

## NAMING CEREMONY FORMAT

### INTRODUCTION

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

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Special thanks and recognition to those who have come such a long way particularly those close to this child and family, also acknowledgement of siblings (this is a good idea so they don't feel left out)

### BODY OF CEREMONY

How did this child come about is there a special story.

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

### GODPARENTS/GUARDIANS/MENTORS

Parents ask these special people/person to accept 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 drops of water on the child's head along with chosen words, candle's 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.

### THE NAMING

The chosen names are given and the parents or whom ever they chose can give an explanation along with it.

### POEM OR READING

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 relate to the childes names which he or she where just given.

### CONCLUSION

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