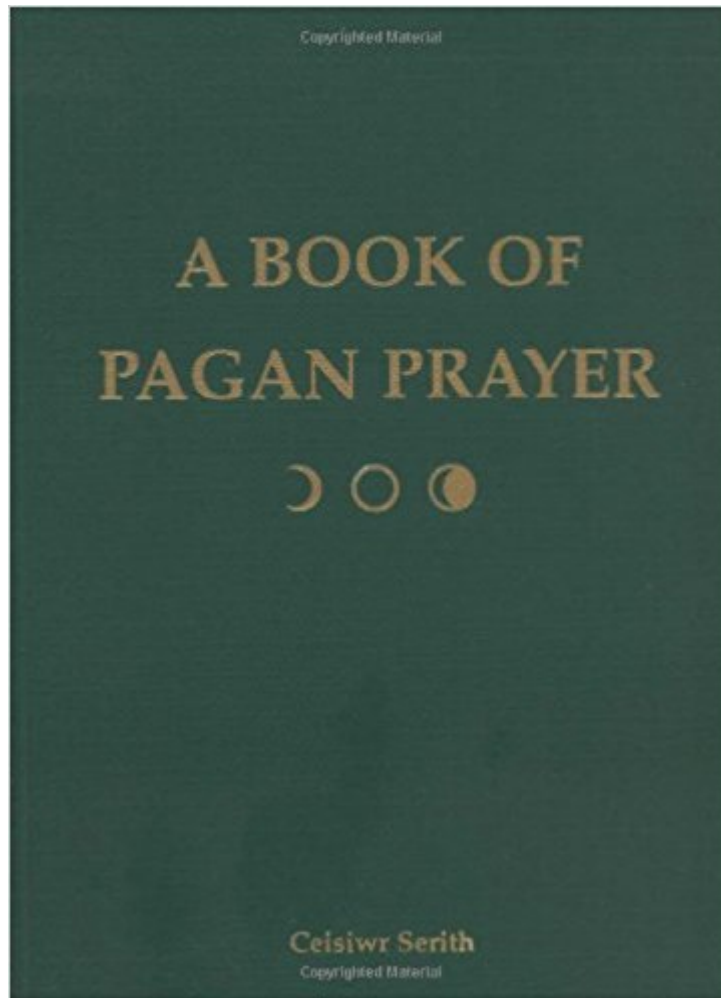




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A Book Of Pagan Prayer



Synopsis

It is you who will be talking to the gods. Be clear. Be careful in how you pray. Take care how you come before the gods. Give them your best. There are many reference books on elaborate pagan rituals but never - until now - a guide to the most basic of practices: prayers and offerings. A Book of Pagan Prayer provides the pagan community a comprehensive and thoughtful selection of prayers - and shows readers how they too can create their own. After an introduction on why to pray, author Ceisiwr Serith explores how to pray through words, posture, dance, and music. He explains how to prepare for and compose prayers, how to address and honor the deities, and how to conclude a prayer. Serith also answers important questions, such as: Why should pagans pray? Should prayers be spontaneous? What are offerings about? Is all this just trying to buy the gods off? Gathered from many traditions - including Celtic, Germanic, Egyptian, Greek, and Zoroastrian - this guide includes nearly 500 sample prayers organized by purpose: for the family and household; times of the day, month, and year; life passages; thanksgiving, grace, and petition; as well as litanies and mantras. Whether offering a blessing, celebrating new life, safeguarding travel, or honoring the seasons, readers will discover timeless pagan prayers for worship, spiritual connection, and personal relationship with the gods.

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Customer Reviews

Pagan Prayers and More Billing itself as the one and only collection of prayers for Pagans of any tradition, Ceisiwr Serith's A Book of Pagan Prayer includes prayers to Celtic, Egyptian, Zoroastrian

and other deities. It is organized thematically, making it convenient to use if one is seeking prayers for specific occasions, seasons, times of day, meals or milestones. Copyright 2002 Cahners Business Information, Inc.

In his 25 years as a Pagan, Ceisiwr Serith has been active in the Pagan community both as a writer and a presenter of workshops at Pagan gatherings. His interest in prayers and offerings grew naturally as the result of writing rituals for Wiccan covens, Druidic groves, and, of course, his book *The Pagan Family*. He has written several articles on Proto-Indo-European theology and Celtic and Druidic traditions for *Enchante*, *The Druid's Progress*, and *Oak Leaves*. Serith is a member of *Ar nDraiocht Fein*, the nation's largest Druid fellowship, and a founding member of one of its groves.

A must have for every Pagan! Although not all the paryers are going to be usefull to me, there was a great section on composing your own prayers. Such a very good book! Delivered right on time!

i have actually owned this book for 3 years before i really sat down to read it. It was given to me by an acquaintance who had found Jesus (it is funny my spell check doesn't know the word "Jesus"?) after 10 years of Wicca. She didn't want to burn her books, but she couldn't keep them. So this little green book has sat unread and unappreciated on my shelf for a long time. The author has actually thought about and dissected the very idea of prayer from a pagan perspective. Everything from the spoken word tot he posture to the idea of the offering and all of the whys - not just the words and the hows are addressed and discussed. i don't like all of the prayers presented - some of them are completely not my style, and yet, the thought and effort that goes into each one of them, and the explanation given for every section, definitely makes this book a worthwhile purchase, and beyond a doubt a valuable and thought-provoking read.

this book is beautiful, i cannot praise this work enough. this author is truly gifted to be able to write such strong and meaningful praises to the gods. besides lovely adorations and mantras the author helps the reader to build a template to write their own prayers and suggestions on personal devotionals to ones patron gods and goddesses to include offerings/sacrifices and rosaries. he expresses a desire to encourage a sort of pagan piety- through this book he demonstrates his own devotion. the book opens with a discussion on why prayer is important from a pagan perspective in order to build a solid religious practice. the sections of the book include prayers for the times of day, month, seasonal prayers, transitional stages in life, and much more. this is an invaluable tool for

anyone who is a neopagan or interested in neopaganism to build a solid foundation of devotion and right practice.

This is a wonderful source of inspiration. I have already spent much time reading and rereading portions of this book. I am sure that I might need to replace this before long just due to constant wear and tear. The prayers are beautiful.

Nice little book for beginner's, researchers of the Craft, and handy reference. I find myself reaching for it when I don't even seem to need it sometimes. Remember anything and everything can be made uniquely yours and this little volume allows just that.

The Book of Pagan Prayer is a very good book for those who are Pagans and feel that prayer is something that only the Patriarchal religions do. It gives the fine points of understanding and then supplies examples that you can use. Or you can just use them without making the effort of making one up. I personally used the Travel By Air Prayer recently when I was flying across country. I added my own as well to the appropriate deity. I have used the morning prayers and well as the evening ones. There is every type of prayer that can be imagined listed in this book and each is a good jumping off point for those that would like to use a non-Patriarchal image and devote as little time or a much time as you wish to praying to the deities of your choice.

Not exactly what I expected.

I'm so glad I bought this book. The introductory material is the best; a simple, thorough, discussion of the hows and whys of framing prayers. The author's own prayers are nice to refer to although I prefer to write my own; but this book is so important because it emphasizes the personal relationship with Deity, which is so vital to Neopaganisms. Wiccan issues are discussed side by side with other Neopagan religions so there is a nice balance throughout and it doesn't cater only to one viewpoint. I also love the small format, soft page hand, and overall look of the book. I keep this in my purse to have available at any time. Thanks!

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