

FULL MOON RITUAL

The Full Moon is a time of culmination. Whatever seeds were planted in your subconscious at the time of the New Moon may now become clear to you. On the night of the Full Moon, it's easier to see and understand the shadowed landscape of your subconscious. It's an opportunity to make sense of things, like taking a flashlight into a closet to see what's on the shelves.

At the Full Moon, the Sun and Moon sit opposite each other in the sky, occupying opposing signs. Under this influence, we're asked to integrate energies that may seem like oil and water (like being independent while being in a relationship). In the two weeks following the Full Moon, you'll be busy weaving whatever you've been consciously and subconsciously working on into your daily life. Full Moons offer a great opportunity to take stock, acknowledge, seek wholeness and decide on practical steps for integrating what you've learned or discovered about yourself.

This Full Moon is in Gemini, the sign of thinking, learning and communication. Gemini loves to gather information, tell stories, teach, write and talk. At this Full Moon, the Sun is in Sagittarius, the sign of expansion and enlarging your perspective. This makes it a great time to expand your belief system, learn how to think more abundantly, communicate more truthfully, or gather the gifts of a learning path. Gemini can also be a bit of a trickster, so watch out for lies masquerading as truth.

This Full Moon is aspected by Mars, the God of War. That means it's easier to either entrench more deeply into whatever belief system you've developed around fighting, winning, competition or attack, or to rise above it.

Keywords to meditate upon: Curiosity, exploration, gathering, learning, communicating, lies, distraction, writing, busyness, thoughts, perception, hearing, teaching, storytelling, seeking truth, expansion, intuition, enthusiasm, faith, belief, risk, greed/gluttony, laziness, travel, higher mind, higher education, publishing, will, assertion, directness, forthrightness, instinct, independence, leadership, expression of anger, defense, confidence, frustration, questing, war.

To conduct your Full Moon ritual:

1. Prepare a space.

- If you have an altar, greet your altar and honor your sacred items in the manner that feels right to you. If you don't have an altar, find somewhere comfortable where you won't be disturbed, and gather a few items to make your ritual special (such as a rug or pillow, items to represent the four elements, crystals, stones, etc.).
- Light a candle.

2. Perform a cleansing ritual.

- Burn sage or diffuse essential oils to clean your space (good choices are sage, rosemary, lavender, orange, frankincense, hyssop, spikenard and palo santo).
- Play high vibrational music, strike a crystal bowl or bells, or tone with your voice.
- Consider taking a ritual bath beforehand and dressing in white.

3. **Create sacred space.** Connect with Mother Earth and the Divine Feminine and all the earthly guides and guardians by sending love from your heart down into the earth. Feel that love returning to you magnified. Connect with Father Sky and the Divine Father and all the heavenly guides and guardians by sending love from your heart up into the sky and the heavens. Feel that love returning to you magnified.

If you've created your own invocations for calling in balancing energies as discussed in the [Creating Sacred Space ritual](#), speak them now. As you speak each invocation, consider lighting a candle to honor each balancing point. If you haven't written your own invocations, try these:

- I call upon light and the element of Air at the East, the direction of springtime and the rising sun, and all of the East's guardians and protectors.
- I call upon light and the element of Fire at the South, the direction of summer and the noon-day sun, and all of the South's guardians and protectors.
- I call upon light and the element of Water at the West, the direction of fall and the setting sun, and all of the West's guardians and protectors.
- I call upon light and the element of Earth at the North, the direction of winter and midnight, and all of the North's guardians and protectors.

4. **Speak your intentions.** At this Full Moon, you're being given the opportunity to integrate your lower mind with your higher mind. Acknowledge your desire to bring heaven closer to earth and your willingness to be a channel for this energy. Ask to be shown a way to flow more easily in your own life, to live more fully in the present moment, to recognize the sacredness of each person you meet, and to understand the higher purpose of each experience you have. Connect with the moon by sending a line of light from your heart up to the moon. Feel her love and light returning to you. Open to the energy activation she is offering you.

5. **Gather your wisdom.** Spend some time looking back at your life. What has changed since the New Moon two weeks ago? What has changed in the past 6 months? Journal or meditate on what has changed and what you've learned. (See below for an example of a Full Moon oracle spread to guide you.)

This Full Moon completes the 6-month Gemini cycle that began in mid-June with the Gemini New Moon. Think back to what was going on in your life at that time. What intentions were you setting? How have they come to pass? What have you learned since then? How have your everyday experiences or explorations helped you redefine your understanding of life and your place within it?

6. **Integration and commitment.** Think about how you might be able to integrate this wisdom into your life. Try to identify one small, practical step you can take or one thing you can change to honor what the Full Moon has shown you. Imagine what it would feel like if you took this step. This should feel empowering, but also a little challenging. Be gentle with yourself. Find the balance. When you feel clear, place your hand upon your heart and make a solemn promise to yourself to take that step. Write down your intention and place it on your altar or somewhere else you'll see it often.

7. **Offer thanks.** Thank the elements and the directions, the earth, the moon, your guides, guardians, and ancestors. Extinguish your candles and end by offering your blessings "for the highest good of everyone."

Card 4

This card represents what you're working towards – the big dream.

Card 3

What lessons are you exploring?
What gifts have you gathered?

Card 1

This card represents you and where you are right now.

Card 5

What steps can you take?

Card 2

What do you need to release?