

"Invocation Template"

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Consider using this template as a way of offering grounding to the beginning or ending of a gathering. This is an adaptation of an old Christian form of prayer - please reclaim, repurpose, reject, subvert as desired. Most important: this can be for you, this can be a group/collective process, it doesn't have to be "perfectly poetic" - saying the truth plainly is a powerful form of magic that is easy to underestimate.

Template

1. Invocation (like the start of a letter) -----,
2. Naming what we put value in
 - a. You who is...
 - b. You who has shown us...
 - c. The ones who are...
1. Statement of purpose/calling
 - a. We gather here because...
 - b. I call on you as...
 - c. You are needed because...
2. Requests/petitions/hopes/challenges
 - a. Witness...
 - b. Grant us...
 - c. Bless...
3. The reason why we gather/a source of hope/a source of sustenance
 - a. In the name of...
 - b. In memory of...
 - c. In honour of...
 - d. For the sake of...
4. Affirmation of what has been said.
 - a. Amen, may it be so
 - b. Let us journey together
 - c. May our time together be...