The Rites of Santisima Muerte



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Who is the Santisima Muerte?

Who is the Santisima Muerte is a question many of her followers seem to ask themselves. I personally have heard various stories ranging from: The archangel of death, a version of the virgin Mary, an excommunicated nun, to and Aztec death goddess. I personally do not believe she has anything to do with the later as she is Catholic and the more you work with her the more you will understand this.

Whatever this Mexican folk saint is one things certain, her love is incredible, and being a devotee of Santisima Muerte has many rewards. She is a fierce protector of her devotees, a sister and a mother and most of all a friend.

How to work with the Santisima Muerte

Despite common misconceptions Santa Muerte, traditionally, is only worked with in her three color forms or robes. These are her white robe (La Blanca) her red robe (La Roja) and her black robe (La Negra).

Always start working with her white robe form first! La Negra is her hottest and fiercest form and can be very dangerous for those unexperienced in sorcery. Once one has worked with her white robe form enough they may proceed to her red robe form. This form is her hot form yet not as hot as her black form.

I have heard a lot of devotees talk about how dangerous her black robe form can be, that she can send demons after you if you make a mistake etc... I personally have never had any negative issues arise from working with La Negra, this isn't to say that one should not be cautious when working with her. I

would advise that you are very careful when you approach her black aspect or form. Remember however that it is still Santa Muerte, the loving, caring most holy death.

How to Devote Yourself to Her

You will need:

- 1. White image of Santa Muerte.
- 2. Tequila.
- 3. Holy Water.
- 4. Copal resin.
- 5. Green candle.
- 6. Parchment or paper.

Begin by taking a ritual cleansing bath using epsom salt and some fiery wall of protection oil. Alternatively you may smudge yourself using white sage or benzoin. After you have cleansed yourself of any negative energies ask God's permission to invoke the Santisima Muerte, while using the holy water to make the traditional sign of the cross, and light your green candle. Place some white copal on the incense burner and ask Santa Muerte to be a holy guardian to you and be a presence in your life, to break any spells used against you, to protect you and your family and business etc... Take your parchment and hold it while asking the Santisima Muerte to be your holy guide, to protect you, to be with you at all times, and to never forsake you. Now burn the piece of paper in the flames of the green candle. You may, if possible, take the ashes to the crossroads and cast them into the wind facing the west.

An Altar to her



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At some point you will want to set up an altar to your holy guide most holy death, again start with the white robe form. Make sure that everything on the altar is white, her image or statue, candles, offering plates etc... You do not want to taint La Blanca with anything by using a non-white color on her altar.

You do not have to use a statue in order to work with her although they are very beautiful and I highly recommend that at some point you do buy one. At first a holy prayer card, image printed off the internet, or candle with her image on it, will work just fine. I recommend you acquire a prayer card of her and ask her for a favor, promising in return to get a statue of her.

You will need a white image of Santa Muerte white alter cloth, white candle, holy water and some 7 machos perfume for her altar. You may also add a prayer card or smaller statues of Saint Michael and The Virgin of Guadalupe to the extreme far

sides of your Santa Muerte image, as these are the only two saints she is compatible with.

After you have everything set up in the way that she guides you start smoking a cigar and blow the smoke on her image and all over the altar to cleanse it. Alternatively you may smudge it using white sage or benzoin resin.

Praying to her

I could include a list of prayers within this booklet, however I have chosen not to. Prayer should come from within your heart, not from a book. You can pray anything to the Santisima Muerte. Her only prejudice is that she does not like adultery, therefore asking her to break up a relationship is off the table

Aside from prayers from the heart, you should also learn her "rosary" which technically is a chaplet. The chaplet of the Santisima Muerte is a very sacred type of prayer which should not be entered into lightly, it should however be prayed devoutly.

To pray Santa Muerte's chaplet begin by holding her image, on the chaplet, and pray:

"O Most Holy Death, fill the hearts of your faithful and kindle in them the fire of your love. Send forth your Spirit and by your power over life and death, renew the face of the earth. Let us pray! O Lord, who teaches the hearts of the faithful through Blessed Death, grant us that, by means of the power of the Most Holy and Divine Death, we always receive wise counsel and comfort. Most Precious Holy Death arises out of your kingdom, your Temple of Divine Wisdom, your Holy Tabernacle. To your divine knowledge and guidance, we turn now and always.

Amen."

