

# Welcoming of a New Baby Ceremony

## Materials Needed

Two Bowls  
Ashes  
Ear of Corn  
Corn Meal  
Creek Water

All Elders listed below may be the same person, or may use different elders for greater participation in the Ceremony.

The Mother sits in center of circle (on pillow is fine).

The Father brings the baby to her and remains beside her.

The representative Elder brings an ear of corn to the baby and says:

From the Earth we come. She is our Mother and blesses us with her abundance.

The Elder stands forward. Elder then takes ashes and puts them in a bowl while saying:

As the new light breaks from the east, so is each new life. With the start, so your spirit may be connected to the Sees Far People that your life may be full of intuition and intelligence.

The Elder then steps forward carrying corn meal which is added to the bowl while saying:

May gratitude for the Earth's abundance always have root inside of you. Remember that she is part of you, your very body and you are part of her.

The Elder hands the bowl to the father who holds it while the mother smears this on the infant's feet. The Mother says:

Walk with light and joy in your life.

The Elder hands the father a bowl of creek water. While washing the baby's feet the father says:

Your ancestors have the wisdom of the ages. May this water, the Earth's blood, fill you with wisdom and respect.

The Elder, or the child's siblings, kneel beside the baby and blow lightly on the body and says:

With each laugh of joy may the benevolent spirits around you guide, guard and protect you in light and happiness. May they watch over each breath you take.

The mother wraps the child again and holds the child to her breast. She says:

You are heart of my heart, blood of my blood, bone of my bone, flesh of my flesh. May you always be guided in love and joy in your life.

The father takes the child and holds the child up to the Sky and says:

Sky Father, Creator, This is your child (states the child's name).

The group circles the family and holds hands sending light, love, and blessings to the family. After the group blessings, any who feel called by the Spirit may come forward and offer individual blessings, prayers, prophecies, and so forth.

Shared meal to follow.