the over realm.**

**With oil I beg the open**

**So say we all**

* + 1. Tree bearer herbs tree – points on arm at well one at fire.. then comes together to point at altar – says tree open prayer

**I come upon the veil in love and respect.**

**This tree, our bridge between below and beyond. The road of our passage.**

**With herbs I beg thee open**

**So say we all**

* + 1. When all are ready. Bearers clap hands and move them to wide open position.. forming the gate bubble encompassing everyone

1. Opening the gates
   1. Lead druid will address the gate keeper and beseech him to open the gates through a prayer.

“Mighty [Cernunnos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cernunnos), our portal opens wide. We beseech thee gatekeeper to grant us access to the other realm. Open the way for us in peace and safety. Guide us to the hidden places. Protect us on our journey and in our rite. Let the gate be open”

RESPONSE: So say we all

1. Offering to the Out Dwellers
   1. Offering made to the south of the grove

“Ancient dark ones, we make this offering to you,

You who dwell in the outer dark

You who stood against the gods

You twisted and misshapen

Take this offering and trouble not our working

Likewise we acknowledge in ourselves

Weakness and perversity

Hatred and spite

Cowardice and ignorance

And for this sacred time we set them aside

1. Inviting the Kindred

Those that were not bearers will now welcome kindred and give offering (3)

* 1. Ancestors of family and land – use tobacco place in fire

“ANCESTORS:

We hear your whispered voices speaking words of wisdom into our unconscious minds. Your whispers awaken our dreams, our hearts, and our desires. You who are our ancestors who once walked upon the earth and were part of our shared life eternal, we praise you with all that is sacred in our lives.

You who planted the seed of knowledge, you who sought inner peace, you who claimed your love for the Gods and Goddesses of old, we give you honour and praise your name.

RESPONSE: So say we all

* 1. Nature spirits of ancestors and country – use corn meal spread on ground

“SPIRITS OF NATURE

Spirits of land and place, creatures of fur and flesh, and feather… we call to you in respect and peace. Ever welcome and revered, we ask for your guidance and protection. Walk with us now as we cross through the gateway. “

RESPONSE: So say we all

* 1. Gods and Goddesses use whiskey pour on ground

“GODS AND GODDESSES,

Patrons and patroness hearken to us your children. We call to you in the other realm in love and respect. Join us now in our work. May we know your presence and love.

RESPONSE: So say we all

1. Key offerings

To the God(dess)\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, God(dess) of\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, we ask for your presence in this home and in our rite. Let you powers of \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, and your love fill every corner of this home… let no negative energy pass within. (Concentrate on positive energies filling the home and beyond to the limits of the property. Push all negativity out. Place Tobacco into fire)

1. Prayer of sacrifice
   1. A final offering is made to the fire… incense
   2. The LD will do this “ \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we offer you this sacrifice, and hope that you find us worthy of your blessings. Accept this with love and respect.

RESPONSE: So say we all

1. Omen
   1. **One Member** comes forth

“Goddess, God, spirits and ancestors with great love we offer our gifts to you. Please now tell us how they were received.”

* 1. An Ogham is drawn and its meaning read. It is placed against the Blessing Cup

1. Asking for the Blessing
   1. **Another** comes forth

“Your acceptance honours us, and we now ask what may come in return”

* 1. An Ogham is drawn and its meaning read. It is placed against the Blessing Cup

1. Hallowing the Blessing
   1. **Both** come forth and hold the blessing cup aloft

**First druid**… “Our cup is full of the blessings given to us, let it touch the mind, heart, and spirit in each of us. (Sips)

**Second druid**….. May we the cherished children grow through its bounty.”

* 1. Cup should be passed from druid to druid - Each takes the cup, and sips

1. Affirmation of the blessing
   1. Once all have sipped then a collective grove affirmation

Lead Druid…..We are ever thankful for the gifts we have received. Let them carry us forward in our rite and in our lives.”

RESPONSE: So say we all

1. Workings
   1. **Smudge** –

Have one member start in the upper levels of the home, and starting in the most northern room work sunward around each level with the smudge stick. Member should either recant a prayer of blessing, or focus on the powers of Brigid coming into each room.

* 1. **Water**

Another member should start after the first and walk through the home in the same manner aspersing the rooms with salted water. Again a prayer or focus on Brigid’s power should be utilized.

* 1. Crystals

Take crystals on the altar and smudge them with the sage and water. Once done let the owners of the home gather them in their hands and focus on the dreams and best wishes they have for the home. When they are ready, they may go to the top level and begin placing one crystal in each of the rooms. If there are two people one can place the crystal and another ping a bell or chime to resonate the crystal.

* 1. Now with the four crystals that are left, go outside. Again starting with the most northern corner, bury one of the crystals at each of the property limits.

1. Thanking Beings
   1. Deities of the ritual

\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ we thank you for your presence in our rite and on our journey… You are ever welcome in our lives.

RESPONSE: So say we all

* 1. Gods and Goddesses

Gods and Goddesses, your strength is our strength… we thank you for your presence in our rite and on our journey. You are ever welcome in our lives.

RESPONSE: So say we all

* 1. Nature spirits

Spirits of place, friends of fur and feather, you who dwell in the untamed lands.. we thank you for your presence in our rite and on our journey. You are ever welcome in our lives.

RESPONSE: So say we all

* 1. Ancestors

Ancestors you who inspire and move us forward… we thank you for your presence in our rite and on our journey. You are ever welcome in our lives.

RESPONSE: So say we all

1. Close the Gates
   1. Bearers in positions once again. Begin with arms wide.

“Mighty [Cernunnos](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cernunnos)… All that we have done is by your aide. We offer you our thanks. Now we ask you to let the doors swing closed once more.

LET THE GATES BE CLOSED.

* 1. Guardians will bring hands together in a clap, and allow them to fall to their sides.

1. Thank the earth mother / sky father
   1. Earth Mother

“Earth Mother… you granted us this life, and we walk in your fertile bounty. May we always remember to honour your gifts each day.

RESPONSE: So say we all

* 1. Sky Father

“Sky father… you sustain our lives and we grow from your inspiration. May we always remember and honour your gifts each day.

RESPONSE: So say we all

1. Close the ritual
   1. Lead Druid will ring the bell three times

“Our rite is ended.

We thank you all”

Special note:

Done forget your attic, and if you have children involve them. If you make a special point of getting into closets and under beds, then there will never be monsters to bother them in the middle of the night.

Blessings