

A Barebones Guide to Your First Invocation Ritual

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Invocation is a common and vital part of an occultist's practice. In one form or another, it is often the means for clearest and cleanest communication with whatever spirit the practitioner seeks to conjure.

Invocation put simply, is calling a spirit into you, your mind, so it can speak to you most clearly.

This is not the first ritual you should practice, that usually belongs to the LBRP. The Lesser Banishing Ritual of the Pentagram. If you are experienced with this practice and can ideally do it from memory, then you're clear to move on.

This rite can be performed without the acquisition of many items and mostly requires knowledge, privacy and focus.

This will not necessarily be a quick ritual, and that is okay. Make sure you plan for the time and privacy to perform it. Take your time and stay focused.

Before you begin:

1. Be sure to do research on the spirit or entity you wish to commune with. Have a basic understanding of its nature, appearance, and tendencies if possible.
2. Have the materials ready BEFORE you begin the rite. Nobody wants to search around mid-ritual for that lighter they misplaced. There is no greater loss of focus.
3. The most important thing when performing magick is intent and focus. There is no room for doubt. You have to want this interaction to happen more than anything else in the world. If you make a mistake with the steps in the ritual. It is more important you stay focused on the goal and result, not the mistake.

Tools:

You will need some basic ritual tools. An offering bowl at the very least, and a chalice if giving a liquid offering.

A drawn or printed sigil of the spirit in question, either from an existing grimoire or divined in your own personal work.

An offering to be given in the offering bowl. This can be something listed in a grimoire or divined from your own personal work. This is where prior research comes in handy. This can be anything from a drawn sigil that is burnt, to food, plants, and many more things.

Candles are preferred but not required. If you are unsure of what color to use, black or whatever you have available will do plenty fine. Otherwise, a color associated with the spirit in question is suggested.

Incense is also heavily suggested but not required. Either something associated with the spirit or used in your own practice.

Music can also be a potent tool for use in ritual, but is also not required. Make sure you choose something that will not distract you and if possible, is suited for the spirit in question. There are many great occult ambient records available that suit this purpose.

Try to have at least one of these optional elements in play. The more the better, and will only strengthen your connection to the spirit.

The Rite:

1. Ideally at night, collect your ritual tools and prepare the rite. Light candles/incense/play music and have offerings ready/poured.
2. Begin by performing the LBRP or calling the corners if you have a method or other tradition you prefer. Remember that you are cleansing and priming your space for the act and art of magick.
3. At this point you will call out to the spirit in question, asking it to appear in your space. Something like "Hail *Spirit* I call to you this night, bearing an offering of *offering to be burnt or liquid offering* that you may appear to me and teach me of your essence."
4. (Optional) drink some of the liquid offering and pour the rest into the offering bowl. Do this and meditate on the fact that you are drinking *of* the spirit itself.
5. Give the physical offering and speak an invocation. If you aren't sure what to say, something like "**Spirit*! I call to you now to bless me with your presence. I open my mind to you, that we may communicate unburdened by the barriers of the flesh!" You may write your own invocation and it is recommended you do so. Otherwise, speak from the heart and speak of your desires clearly and with focus
6. Place the offering in the offering bowl and light it if applicable. While the offering is burning or after it has been placed, meditate on the spirit, staring at the drawn sigil until it blurs into the background, changes, or disappears from view. Some spirits may ask for the sigil to be burnt at this point. Listen well and trust your gut.
7. From here, the work becomes astral and the rite breaks down. Imagine the spirit appearing before you in all of its glory, and coming to you. It is unknown what you will experience, but it is important you expect nothing and remain open to any experiences that may happen. Keep paper and pen nearby if anything is communicated and needs to be written down.
8. When your work is concluded, thank the spirit for its presence and time, give any remaining offerings, and say "You may now go in peace or stay as you like" and perform the LBRP one final time to end the rite. Then blow out any candles and clean up your space.

Once you've completed your rite, be sure to celebrate. You've accomplished something great and it should be treated as such. Treat yourself with a favorite drink or treat.