

# THE SOLITARY DRUID FELLOWSHIP

## IMBOLC DEVOTIONAL

**MAY THE FIRE IN YOUR HEART BURN BRIGHT AS THE SUN!**

This Imbolc devotional can be used independently, or as a component of the SDF August Cross Quarter Day liturgy.

Imbolc, the February Cross Quarter day in the Northern Hemisphere, celebrates the stirrings of life in a world asleep after a long winter. At this time, we are reminded of the continued reawakening of the earth and all her creatures.

In solitude, you are encouraged to imagine ways that the new life appears in your own practice. You might decorate your altar with new plants or images of lambs. If you honor a hearth goddess, make offerings of her favorite items on your altar. Be creative! Experiment and have fun!

Another exciting way to experience the joys of Imbolc is to prepare a CD or playlist of music that inspires you to sing to the reawakening earth. Then, at the conclusion of the devotional (or during the "Praise Offering" portion of the full High Day liturgy) you can play this music and **sing** your offering to the Kindred!

Solitary practice can be just as joyful and jubilant as group practice. Solitude does not require us to be somber. We can cultivate a wonderful happiness while practicing alone.

In whatever way you choose to express the joy of Imbolc, may your observance be blessed! May you feel the energy of the awakening earth, and may you be inspired to go out into the world and rejoice!

**MAY YOU PRAY WITH A GOOD FIRE.**

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*\*[Statement of Purpose]*

The dark of the year is broken,  
And the light is birthed again:  
Growing quickly, growing strongly, growing brightly,  
My heart is warmed by potential.

A single flame ignites with life!  
As wick touches wick the brightness grows:  
None are diminished when they pass their light.  
The magic of a solitary flame: it kindles others, and brightens the world.

May the light of my rite reach the heavens,  
A beacon unto the Kindreds.  
May the light of my rite reach my fellows,  
And brighten their lives as they brighten mine.

*\*[Final Affirmation]*

I have called out to the Spirits,  
My light has lit their way from the darkness.

I have increased the brightness with my small flame,  
As others have done around me.

I have made my offerings to the Kindreds Three,  
Affirming my place in the cosmos.  
My light has lit my soul and served as torch  
For the dawning world around me.  
I am glad for the presence of the Spirits  
Who have joined me for this sacred Imbolc.

I stand in gratitude,  
For the world is a little lighter today.

*\*These titles correspond to the SDF August Cross Quarter liturgy, available at [solitarydruid.org](http://solitarydruid.org). If you are using this devotional outside of the High Day liturgy, you may consider combining these two parts into one.*

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