



During these invocations, as each brief passage is said, a candle is lit for that direction. At the center, light your altar candles.

A Circle is Cast, continued Invocations for Winter Solstice

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This set of invocations is most effective if done in complete darkness, "sacred fire" being brought to light the circle later in ritual. Feel free to adapt for your own use.

We call to you to join us,
Spirits of the East
Without your gifts of vision and illumination,
how could we light our way?
Deep in Winter, we are warmed by the promise of Spring.
Sorrow not, though feeble is the Sun,
Bring dawn back into our lives.
Blessed be.

We call to you to join us,
Spirits of the South
Without your gifts of love and trust,
how could we endure this death which lies upon the land?
Passionate life-force,
return once more to warm our bodies.
Sorrow not,
though tree and field are barren,
Green days will come once more.
Blessed be.

We call to you to join us,
Spirits of the West
Without your gifts
of mystery and transformation,
how could we warm our frozen hearts?

Evening, we beg you,
do not swallow day forever.
Sorrow not,
though blizzards howl without,
Streams must flow again.
Blessed be.

We call to you to join us,
Spirits of the North
Without your gifts
of deep dream and silence,
we could not face the year renewed.
Nurture us, warm our souls
withdrawn into your night.
Sorrow not,
though Earth is wrapped in sleep,
Dream now of birth.
Blessed be.

Golden Star of Day, Lucina
We cry to you in our darkness
Pity your daughters gathered here.
We await the fires of love, strength and warmth.
We ask for your gifts and blessing,
Bring to us the child of promise!
Life must be born again.

Blessed be the Great Goddess,
Maiden without beginning,
Mother without ending,
Crone who rules the dark.
Come to us now.
So mote it be! ☉

East

The light of the East reminds us that in weeks to come, the daylight will grow stronger. The Sun will warm the Earth and our hearts.

South

The light of the South reminds us of the possibilities of the human spirit. We can respond to the universe.

West

The light of the West reminds us of the richness of community. We have chosen to be together to learn from each other. We honor our diversity.

North

The light of the North reminds us of the beauty within us and all around us. In beauty is strength, inspiration and joy.

Center

(Invoke your own circle's Goddess/Matroness; ours is Kali.)

Kali Ma, the Living Center,
come to your daughters.
Mother above, heaven shining
All faces turn toward the sun.

Remember us
in the turning of the wheel.

We call to you, Return!
Mother below, quiet and deep,
this is your time to sleep.

Remember us
in your winter's dreaming.
We call to you, Return!

High Priestess

I know that the Goddess is above me,
I feel the Goddess under my feet. And
here, all around me, I see Goddess! I
salute you, beautiful Goddesses.

Each woman is then made welcome with a hug, kiss and brief word from the HP, and the circle is cast! ☉