

THE INFORMAL ZIRAAT LODGE

Sufi Invocation

All together, preferably standing

Toward the One, the Perfection of Love, Harmony and Beauty, the Only Being, United with all the Illuminated Souls, who form the embodiment of the Messenger, the Spirit of Guidance.

Ziraat Invocation

Lodge leader standing hands raised, palms upward

We invoke the Presence of the Sovereign of the Farm.
We offer our wholehearted devotion to the Great Farmer.

Greetings

Lodge leader standing

Leader: Our faithful greetings to you, our Ziraat Family.

Members: Our respectful greetings to you, our Experienced Farmer /Farmer /Lodge Leader.

Salutations to the Elements

All together, preferably standing

**O, all-productive Earth,
we humbly offer our homage to Thee.**

Standing straight, arms down slightly out from sides, palms parallel to the earth

**O, all-purifying Water,
we willingly offer our homage to Thee.**

Hands at forehead, fingers pointing downwards almost touching, imitating water dripping

**O, all-consuming Fire,
we wholeheartedly offer our homage to Thee.**

Hands crossed over head, right in front of left, fingers upward, imitating a flame

**O, all-pervading Air,
we gladly offer our homage to Thee.**

Arms in the same position as above wrists crossed waving slightly front-to-back

**O, Ether, essence of all,
we passively offer our homage to Thee.**

Arms crossed over chest, right over left, with hands on shoulders

At this point in the Lodge

The Lodge Leader may add a wide variety of activities including Ziraat Teachings, other readings, meditations, songs, poetry, group sharing, movement, etc.

Initiations

Any Reception of Laborers is conducted here in the Informal Lodge

Salutations to the Elements

Preferably standing, all together, performed silently, with hand positions

Closing

Traditionally done by the Leader, but others may join

Let us depart, knowing ourselves the willing workers of the Sovereign of the Farm, in whose service is Perfect Freedom.

Prayer (Optional)

Khatum

O Thou, who art the Perfection of Love, Harmony and Beauty, The Sovereign of heaven and earth, open our hearts, that we may hear Thy Voice, which constantly comes from within.

Disclose to us Thy Divine Light, which is hidden in our souls, that we may know and understand life better.

Most Merciful and Compassionate God,
Give us Thy great Goodness,
Teach us Thy loving Forgiveness,
Raise us above the distinctions and differences
which divide us.

Send us the Peace of Thy Divine Spirit,
And unite us all in Thy Perfect Being. Amen
