

The Solitary Druid Fellowship Summer Solstice Devotional

May the fire in your heart burn bright as the sun!

This Summer Solstice devotional can be used independently, or as a component of the SDF June Solstice liturgy.

Summer Solstice, or Midsummer, marks that time when the Sun is at its peak of power, yet in this time of great solar power, the days begin their slow march towards fall as the days begin, ever-so-slowly, getting shorter. It is one of the ironies of this day.

In solitude, you are encouraged to imagine ways that the Sun plays an integral part in your life and into your observance. You might decorate your altar with vibrant images of the Sun. If there are flowers available in your area, you might fill your ritual space with a colorful bouquet of yellow and green. Be creative! Experiment and have fun!

Another exciting way to experience the joys of Summer Solstice is to prepare a CD or playlist of music that inspires you to sing to the Sun. 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 Midsummer, may your observance be blessed! May you feel the energy of the Midsummer Sun, and may you be inspired to go out into the world and rejoice!

MAY YOU PRAY WITH A GOOD FIRE.

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Bright blessings to you.

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**[Statement of Purpose]*

I bask in the radiance of the sun!

The sun is at its peak of power and I drink in that energy!

The fire in my heart is a Solstice fire,
Balanced between the end of Spring and the beginning of Summer!

Today I honor the sun,
And the zenith of its power.
The Earth Mother provides,
And the Sky Father encourages
The increase of the life all around.

This is the moment to remember
That even while I practice in solitude
I am a living being, interconnected with all life.

I am the tree. I am the river.
I am of the earth, shining in the Solstice Sun,
Supported by the Kindred.

Hail, the Sun; Hail the Summer!

**[Final Affirmation]*

The fire in my heart is the fire of the sun,
The living force which continues the cycle of growth that we celebrate.

I have made my offerings to the Kindred Three.
I have affirmed my place in the cosmos.
My life is woven into the fabric of all being;
The green of the world surrounds me;
The light shines upon one and all.

Hail, the Midsummer Fires!!

**These titles correspond to the SDF May Cross Quarter liturgy, available at 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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