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The rest of the chaplet is prayed in the same manner as the rosary except you will announce the mysteries of the Santisima Muerte which are as follows according to:

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- 1. Most Holy Death receives her scythe.
- 2. Most Holy Death receives her cloak, with which she protects the world.
- 3. Most Holy Death receives the Scales of Justice, which she uses to restore balance and tranquility.
- 4. The feet of Most Holy Death are places upon the earth to serve those who love her.
- 5. Most Holy Death is given the power to walk beyond the veil and back, to collect a soul when the flame of life is extinguished. O most Holy Death, join us before the Most High and bless us.

When you get to the three way connector pray:
Hail! Holy Empress of the Underworld. Most Holy Death, have
mercy on me. It is to you I cry in times of need. Turn then, most
gracious advocate, your eyes of mercy toward me. O Most Holy
Death, use your powers on my behalf. Never forsake me, O
Beloved Mother of All.

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Like the Virgin Mary's rosary, praying Santa Muerte's chaplet comes with promises of certain blessings from her which include:

She will give protection from evil.

Protection from sudden death.

Protection from dying alone.

She will answer prayers and perform miracles.

She will never forsake you in times of need.

She will be a holy guide to you.

She will heal your heart.

She will satisfy your desires.

Souls will be freed from purgatory.

Those who share her chaplet will be dearest to her heart and never be forsaken by her.

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Offerings to the Santisima Muerte

I must stress that Santa Muerte will accept any offering from a devotee as long as it comes from their heart. There are however some guide lines:

Alcohol: Tequila and Agave are the best choice for alcohol offerings, however she also likes rum, whiskey, dark beer and dark red wine. These are given to her to add more power to your spells and prayers.

Baked Food: Peace within your home and to banish poverty, to protect your family, as well as meet your daily needs.

Candles: The flame of a candle sends your prayers to her. Choose an appropriate color for your spell or prayer and light a candle to her for a basic offering. You may choose to anoint your candles with oils or not, I personally recommend you do.

Coffee: This is used to give more speed and energy to your spells and prayers.

Currency: Gold, silver and copper coins as well as paper bills are given to her to obtain success in ones business and financial matters.

Flowers: Roses and violets are most commonly used as offerings to her. Red roses for love and passion, white roses (remember to remove the thorns) are used for peace and healing

spells.

Fruits and vegetables: Red apples sprinkled with cinnamon and brown sugar are good for spells involving love, passion, strength, success and financial matters. Yellow apples are good to promote healing and prosperity. Green apples are good for matters involving the law.

Stones: Crystals and stones attuned to various energy should be left to her in a glass of water to aid in the performance of spells.

Herbs and incense: She loves copal resin more than any other incense, however frankincense, myrrh and juniper are high on her list as well. White sage may be burned to her for purification, cleansing and protection. You may also use incense in stick and cone form or leave her fresh herbs on the altar.

Honey: She likes offerings of honey to help sweeten relationships.

Salt: This is used to give more energy to any spell your perform, with her. It is also a purifier. You may use the salt later in your practice such as: creating a gris gris bag, or sprinkling it to keep evil spirits and people away.

Tobacco: Used to make contact with spirits. Blow smoke in her face to strengthen your bond with her, or over the whole altar to purify it. You can also leave a cigarette or cigar lit for her, as an offering, and smoke one while blowing the smoke in her face.

Tortillas: Used to add life-force and prosperity.

Water: Always keep a glass of fresh clean water on her altar, never wait longer than a week to empty it. If the water becomes muddy or begins to have a lot of bubbles before then, empty it. This means that she is putting negativity that is in your life in the water to remove it for you.

It is important to never use plastic bowls, glasses, or plates on your altar. You should also remember to remove any food offerings before they spoil, stale offerings weaken the power of your magic.

Spells of the Santisima Muerte

Before I go into how to perform spell work with Santa Muerte allow me to reiterate what I said in the section on prayer. It is very important that your words are your own and come from your heart, not the pages of a book. With that being said I will give some general information which you can build your own spells upon.

Setting Candles

The candle colors burned to Santa Muerte are slightly different than those used in hoodoo, they are as follows:

White: Protection spells, peace and tranquility within ones home, health and healing for children, and to promote loyalty.

Black: Power, complete protection from ones enemies, hexes and cursing spells, adds strength to rites.

Red: Used to increase passion and love. It is also a good color for protection from evil.

