

Ambarvalia



Initiating the Rite

We are here to honor the Kindred.

Purification

PURGET MENTUM.
PURGET CARNEM.
PURGET ANIMUM.
DEUM REX AVERTAT VERBA OBSCENA!

Honoring the Earth Mother

(Chris)

Statement of Purpose

We come together today to honor Ceres, mother of abundance, and Mars, protector of our ordered world. We will ask for their blessing upon the folk of ADF.

Acknowledgement of the Horizontal Axis

From the east, we draw the breath of Eurus;
its rosy glow piercing the darkest of nights.
We exhale its winged morning song into this grove.

From the south, we draw the breath of Auster,
its moist warmth permitting a time of leisure.
We exhale its steamy summer brew into this grove.

From the west, we draw the breath of Zephyrus,
its western shore lit with the fires of inspiration.
We exhale its dusky shimmering sensuality into this grove.

From the north, we draw the breath of Boreas,
its roaring wind sending us home to the warmth of our hearths.
We exhale its icy-tongued blast into this grove.

In this grove, we share all these and each other's breath;
breathing as one at the center.

Acknowledgement of the Vertical Axis

The waters support and surround us;
The land extends about us;
The sky stretches out above us;
At the center burns a living flame.
May all the Kindred bless us:
May our worship be true:
May our actions be just:
May our love be pure.
Blessings, honor and worship to the holy ones.

Acknowledgement of the Sacred Center

Vesta Mater, Shining Lady, unite us all.
Queen of the Hearth, your household is here.
Let us pray with a good fire.
FOCUS ARDET IN NOS

Opening the Gate

Two-headed Janus, opener of the softly gliding year,
who alone of the shining ones beholds his own back,
Bless our leaders, whose cheerful toil
provides peace to the fruitful earth, peace to the sea.
May you bless the leaders, the folk and the people of ADF
and by your nod, open the temples white.
A propitious light arises: attend with a breath of silence.
Now must good words be spoken on a good day.

Janus, join your magic with ours:
Let the fire open as a gate...
May we stand at the crossroads of all worlds.

PORTA PATET!
Let the Gate Be Open!

Inviting the Kindreds

Quirites, breathe deeply from the Center, as we make offerings to the Three Kindred.

Ancestors

The Children of the Earth call out to the Mighty Dead:
SALVETE MAJORES ET DI MANES
(allow for improvisation)
Come to our fire, Ancestors,
Meet us at the boundary
Guide us and ward us as we walk the elder ways.
MAJORES ET DI MANES, MACTETE HOC SACRIFICIO!

Nature Spirits

The Children of the Earth call out to the Spirits of this land:
SALVETE NUMINAE ET INDIGITES
(allow for improvisation)
Come to our fire, Spirits,
Meet us at the boundary
Guide us and ward us as we walk the elder ways.
NUMINAE ET INDIGITES, MACTETE HOC SACRIFICIO!

Deities

The Children of the Earth call out to the Shining Ones:
SALVETE DEI
(allow for improvisation)
Come to our fire, Shining Ones,
Meet us at the boundary
Guide us and ward us as we walk the elder ways.
DEI, MACTETE HOC SACRIFICIO!

Key Invocations

The gates now stand open to the Honored Kindreds; they sit and walk among us. Let us now invite and welcome among us our Honored Guests, Ceres, Goddess of the growing green, and Mars, protector of the land and the Folk.

Praise Offerings

Our Honored Guests, Ceres and Mars, have been welcomed and abide with us this Ambarvalia. Now let us give praise to our honored guests as has been given them since the days of Numa:

enos Lases iuvate

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neve lue rue Marmar sins incurrere in pleoris
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satur fu, fere Mars, limen sali, sta berber
satur fu, fere Mars, limen sali, sta berber
satur fu, fere Mars, limen sali, sta berber
semunis alterni advocapit conctos
semunis alterni advocapit conctos
semunis alterni advocapit conctos
enos Marmor iuvato
enos Marmor iuvato
enos Marmor iuvato
triumpe triumpe triumpe triumpe triumpe

Piacular Offering

Gods and Goddesses,
Holy Ancestors,
Spirits of this place:
If anything we have done here has offended you;
If anything we have done here ahs been incomplete;
If anything we have done here has not been in the proper manner,
Accept this offering in recompense.

Prayer of Sacrifice

Father Mars,
Mother Ceres,
Hear us now as we offer up this sacrifice.
Accept our worship and reverence.
MACTETE HOC SACRIFICIO!

Omen

(the Seer takes the omen and announces it to the folk)

Calling for the Blessings

Ancient and Mighty Ones, we have honored you,
And we pray that you honor us, too,
For a gift calls for a gift.
Hear your Children:
NUMINA LUCENTIA, AQUAE VIVAE DATIS (x 3)

Hallowing the Blessing

Consider the {omen},
As this blessing is infused in these waters.
Hear us, Ceres and Mars, hallow these waters!

(The folk intone to charge the waters, as the bowl is lifted)

We, your children, rejoice in your gift.
Behold the holy cup of magic,
the outpouring of blessing from the Gods.
Bless our spirits and our lives
with magic, strength, and love
as we share these sacred waters.
Behold, the cup of magic!
ECCE AQUAE VIVAE

(The waters are shared)

Affirmation of the Blessing

The Great Ones have blessed us.
With joy in our hearts,
Let us carry the magic from our sacred Grove
Into our lives and our work.
Each time we offer to the Kindreds,
They become stronger and more aware of our needs.

Thanking the Beings

So now as we prepare to depart, let us give thanks to all those who have aided us.
MARS PATER, GRATIAS TIBI AGIMUS!
CERES MATER, GRATIAS TIBI AGIMUS!
DEI. GRATIAS VOBIS AGIMUS!
NUMINAE ET INDIGITES, GRATIAS VOBIS AGIMUS!
MAJORES ET DI MANES, GRATIAS VOBIS AGIMUS!

To all those Powers that have aided us, we say again...
GRATIAS VOBIS AGIMUS!!

Closing the Gate

Now by the God of Portals and by our magic
We end what we began.
Now let the Fire be but flame;
Let the axis mundi disperse and be but friends
sharing embraces.
Let all be as it was before...
PORTA TEGET!!

Thanking the Earth Mother

(Chris)

Final offering to Vesta:

Vesta Mater, Queen of the hearth,
Who by rights receives the last,
Bless and guard all those who worship you
Whether in their home or without
Whether alone or with others
Whether thinking of you or engaged in business.
Lady of Fire, receive this offering.

Closing the Rite

Go now, Quirites
In peace and blessings
The rite is ended