

# GOD Guide to *Call Winged Messenger*

This is intended as a summary of the information on the Empire wiki page for Call Winged Messenger. The wiki is the definitive source of information; this is a quick aid of how the process works in practice.

## Ingredients

- 1 message
- 1 recipient (including name and location)
- 1 author (can be any player character)
- 3 Iridescent Gloaming
- 1 Autumn mage

## Steps

In short: first you write the letter, then you send it.

1. Write the letter. You do not need any character skills for this stage.
  - (a) Get 3 Iridescent Gloaming in your character inventory.
    - At events, bring the Gloaming to GOD. We'll add it to your account.
    - Between events, you'll either need to have handed the Gloaming in at GOD at the end of the event, or to post it in.
  - (b) Once the Gloaming is in your account, if you log in to your account then go to your character page, you should have a button to write a letter.
    - At events, use your phone or other device on the PD Wi-Fi, or use the player PCs at GOD.
    - Between events (once the servers are back online!), log into your account as normal.
  - (c) Write your letter then save it. Note down the message ID number that gets displayed.
  - (d) Get the letter physrep.
    - If you wrote the letter between events, it should be in your character pack ready to use when you arrive at the next event.
    - If you wrote the letter at the event, or it isn't in your character pack for some reason, you'll need to ask someone in GOD to print it for you. They'll need to know the message ID and who the letter is addressed to.
2. Send the letter. An Autumn mage needs to do this step, using the magnitude 2 ritual *Call Winged Messenger*, with the printed ritual letter as a focus.
  - This will typically cost two crystal mana, unless the mage has the ritual mastered, in which case it'll only cost one crystal mana.
  - Any Autumn mage will be able to cast at the regio; a mage with at least two ranks of Autumn lore will be able to cast without using the regio.
  - You can have your casting recorded by a ref in the field, or come to GOD to report the casting.

## FAQ

- **Where's the button for writing a letter?**

Log into your account on the PD website. (At an event, you'll need to be using a player PC or be connected to the on-site PD Wi-Fi network.) Go to your character page. A button labelled "Create Ritual Message" should appear next to the "Report Character Death" and "Retire Character" buttons.

If you can see those buttons but not one saying "Create Ritual Message", that usually means the system doesn't think you have the required three Iridescent Gloaming in your account. You'll need to deposit the Gloaming, at GOD during the event or by post between events, and the button will appear once that's done. If you think you should have the Gloaming in your account, see someone at GOD or email [admin@profounddecisions.co.uk](mailto:admin@profounddecisions.co.uk) in between events, and we'll try to work out what's going on.

- **How should I address the letter?**

You need a named person who is expecting to receive post, and a specific location. The Empire doesn't have a regular postal service, so if your chosen recipient isn't someone who has agreed to receive post, or who routinely receives post, the Call Winged Messenger magic is unlikely to be able to find them or their letter box. Similarly, you need to be much more specific than just giving a territory or region; writing to "Guillermo del Tassato, Tassato Regario" is about as likely to get your letter delivered as writing to "Julia Brown, Birmingham". If you think you'll want to write to someone, your best bet is to confirm explicitly with them what address to use for Call Winged Messenger.

(Generally Call Winged Messenger is used for getting in touch with NPCs; there are better ways to get in touch with player characters. But we have a lot of NPCs, and a lot of crew writing for them. The restrictions here are in part to make it feasible for PD to track which NPCs are expecting to receive and react to letters, and make sure we can get those letters to appropriate plot writers, without needing to record extensive details of every NPC.)

- **Can I use this 5 Gloaming piece?**

Yes, absolutely. We can put the entire 5 Gloaming in your account, or we can put 3 Gloaming in your account and give you 2 Gloaming back.

- **Do I need the printed letter?**

Yes: you need to perform the appropriate roleplaying to cast the ritual, and that must include using the letter as a focus.

If that's going to be an access issue, such as because of the need to go to GOD to pick up the printed letter, please talk to us and we'll see how we can best help. Between events, please email [admin@profounddecisions.co.uk](mailto:admin@profounddecisions.co.uk); at events, any member of PD crew should be able to direct you, but your best bet is to talk to (or ask a friend to talk to) someone in GOD, a ref, or your egregore. "Standard" solutions such as the OOC proxy system might be appropriate, but we're always happy to discuss other approaches where needed.

- **Do I need to complete a hand-in slip for the Gloaming?**

If you're going to be using the Gloaming to write a letter more-or-less immediately: no. Just bring the Gloaming to one of the computer desks at GOD, and we'll record it in the system for you straight away.

If you're going to be using the Gloaming to write a letter between events: yes. Please complete a hand-in slip and bag up any resources that you're going to be using in downtime, including Gloaming, and bring them to GOD on Sunday afternoon.

- **What happens next?**

The ritual will be recorded in our database. Assuming it is appropriately addressed, it will be looked at and handled by PD plot writers. How they respond will depend on who you have written to: it could be a letter sent to you by return (either in your pack or delivered in character), it could be an NPC seeking you out, it could be something else, all depending on the specifics of who you have written to.

If the letter isn't appropriately addressed, it will appear in the letter writer's pack next event with a "returned to sender" note.