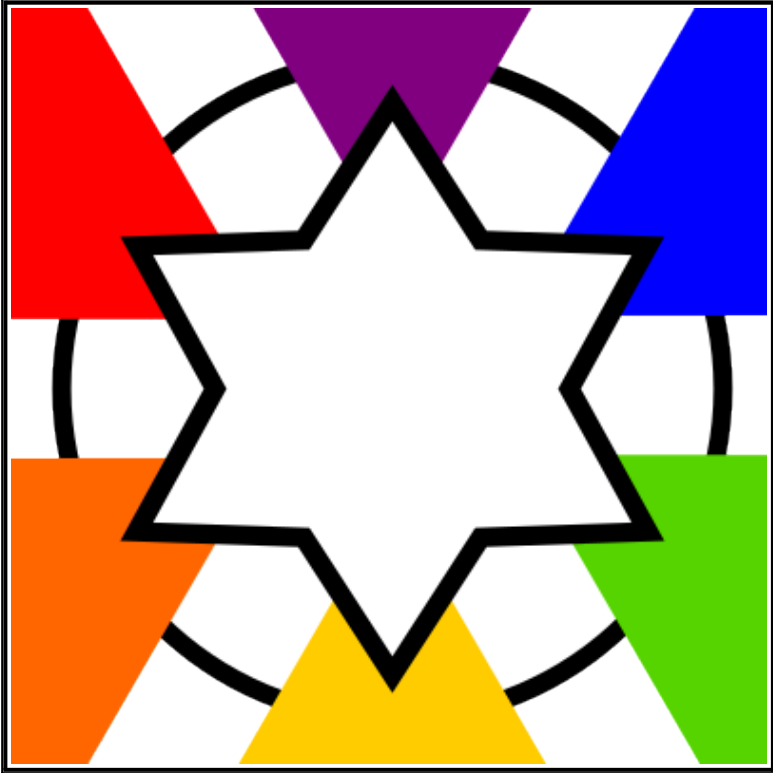


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## THE HERMETIC PRAYER

*Glory to the Mind, Glory to the Word, Glory to the Body.*

*Holy are you, father-mother of all;*

*Holy are you, whose counsel is done by your own powers;*

*Holy are you, who wish to be known and are known by your own;*

*Holy are you, who by the word have constituted all things that are;*

*Holy are you, from whom all nature was born as image;*

*Holy are you, of whom nature has not made a like figure;*

*Holy are you, who are stronger than every power;*

*Holy are you, who surpass every excellence;*

*Holy are you, mightier than praises.*

*You whom we address in silence, the unspeakable, the unsayable, accept pure speech offerings from a heart and soul that reach up to you.*

*Grant my request not to fail in the knowledge that befits our essence; give me power; and with this gift I shall enlighten those who are in ignorance, siblings of my race, but your children.*

*Thus I believe and I bear witness; I advance to life and light. Blessed are you, father-mother. I, who am of your own, wish to join you in the work of sanctification since you have provided me all authority.*

*Amen.*

# **(RE)CONSECRATION OF THE ORATORY**

**S**prinkle each item three times with lustral water, using your right hand, saying at the first aspersion: "Glory to the Mind;" at the second, "Glory to the Word;" and at the third, "Glory to the Body."

**R**ecite the Hermetic Prayer.

**M**editate for a few minutes on the idea of making objects sacred; prepare yourself to see your elemental implements as truly magical instruments from that moment on.

**D**ip your right hand's index finger in the lustral water and touch your forehead, lips and chest, saying at each point:

"In the name of Poimandres."

"In the name of Logos."

"In the name of Sophia."

**R**ecite the consecration prayers over the implements, following the formula on the next page and the attributions below.

<b>Implement</b>	<b>Element</b>	<b>Warding</b>
Altar	Earth	Rashness
Cup	Water	Anger
Incense	Air	Guile
Candle	Fire	Envy
Seal	Ether	Malice

## Consecration Formula

***Father-Mother of All!***

***Send your Light through me to make this humble object the holy ✚ in your Temple.***

***Let your ✚ be a beacon of the light of ✚ and protect me and your temple from the dark power of ✚***

**Declare**, in your own words, that your elemental implements are now consecrated to the Hermetic Way of Rebirth, and will not be used for anything else.