Blue: This color is used to acquire wisdom and increase ones mental powers and concentration.

Green: Anything to do with legal matters or the law, contracts, justice, unity.

Orange: This color is used for healing and cleansing rituals.

Purple: Used for transformation rites, to cause higher spiritual states, to remove obstacles and road opener spells, It is also used to cause psychic manifestations and to increase psychic power.

Yellow: This color is used to promote good luck, increase wisdom and learning.

Brown: This color is used to communicate with the spirits, for locating objects which are lost, in rites of divination, and to protect your families' pets.

Amber: This color is used to destroy addiction and unwanted habits.

Bone: Used to create harmony and peace within ones home.

Copper: This color is used to dispell evil spirits (exorcism rites).

Gold: Used in money spells to create abundance, wealth, and power, it is also used to promote good fortune and success.

You may or may not choose to use Hoodoo and essential oils on your candles when working with Santa Muerte. You may also simply anoint them with extra virgin olive oil if no other oil is available.

Santa Muerte Symbolism

Black Cat: This symbol is associated with both good and bad luck as well as protection.

Globe: This symbolizes her powers over the material affairs of humanity.

Horseshoe: Good fortune and protection.

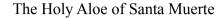
Roses: Power over the life force.

Owl: Wisdom, riches, and healing.

Scales of Justice: Law, order, balance, and to administering of justice.

Scythe: Soul harvesting, and power of death.

Skulls/Skeletons: Ancestral connection and spirituality (spiritual power).





The aloe plant may be given to the Santisima Muerte as an offering and tool for protection and blessing your life and home.

You will need the following items for this rite:

Aloe plant in a terra cotta pot. Holy water Siete Machos perfume Red ribbon Cigar Some fingernail or hair clippings.

Begin this rite by writing your name on the ribbon then soaking it in holy water and siete machos perfume. Next you will need to tie the red ribbon around the lip of the terra cotta pot. Proceed by placing some of your hair or nail clippings into the potting soil and pray to Santa Muerte that she would bless the holy aloe plant, then pray the following:

"Virtuous Aloe, Blessed Aloe, Holy Aloe, Sacred Aloe; through your virtue that you gave to the Apostles I ask that you extend to me this virtue because I venerate you and I love you, so that you may free me from Evil Acts, Sickness, Bad Luck, that my businesses and business transactions do well; that you drive away evil from my home, and that you free me from enemies everywhere I may go: that you may give me work, Blessings, Fortune and Money with all ease and the least effort, your virtue will make me strong, famous, fortunate and joyous, do not place obstacles in all that I am ambitious for, desire or propose to do, make for me a flattering success; this Divine Virtue that God gave you, in God I believe and in you I trust. Through all of the virtues that you concede to me I will defeat all of the obstacles that are presented to me and my home will fill with blessings with your virtue sublime and portentous Holy Aloe. Amen."

-http://www.santisimamuerteneworleans.org/the-holy-aloe The New Orleans Chapel of the Santisima Muerte Next begin to blow cigar smoke over the entire aloe plant and terra cotta pot, end the rite by placing it on her altar and saying a prayer to her to close the rite.

Paying Her the Manda

A manda or payment should always be given to Santa Muerte whenever she: answers your prayers, completes a working, and especially if she performs a miracle for you. If you have made a specific promise to her in return for a favor then you must keep this promise! Otherwise you may pay the manda by candles. To do this you will need the following:

12 taper candles: 4 white, 4 black and 4 red. Incense burner and white copal incense.

Surround the statue of the Santisima Muerte, you used to perform the working, with the 12 candles in alternating color sequence. Place the incense burner inside the circle of candles. Now light the candles and burn some of the white copal on the incense burner and say an opening prayer to Santa Muerte. Begin to thank and praise her and inform her that this is the manda for her work in your life. Now say a prayer in closing and let the candles burn down all the way. After the candles have burned down put the statue back on her altar, and take the left over wax and place it in a small brown paper bag, with 7 dimes and place it in a local cemetery.

Feast Days for Santa Muerte

There are two days dedicated to Santa Muerte each year: Good Friday and All Soul's Day.

You may honor Santa Muerte on her days by cleaning and her altar, offering her fresh flowers, apples etc... You may also say her her "Rosary" (Chaplet). You can also go to the local cemetery and clean an abandoned grave as well as leave offerings of cigars, tequila, and flowers.

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