**Ritual to Maman Brigitte**

**Opening Prayers**

**Our Father Prayer**

Our Father, Who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

**Hail Mary (in Creole)**

Je vous salue, Marie, pleine de grâce.

Le Seigneur est avec vous.

Vous êtes bénie entre toutes les femmes, et Jésus, le fruit de vos entrailles, est béni.

Sainte Marie, mère de Dieu, priez pour nous pauvres pêcheurs, maintenant et à l'heure de notre mort.

Ainsi soit-il

**Calling in Papa Legba**

Papa Legba, ouvre le barrier por moi passe

Papa Legba, open the gates so that Maman Brigitte and her husband Baron Samedi may enter our world in love peace.

For this we leave you an offering of tobacco.

We welcome you Maman Brigitte, and your husband Baron Samedi. The offerings placed on this altar are yours, given with the highest intentions and purest of heart.

Maman Brigitte, you who are the Lwa of the dead are also a gifted healer, blessed with the gifts to bring health and wellness to those who seek it. We ask you Maman Brigitte, to help those who are suffering from illness now. Whether it be from the pandemic or something else. As the Lwa of the dead, help guide those who have lost their lives in this pandemic. Help to heal and guide those many thousands whose life hangs in the balance. Give strength to the workers who risk their own life to save many. Maman Brigitte, Baron Samedi, we ask that you help those families who have lost loved ones. We all understand that out of death comes Life and out Darkness comes Light. Help to guide those of us who are in good health, to recognize our sacrifice of our freedom and our comforts at this time to save lives. Give us the wisdom and guidance to emerge with more compassion.

**Moment of silence to pray**

Maman Brigitte, Baron Samedi, we thank you for your presence and your blessing. We thank you for bringing the love of thousands that brought us life and allowing us to be a flame in the dark. Please stay as long you like and leave when you are ready.

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