**Thank** the Godhead for making it so. Recite the Hermetic Prayer.

## OPENING

**D**raw the Star of the Rulers.

**M**ark the Star of the Rulers with the symbol for the First Ruler, then recite the First Ruler's motto.



**Quaerite Primum Regnum**

**L**ight the Candle and place it at the center of the Star.

**T**ouch your forehead, lips and chest, reciting at each point:

*Glory to the Mind.*

*Glory to the Word.*

*Glory to the Body.*

**H**old the Candle up towards the Seal and say:

*I stand before my Oratory to open my Temple. May God elevate my soul and command the Rulers to facilitate and protect all operations that will be performed in this Temple. Holy is God, who wishes to be known, and is known by its own.*

**R**eplace the Candle upon the Star. Recite the following, gazing at the Seal:

*Holy are you, God! May I never fail in the Gnosis!*

*I pray to you to command the Ruler of the First Zone to bless me with its Virtue, which is Gnosis, in order that I may be protected from the Tormentor of Ignorance.*

*With help and support from the First Ruler, I hope to unburden my soul of the energy of the First Zone, which is Growth and Waning.*

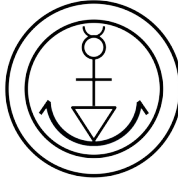
*Holy are you, God! May I never fail in the Gnosis!*

**E**xtend your arms, palms turned upwards, in the direction of the Seal. Recite:

*The Temple is now open. I bring into it my good thoughts, good words, and good deeds, and will take divine wisdom with me when I leave. Praise be to you, God, for allowing me to enter your House. May I find myself in you, and you in me. Your will be done!*

## PROTECTION

**M**ark the Star of the Rulers with the symbol for the Second Ruler, then recite the Second Ruler's motto.



**Cogita Ante Salis**

**P**ick up the Operative Candle in your non-dominant hand (if you haven't already done that). Extend your other arm, palm of the hand facing up, towards the Seal. Recite:

*Holy are you, God, stronger than all power!*

*I pray to you to command the Ruler of the Second Zone to bless me and my surroundings with its Virtue, which is Prudence, in order that I may be protected from the Tormentor of Grief.*

*With help and support from the Second Ruler, I hope to unburden my soul—and this place—of the energy of the Second Zone, which is the energy of Evil Machinations.*

*Holy are you, God, stronger than all power!*



**S**tep back; visualize yourself at the center of a Star of the Rulers and start invoking the Rulers by pointing in the appropriate direction and reciting the formula:

*In the name of God, of whom Nature is an image, I call upon the  
Virtue of the ✚ Ruler to make this place holy and safe!*

**A**pproach your Oratory and replace the Operative Candle on the Star. In an attitude of prayer, recite:

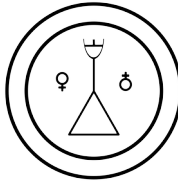
*In the name of God and by the powers of the Rulers!*

*Be banished from here, and forbidden to return, every intelligence,  
spirit, shadow and elemental at the service of the Darkness and its  
Tormentors.*

*Glory to the Mind, glory to the Word, glory to the Body. God's will  
be done!*

## EMPOWERMENT

**M**ark the Star of the Rulers with the symbol for the Third Ruler, then recite the Third Ruler's motto.



**Nihil Nimis**

**P**ick up the Operative Candle in your left hand and place your right hand an inch or so above the Cup. Recite:

*In the name of God, who perfects itself by its own powers!*

*I pray to you to command the Ruler of the Third Zone to bless me with its Virtue, which is Temperance, in order that I may be protected from the Tormentor of Consumption.*

*With help and support from the Third Ruler, I hope to unburden my soul of the energy of the Third Zone, which is the Guile of the Desires.*

*In the name of God, who perfects itself by its own powers!*

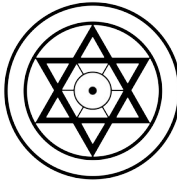
**R**eplace the Operative Candle upon the Star and pick up the Cup with both hands, lifting it a little towards the Seal. Drink from the Cup at the moments indicated below. Recite:

*I pray to God to direct upon me the power of the Third Ruler, whose Virtue of Temperance will transmute me into a living talisman and a vessel for its Holy Power. May I be blessed with perfect Temperance. May my life always be guided by good thoughts, good words, and good deeds. May I receive the most valuable treasures of the World of Lights and the priceless treasures of Divinity. May I always accept those gifts in just measure and avoid the Torment of Consumption.*

*I drink now to pleasure. ✚ I drink now to love. ✚ I drink now to tranquility. ✚ Holy are you, God, perfecting yourself through your own powers! By your will, may I perfect myself in the same manner.*

