

## **ADULT NAMING CEREMONY**

Welcome to this Spiritualist Naming Ceremony at /xxx

### **OPENING HYMN: IN THE GARDEN** (or whatever)

This is a very special service. It is so because XXXX and XXXX have chosen by their understanding of the philosophy of Spiritualism to dedicate themselves to this way of life.

XXXX and XXXX, your family and friends, both seen and unseen, have accepted your invitation to witness this ceremony in which you will be named as Spiritualists. I know that you will draw great strength from the support which is so willingly given. It is right that you should be reminded of the responsibilities which are related to that decision.

The teachings of Spiritualism are based upon the Seven principles, And xxx will now read the 2010 Spiritualist Church of Canada, revised version, if you would like, please join in.

To the person(s) we are Naming:

By accepting these principles and further confirming your commitment through this ceremony you signify your loyalty to Spirit, Spiritualism and Infinite Spirit.

Truth is universal and you may find some elements of truth in other religious organisations but, undoubtedly, the truth of Spiritualism has become interwoven into your lives. Having searched your hearts and chosen to live your lives according to these principles and the philosophy of Spiritualism, you should not add to, or detract from, their mighty message.

Spiritualism acknowledges that we are all blossoms of Divine Love, born in accordance with natural law, of which these flowers will be used as further symbols during this ceremony. They have flourished, as you have, in the process of growth. Life's experience has already fashioned your characters in unique ways and this Service of Naming further acknowledges your individuality.

### **PRAYER:**

Infinite Spirit, we are here to welcome XXXX and XXXX into a way of life which is different from all others. We seek your strength and guidance at this time for XXXX, XXXX and for all present.

Assist us to fulfil our destiny here on earth. Enlarge our vision so that we may appreciate the ever-present power of your love manifesting through our lives. May this love never falter in times of trial or adversity and may XXXX and XXXX increasingly realise the companionship of those from Spirit who have chosen to walk with them.

We, therefore ask that we may all develop the wisdom and ability to use the blessings that are freely given to us, which will nurture our Spiritual growth through life's journey. Amen.

### **NAMING:**

In Spiritualism we do not rely upon one or two sponsors alone to help in the Spiritual growth of any individual. I, therefore, ask that each one of you who are close to XXXX and XXXX will accept responsibility towards them.

Your help may be needed on many occasions, so may the solemnity of this Service encourage your caring response to XXXX and XXXX.

Using these flowers - earth's purest gems - as emblems of the beauty which the Creator desires in our hearts I name you (flower name), in addition to the name given to you at birth XXXXXX.

May God bless and shield you, may his Spirit messengers guide you, aid you in trouble, comfort you in sorrow and inspire you to search for truth and may his presence and blessing be with you throughout your life.

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*(Done one at a time if more than one person is being named during this service)*

Having chosen to be named as a Spiritualist, you may be aware that it is our custom to give a spirit name, a name given by those in the world of spirit which has meaning for you, something which may uplift you in times when you feel the need for inner strength and guidance.

I am inspired to give the spirit name of.....to XXXX today because *(give explanation of the name and choice of the flower, animal, tree, or whatever was chosen)*

**REPEAT WITH NEXT PERSON IF MORE THAN ONE.**

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Presentation of NAMING CERTIFICATE

Appropriate Reading or Final Words/Blessing

Example:

May the blessing of God and Spirit be upon XXX and XXX, on your families, and upon each one present, May your Spirit Loved Ones guide and comfort you in times of need and inspire you in your search for truth, and that your presence may be always known to us.

AMEN

To all of you I say, go forward in your life, surrounded by the love of your family and friends, supporting each other through all times, giving and receiving as the need arises, and always in the love, knowing that there is no death for life is eternal.

I now invite the family and friends of XXXX and XXXX to come forward and offer your flowers and words of support to them.

PLAY SUITABLE MUSIC AT THIS POINT.