**This opening and closing of the circle was unique for our group. It was changed from the original to have the group call in the energy. After the facilitator read each line, the group would repeat it. At the end of the celebration, the words were changed to "We close this circle” instead of “We call in the circle”. It was quite powerful. As the words were said, cornmeal was distributed around the outside of the circle.**

**Opening and Closing the Circle by Ellie**

**With our gathered intention,**

**And through my (our)voice (s),**

**I (We) call in this circle.**

**With our mothers' gathered love and wisdom,**

**And through my voice,**

**I call in this circle.**

**With the earth's gathered bounty,**

**Sun- ripened and rich,**

**And through my voice,**

**I call in this circle.**

**In love,**

**Safety,**

**Growth,**

**And beauty,**

**And through my voice,**

**I call in this circle.**