

Papa Ritual for Earth Healing



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This is a ritual to Papa, Polynesian Goddess of the Earth. Its purpose is to create healing energy for the Earth and all creatures.

Altar set up.

The altar is decorated with many flowers and flower scented candles are burning

As we start our ritual, we stand together on the beach of a Polynesian Island. The sand is smooth and white contrasting with the deep blue of the sea. Graceful trees provide oases of shade. Take a moment and picture the beauty of this unspoilt land.

By the powers of Air, I begin the circle, by the powers of Fire, I summon the circle, by the powers of Water I complete the circle, by the powers of Earth, the circle is complete.

Please call the quarters.

Powers of air, Guardian of the East, we invite you to join us this night as we raise healing energy for the Earth. We bid you hail and welcome!

Powers of fire, Guardian of the South, we invite you to join us this night as we raise healing energy for the Earth. We bid you hail and welcome!

Powers of water, Guardian of the West, we invite you to join us this night as we raise healing energy for the Earth. We bid you hail and welcome!

Powers of earth, Guardian of the North, we invite you to join us this night as we raise healing energy for the Earth. We bid you hail and welcome!

Lady Papa, Mother of the Earth, we ask you to our circle this night to witness our rite. We bid thee Hail and Welcome!

Today we come together to raise healing energy for Mother Earth. We recognise the damage caused by mankind and are gathered to help redress the balance both in ritual and through our actions. Share with me the tale of Mother Papa, and as you do feel her presence growing stronger within the circle.

The myths of the Oceanic people tell that Forever, Darkness and Sea have existed forever. As it travelled over the never ending sea, the Old Spider came across a giant clam shell and entered it. Inside the Old Spider found a snail, and as the inside was so dark and cramped she asked the snail to open its shell to give a bit more space. The snail did as asked. The Old Spider, placed the snail in the west and it became the Moon, casting light into darkness. Assisted by another snail, the Old Spider pressed hard on the top of the shell creating the sky, Father Rangi. Then Old Spider pressed very hard on the lower part of the clam shell, and with great effort created the earth, the Earth Mother Papa.

At the beginning Papa Earth and Rangi Sky were in this cramped space, but together they enlarged it and allowed light to enter. Together they created the flowers and plants of the Earth, the birds of the air, the fish in the sea. Then Rangi Sky and Papa Earth united to produce the ancestors of man and all the Gods. Today, all the chiefs of Polynesia trace their ancestry back to the bloodlines of the Rangi Sky and Papa Earth.

With all these new life forms, the clam shell had become exceedingly crowded. They knew it would be near impossible to separate Rangi and Papa but the situation was desperate. With the help of Kane, the gentle God of the forest who helped with the pushing, the Papa Earth and Rangi Sky were separated and the space was increased. Although delighting in the space, Rangi Sky and Papa Earth were distraught at being separated and Rangi's tears each night for his beloved Papa appear as the morning dew.

The union of the brother and sister Gods enriched the bloodline of the Gods and Man with mana or power, but subsequent union would dilute the bloodline and was considered "tabu". This rule is applied to the Polynesian people and is used to strengthen the power of the chiefs and thus the success of subsequent generations. Let us now work with Papa Earth to bring healing to the Earth. Visualise a large clam shell within the centre of our circle. See it begin to glow with a golden energy. Feel the energy within our circle begin to grow. Add your healing and loving energy from your heart chakra to this circle of power. See it feeding the clam shell and see the

shell become pure energy. See Papa Earth, dressed in flowing green robes, standing within our circle and delighting in our work.

Now let us release the power we have raised to do its work. See the energy ball in the shape of a clam shell begin to expand in all directions, upwards, sideways and downwards. See it enlarge until it covers the entire Earth, enclosing it in a glowing energy clam shell.

See this energy seep into the Earth, into the plants, the animals, the rocks, into all creation. See it bring healing and love and peace. See it bring a new awareness in the human race, a respect for the world around them, and a desire for peace instead of war and bloodshed. Hold this image for a moment longer and then allow it to fade, knowing that it will continue to do its work.

So mote it be!

After this ritual is over make a vow to do one thing for Mother Earth. Help an endangered species; create refuges for animals in your garden; join an environmental clean-up group; increase your recycling; send healing energy to the Earth each night. Whatever you choose, commit to doing it longterm. Show Papa Earth that you are serious in your intent to help the Earth.

As our ritual draws to a close, I bless the chalice and offer it to the Lady Papa with our love and thanks.

Blessed be!

Lady Papa of Earth, we thank you for your presence this night, for your gift of the bounty of the Earth, for your gift of life and for your enduring love. Till we meet again. Blessed be!..

Please close the quarters:

Guardian of the North The evaluation of life guides us to the caverns of knowledge and wisdom within. As you depart to your mighty realms, we bid thee hail and farewell.

Guardian of the West. The ever-present flow of water within us, guides us to our inner being. As you depart to your mighty realms, we bid thee hail and farewell.

Guardian of the South The eternal flame of knowledge and wisdom that burns within us, shows us the way. As you depart to your mighty realms, we bid thee hail and farewell.

Guardian of the East, The inner voice inside us all calls us to partake of our inner wisdom. Let us heed the call. As you depart to your mighty realms, we bid thee hail and farewell.

By the powers of the four elements, of Earth, of Water, of Fire and of Air I release the circle. Let it be open but forever unbroken and let love stay forever in our hearts

We merry meet and merry part and merry meet again. Blessed be!

Remember to ground and release excess energy.