



# Ritual for Samhain

*Welcome Sweet Sister, into this Sacred Space*

I invite you to gather together the things you need to build an altar and create this ritual to your ancestors.

- ~ black cloth
- ~ a candle and several tea lights
- ~ the elements of Earth, Air, Water and Fire (stone or crystal, feather, bowl of water, candle)
- ~ photo's of your ancestors
- ~ items to mark Samhain, the final harvest, the beginning of winter, moving into the time of the crone. I like to use snakeskin, bones, dark crystals, crumbling leaves, old gnarled wood
- ~ some paper and pens

Set your altar however you are called. There is no right or wrong way to do this. This is an intuitive process of building a sacred space which will hold the energy of the season and hold the energy of your ancestors. Once created set your intention for the ritual.

Light a candle

*I light this candle in honour of the great mother and in honour of all the ancestors, specifically mine, who I am honouring here on this Samhain night. may we be safe, held and blessed in this sacred space*

Now it's time to create the container for the magick.

When creating a simple ritual, I like to call my elements and directions simply. By holding each of the elements (a candle, a bowl or water, a feather, a stone) I can bless myself with the energy of that element. Those words, the power, the magick words you utter are the ones you feel from holding and connecting with the elements.

*I call Water, I call the power of flow*

*I call fire, I call the power of transformation*

*I call Air, I call the power of breath*

*I call earth, I call the power of strength*

Call the directions

*I call the directions of east, north, west, south. I call above, below and the centre.*

And finally cast your circle saying three times

*I cast this circle within and without, to hold the magick in, and keep the world out.*

You have created your sacred space! Blessings on the magick you create here.

Name your ancestors that you have placed on the altar.

*I call my grandmother Stepania to be with me in this sacred space.*

And light a candle for each ancestor as you name them.

Sit for some time in quiet contemplation of those you have chosen to honour here tonight.

connect in with their energy, what influence they had in your life. Be open to receiving their messages and gifts.

Take you paper and pen and for each ancestor write three words of wisdom that they have given you. Don't think too much! this is about connecting with them in the flow of the magick of this space.

Those words, be it 3, or 6, or 18 become your ancestor wisdom, words and messages that you can call on when you need support or guidance from the ones we have lost.

Make sure you put this paper somewhere where you can always access it. Maybe up on the wall, or near your bed. Keeping it in a place where you can see and feel their wisdom at all times.

Now take some deep breaths and come back into your body, fully and completely.

Give thanks for the connection you have made this evening with your ancestors, name them again as a way to close the energy.

*I give thanks for the connection to my grandmother Stepania, for her words and her wisdom*

Then give thanks and release the elements and directions

*I give thanks and release the directions south, west, north, east, above, below and the centre.*

*I give thanks and release the elements of earth, air, fire and water.*

*I give great thanks and many blessings for this time and space to do magick and ritual for all my relations.*

Finally you need to open your circle, and I love the traditional goddess closing

*my circle is open but unbroken, may the peace of the goddess go forever in my heart.*

*blessed be*

And please remember that my words are just my words. If you feel you need to change words to fell this ritual more strongly please do! Ritual and magick work when we fully embody them and use words that if not are our own, then resonate strongly in our bodies.

Your beautiful altar can stay set for as long as you want. I usually leave mine until the winter solstice, when I will create a new space and a new ritual.

I hope you feel nurtured and connected.

With love and deep gratitude for receiving my ritual

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