## REALIZATION

**M**ark the Star of the Rulers with the symbol for the Fourth Ruler, then recite the Fourth Ruler's motto.



**Ignis Aurum Probat**

**H**old the Operative Candle with both hands, extending your arms towards the Seal. Recite:

*In the name of God, whose image Nature could never mimic!*

*I pray to you to command the Ruler of the Fourth Zone to bless me with its Virtue, which is Fortitude, in order that I may be protected from the Tormentor of Tyranny.*

*With help and support from the Fourth Ruler, I hope to unburden my soul of the energy of the Fourth Zone, which is the Arrogance of Rulers.*

*Through the actions of my mortal soul in the Lower Cosmos, may I deserve the following grace: (declare the results you want realized).*

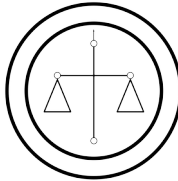
*I pray that every obstacle and impediment to the realization of my desire be removed, so that I may make use of it towards the divine purpose of self-knowledge and predominance of Good over Evil.*

*In the name of God, my wish is now free from impediment; no power of fatality or accident, no vindictive or destructive intelligence, no evil thought, word or action will be able to interpose itself in between my actions and that which I righteously desire.*

*In the name of God, whose image Nature could never mimic!*

## EXPIATION

**M**ark the Star of the Rulers with the symbol for the Fifth Ruler, then recite the Fifth Ruler's motto.



**Decerne Quod Justum Est**

**W**here indicated, specify which Tormentor (**T.**) has injured you with its power or Vice (**V.**).

**R**ecite while gazing at the Seal in an attitude of prayer:

*In the name of God, superior to all praise!*

*I pray to you to command the Ruler of the Fifth Zone to bless me with its Virtue, which is Justice, in order that I may be protected from the Tormentor of Injustice.*

*With help and support from the Fifth Ruler, I hope to unburden my soul of the energy of the Fifth Zone, which is Unholy Daring.*

*I pray that my recent mistakes and my imperfections do not stand as stones blocking my journey down the path of truth; I have been influenced by the power of **T**., which is the Vice of **V**., and despite my best intentions I have committed the following error: (describe the error).*

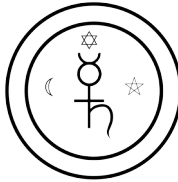
**H**old up the Operative Candle in your left hand and point to the ground with your right hand. Recite:

*I reject the influence of **T** and will not follow its bad counsel and the impulses of its Vice. Despite my lapse of judgment, I swear to resume my advancement in the path of justice with good thoughts, good words, and good deeds.*

*In the name of God, superior to all praise!*

## CLOSING

**M**ark the Star of the Rulers with the symbol for the Seventh Ruler, then recite the Seventh Ruler's motto.



### **In Lumine Dicentur**

**R**ecite while gazing at the Seal in an attitude of prayer:

*When shall I sing a hymn to you? One cannot detect in you time or season. For what shall I sing the hymn - for what you have made or what you have not made, for what you have made visible or what you have kept hidden? And wherefore shall I sing the hymn to you - for being something that is part of me, or has a special property, or is something apart? For you are whatever I am; you are whatever I make; you are whatever I say. You are everything, and there is nothing else; what is not, you are as well. You are all that has come to be; you are what has not come to be; you are the mind who understands, the father who makes his craftwork, the god who acts, and the good who makes all things.*



**T**ake the Cup in your hands and recite, drinking from it at the indicated moments:

*I will immerse myself in Your mixing bowl, knowing the reason for my coming into being. By drinking from this Cup, I will partake of the Gnosis, receive the Mind, and perfect myself.*

✦ **Matter is Air.** ✦ **Air is Soul.** ✦ **Soul is Mind.** ✦ **Mind is God.**

**T**hank the Godhead for allowing you to enter its Temple and operate sacred rites therein.

## OTHER OPERATIONS

### **M**aking of Talismans

Perform a Consecration rite on the vessel, with a custom prayer mentioning the patron Ruler of the talisman and its desired effects.

**Example:** Talisman of Good Words. The custom consecration formula will be as follows.

*Father-Mother of All!*

*Send your Light through me to make this humble object a holy Talisman of your power.*

*May this vessel receive and house the highest Logos under the direction of your Seventh Ruler so that it may purify my speech, guiding me in the way of Good Words.*

### **A**greements with the Rulers

Once you have the contract written down, perform the rites of Opening and Protection. Then place the written contract on your altar and promise to fulfill your obligations as you have written them down. Sign the contract and fold or roll it, carefully storing it in a container you have previously arranged for that purpose. After that, perform the Rite of Realization asking for success in keeping your end of the agreement. Finally, perform the Rite of Closing.