

PRAYERS FOR NEW ORLEANS VODOO PRAYER BEADS

Information about New Orleans Voodoo Prayer Beads: The prayer beads are made a certain way that has been taught by Mambo Samantha Corfield. If you have prayer beads you should use them during these prayers. If you do not, it doesn't matter right now, the prayers are still valid for you at the conference. ☺ We are not teaching the making of the prayer beads at this convention, but you can write to customerservice@spellmaker.com for more information about Voodoo prayer beads.

These prayers are also the opening prayers to New Orleans Voodoo Ceremonies of our House. After reciting The Lord's Prayer, The Hail Mary, and The Apostle's Creed (if you do not know these prayers, please refer to your Priye' Ginen document), these prayers are done in a "call and response" fashion with the prayer group leader first saying the prayer with the congregation responding, "*Merci*". Then the group says the prayer with the leader, replying "*Merci, Bon Dieu.*" ("Thank you" and "Thank you Good God"). (As a matter of explanation, people thought that when we are saying "Good God" we are calling the Iwa God. We are not. The Iwa are not God Almighty. When we refer to God, we are speaking of God the Father Almighty. We thank God for allowing us to have the Iwa in our lives. Vodou/Voodoo is a monotheistic religion - we believe in One God. The Iwa are most akin to Catholic Saints in their place in our spiritual heirarchy.)

When the prayers are done in group fashion, they are recited three times: One time by the leader, one time by the congregation, and then one last time by the leader.

Where the blanks are, you may insert a petition of your own, silently, while in the group; outloud if you are doing these prayers alone.

1. Prayer for the Baron: "Baron, ma cher (pronounced "mah cher" as in Cher, basically, my dear), I ask that you lift me up, do not let me touch the ground. Don't let hands grasp me and pull me down. Bury my problems where they cannot find me. Veil me from my enemies so they cannot bind me. I have come to honor you and ask your help with:_____ . *Merci!*

2. Prayer for Papa Legba: Big Papb Legba, ma cher. I am knocking, will you let me in? I am knocking, will you let me in? I am knocking, will you let me in? Your child waits at the door. Big Papa Legba, let me in. Open the door and help me with:_____ . *Merci!*

3. Prayer for Ogoun: General Ogoun Feraille, ma cher. I am in need of your strength. I feel weak and am suffering. Only your strength will sustain me. Lift your sword and let me ride the blade. Let me borrow the blade of your strength and cut through this problem:_____ . *Merci!*

4. Prayer for Agwe: Capitan Agwe, ma cher. Here I am. Do you see me in the water? In the water it is cold and dark. My fears and troubles are drowning me. Pick me up and put me on your ship. Let me be warm and dry. Feed me and let me sip your rum. Take me to your warm shores. Leave _____ in the water and wash it out to sea with your great waves and never bring it ashore to me. *Merci!*

5. Prayer for Damballah: Shhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh (note-this is a sound like the sound one makes to quiet people down - could also be like a snake hissing). I am listening to you Damballah, ma cher. Let me here your voice. I will be still and listen to hear the voice of Damballah. I am confused and uncertain. I need your guidance and wisdom on _____. Fill me with your peace and serenity. Whisper in my ear, great Damballah. Shhhhhhhhhhhhhhhhh. *Merci!*

6. Prayer for Erzulie Freda: Beautiful Erzulie Freda, ma chere. You are the mistress of the world. Bless me with your beauty, grace, wealth, and wisdom. Hold my sorrow in your hands. Unsalt my tears and spill them on the ground. Grow something beautiful where they fall. Create beauty in my life in this _____. *Merci!*

7. Prayer for Sobo: Grand and glorious Sobo, my cher! Bring down (actual translation is shower me with) your wealth and riches on me. Walk with me to the door which opens to your riches and magickal places. Let me see the gold in the trees and plants and water. Your gold is everywhere. Bless this _____with spiritual riches you also guard. Let them flow over me. *Merci!*

8. Prayer for Simbi Makaya: Simbi, oh, ma cher! I honor your great and powerful magick. Take me with you behind the great closed door. Take me to your house. Tell me the magickal word, *hochet*. (Note - hochet is the NOV rattle, similar to the Haitian Vodou asson.) Show me the bottom of the magickal bottle. Light the candle for me in_____. Merci!

9. Prayer for Gran Bwa: Gran Bwa, my cher! Great tree that stands alone, send me your strength. Stabilize my roots. Steady my hand. Ready me for what is to come. I have prayed for relief, guidance, wealth, and beauty. I now ask you to help me face_____ and grow the best that can be for me. Merci!

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