

The Solitary Druid Fellowship Winter Solstice Devotional

Keep your hearth of heart lit.
Remember the returning sun.

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

Winter Solstice, or Midwinter, is a moment to honor the returning sun. It is a time to sit with an open heart -- your own, inner hearth fire -- and feel its warmth. The earth appears motionless, but we are called to remember that the sun, and the good life that it brings, will return again.

You are encouraged to spend time in contemplation on and around the Winter Solstice. This is a season for deep reflection, and you should go about that reflection in

whatever way is best for you. It might be a good time to begin to journal again, or to make space for the activities that you neglect during the busier times of year. With intention, these seemingly ordinary acts can become acts of devotion.

Fill a mug with something warm, find a peaceful place to be, and know that you are a part of a something larger than any one solitary -- a Fellowship, and a congregation in solitude.

You may sit in solitude on the Solstice, but you are not alone.

You are one. and we are many.

MAY YOU PRAY WITH A GOOD FIRE.

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Bright blessings to you.

Summer Solstice Devotional

**[Statement of Purpose]*

I sit.
I breathe.
I look inside my heart
And remember.

There is a fire here,
A fire which burns as bright as the sun.

Today I honor the sun,
In its moment of stillness.
The Earth Mother provides
As I await the return of the Sky Father.

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 bare tree, standing quiet.
I am the frozen river, steady and slow.
I am of the earth, and a fire burns within me;
A fire kept ablaze by the Kindred.

Hail the Sun; Hail the Winter!

**[Final Affirmation]*

The fire in my heart is the fire in the sky,
The living force which continues the cycle that we honor.

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 stillness of the world surrounds me;
The light shines upon one and all.

Hail, the Midwinter fire!

**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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