

3- Sarapis

Standing before the shrine. Purify yourself with the water, and chew some natron. Then say:

Let the earth be still, let the air be still, let the sea be still, let the winds also be still and do not be a hindrance to this sacred rite! No sound, no loud cry, no disturbance of any kind. For I am a priest\priestess, and I am about to call the great God Sarapis, the unconquerable Lord of the Nile, the illustrious healer of all ills, venerable saviour who freely dispenseth wealth and blessing. Awaken O Zeus Helios Sarapis, **AOIAÔ EOËU**, shining Lord, all encompassing one who mightily thunderest through the heavens and guardest the innermost roots of the earth, awaken to this rite which I perform in Thine honour. I call upon Thee O lofty, pure, resounding, illustrious, ethereal and almighty Sarapis, rushing of indefatigable fire permeating the air. Come wherever Thou mayest be, in the heights of heaven, in the bowels of the earth, in the depths of Hades, come to this holy rite!

Sprinkle the statue with the water, and say:

I approach Thee O Saviour and King, author of universal life, bringing the ambrosial water of immortality, the mighty flood waters, the fountain of life flowing from the two caverns, wherewith I cleanse Thy temple and Thine image from all impurity.

Light the candle\lamp, and say:

Arise O most revered God, be this light the symbol of Thine ineffable presence. Come Sarapis, come to this sacred rite.

Prostrate yourself on the ground before the altar, and say:

I have prostrated myself on the ground in awe of Thee. Hail unto Thee, Thou Lord of lightning, begetter of all and great king. Hail unto Thee Lord of the thrones of the earth, the oldest existence, ancient of heaven, support of all things, who floodest the sacred rivers for the benefit of man; hail Oserapis, bringer of light, rain and snow, thunder and lightning; regent of the elements, who didst uplift the sky and give form unto the earth.

Place an appropriate incense on the charcoal (ideally storax and frankincense), and recite this invocation:

Hail Zeus Helios Sarapis, resplendent one, unconquerable Lord, **ABRAAL BAKHAMBÊKHI BAIBEIZÔTH ÊBAI BEBOTH SERIABEBÔTH AMELKHIPSITHIOUTHIPOTHOIO PNOUTE NINTHÊRTÊROU IUEU ÊOÔ AIËIA ÊËOIA ÊËAI EUËIE ÔÔÔÔÔ EUËÔ IAÔAI BAKAXIKHUKH BOSIPSETÊTH PHOBÊBIBÔTH**, great Sarapis, **SAMASPHRÊTH**¹, deliverer of the sufferer, poor and oppressed; Lord of wisdom, king of mercy; most loving, opener of every eye, source of joy, Lord of good name. Thou art the one who givest nourishment to all, thy young spring shines forth in purple flowers; Thine autumn divides to men its ripened fruits; Thy winter drives on with its cold and stormy clouds. O Monarch of the kosmos, by whose will all things revolve, who movest the winds and coverest the world with Thy clouds, cleaving with flashing lightning the vast expanse of aether.. Hail to Thee, thou omniform one;

sleepless when all others sleep, I invoke Thee O greatly hymned Lord. All creatures laud Thee from every land, from the height of heaven, from the depths of the sea. Heaven and earth extol Thee, welcoming Thee, Father of the fathers of the Gods; I worship Thy spirit which is in me, O all encompassing one whereinto all things are united; heaven is Thy head, the ocean Thy belly, the earth Thy feet, Thine ears are the ether, Thine ever-vigilant eyes are the sun and moon. Appear O Lord, accept this offering, this sweet incense. Its incorruptible essence is for Thee, it filleth Thy shrine bringing life, sanctifying it with Thy spirit.

Pour a libation of wine into an offering dish, and say:

I offer unto Thee this pure wine, the sweat of Phrê. O great God, thundering Lord, mayest Thou find favour therein. Let Thy mouth be opened thereby, drink and be fortified.

Present a food offering (optional), placing it in another offering dish raising and lowering it 4 times while saying:

I offer unto Thee this (*name of food*), O invincible one, Lord whose glory covereth the heavens. May it find favour with Thee.

Place your hands over the offerings, saying:

Let offerings flow forth in abundance, as the blessings that issue from the mouth of Sarapis, the Lord of thunder, rain, light and the fertile river-beds.

Burn incense again, this time reciting an improvised prayer to the God asking for any blessings you desire, and then commune with Him. When done, recite this thanksgiving prayer:

I thank Thee O Lord for Thy presence, for I have been conjoined to Thy holy form. I have been fortified by Thy name. I have acquired Thy perpetual blessing. O Lord of life, blessed vivifier of all things, be with me always. And let the Lord of All, everliving, immortal Aion who appeared with the universe according to His eternal essence, shine His imperishable light upon Thee.

Let the candle burn out. Then return the offerings, withdrawing them from the shrine while saying:

These Thine offerings revert to Thy servant for life, stability, health, joy. Let the Lord of All, everliving, immortal Aion who appeared with the universe according to His eternal essence, shine His imperishable light upon Thee.

Consume part of the offerings in silence. For the remainder, dispose of them in a natural place, like the woods or a river.

1- Alternatively, these names may be used: O DARGAZAS O DARMAGAS O DAPHAR UAKIABÔTH EPHIA ZELEARHTAR AKRABAEÔEPHIAZALE ARBAMENOTHIÊÔ SAMAS PHRÊTI; or METHOMÊÔ LAMARMERA OPTÊBI PTÊBI MARIANOU AKRABAEÔ EPHIAZÊLE ARBAMENOTHI ÊÔ NAMISPHRÊTI.