



How to pour a libation to deities & spirits the right way

Libation to celestial beings

Offered outdoors under the open sky & in daylight, but can also be performed at home.

Pour with your right hand.

Face the east (the new-born light)

Dedicated to the god(s) & poured slowly on an altar, stone, tree etc, together with prayers.

The sacred drink, wine, milk, beer, honey, water, ghee, grains & oil are traditional libations (with milk being the primordial offering), but other things are fine too – as long as they're of good quality and you yourself like it.

Libations to chthonic gods, ancestors & the Dead in general

These libations should preferably be poured at or after sunset.

Pour with your right hand.

Face west (symbolizes the dying light)

The sacred vessel is turned upside down with a quick movement of the hand so that the fluid is emptied on to the ground all at once.

The fluids are poured out completely & no one partakes of them whatsoever (this would be associated with pollution). Pour the fluids upon the earth, a grave, pit or into a small hole in the ground. (To the dead it's good to make a threefold libation – wine, milk & honey.)

Libations to e.g. heroes, Dawn & Sun (also most nature spirits)

Poured at dawn/sunrise.

Should be a *Nephalia*, i.e. sober, libation. (Water, juice, oil etc)

Pour with your right hand.

Face north when to the heroes, east when to the Dawn & Sun

Pour out the liquid slowly on an altar, or in a source of water, before anyone else drinks.

After the libation the rest is shared freely among the participants, as a blessing.