



Naming Ceremony Traditional Format

INTRODUCTION

Celebrant welcomes everyone and touches on the sentiment of the celebration of this child.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thanks to those who have come such a long way or and recognition to those particularly close to this child and family. Also an acknowledgement of those who cannot be present (may have passed away or due to distance).

POEM / READING OR BLESSING

At any time a poem can be incorporated into the ceremony.

BODY OF CEREMONY

Is there a special story?

Parents may have a speech prepared which explains their intentions for their Childs future?

THE NAMING

The chosen names are given and the parents or whomever they chose can give an explanation as to any special meaning or significance of the name chosen.

GODPARENTS/GUARDIANS/MENTORS

Parents ask these special people/person to except the honour of playing an exceptionally important role in this child's life, to support the parents in their intentions and to take over at any necessary time.

SPECIAL RITUALS

This can be a number of things for example chosen words, candles can be used at this time, fragrant oils burning, each guest is given a small card and they write a blessing and attach it to a tree which is planted. Really this is a time for parents to individualize their Childs ceremony.

POEM / READING OR BLESSING

At any time a poem can be incorporated into the ceremony. This is a nice time for a poem or reading to be recited as it may related the Childs names which he or her where just given.

SIGNING OF THE CERTIFICATE

Signing of the naming certificate by parents and Godparents / Guardians / Mentors.

CONCLUSION

A few words by the celebrant to conclude the ceremony, and presenting the certificate.



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