

OPENING RITUAL SPEAKING ROLES



INCENSE

The Opening Ritual Incense Intercessor stands with their lit censor in front of them.

- As each woman comes, say,

“This incense is a Biblical symbolic expression of the prayers of the saints, the women here today, their families, friends, loved ones and people unknown to them, prayers that rise up to God before His throne. These prayers mingle with the very prayers of Jesus and the Holy Spirit who intercede before the Father without end.”

- Tell the woman you are going to pray for her.
- Invite her to face you with her arms opened to express her open heart, soul, body, and spirit. Wave the incense in front of the woman as you pray. [No more than three sentences.]
- When done, direct the woman to follow the Guide who is waiting.

THRESHOLD

The Opening Ritual Woman at the Threshold waits at an assigned entrance of the meeting room.

- Once the woman gets to you, make warm eye contact with her and say,

“Welcome. This Weekend you will be given several opportunities to make discoveries about God and yourself. [Pause] I have a question for you: Are you willing to take the risk to grow this Weekend? [After response] If at any time on the Weekend we sense that you are holding back from risking, do we have your permission to remind you of what you just said? Thank you. I honor that.”

- Instruct each woman to go inside, find a seat within the inner circle, and maintain silence. [Do not open the door for them.]
- If a woman says no say, *“I honor that. Would you be willing to look at that this Weekend?”* If she still says no, then say, *“Whatever you bring here this Weekend is welcome.”*