

Prayer to Hecate



Deity of the Underworld, Queen of the night and Goddess of the crossroads. Her three faces turn in all possible directions.

Symbols: Paired torches, dogs, serpents, keys, polecats, daggers, and Hecate's wheel

Offerings: Apples, almonds, cakes, garlic, grapes, dandelions, mushrooms, oak leaves, feathers.

I call Hecate of the Crossroads,
worshipped at the meeting of three paths, oh lovely one.

In the sky, earth, and sea, you are venerated
in your saffron-colored robes.

Funereal daemon, celebrating among the souls
of those who have passed.

Persian, fond of deserted places, you delight in deer.
Goddess of night, protectress of dogs, invincible Queen.

Drawn by a yoke of bulls, you are the queen
who holds the keys to all the Cosmos.

Commander, Nymph, nurturer of children,
you who haunt the mountains.

Pray, Maiden, attend our hallowed rituals;
Be forever gracious to your mystic herdsman
and rejoice in our gifts of incense.

Hecate, pleased with dark ghosts that wander through
the shade, nightly seen.

Make the night moonless so that I might practice
my beloved witchcraft undisturbed.

I humbly invoke you, night-wanderer of
the underworld, Queen of the dead.

Mother of darkness, give me wisdom. Give me strength.

I am your humble servant. I receive your power, your
balanced wisdom, intelligence and mercy.

Your inner beauty, your sense of justice,
the victory of the spirit over matter.

Send me your dreams, visions, astral travels, apparitions,
I will be quiet as a reliable channel for your
spiritual wisdom.

I embrace your gifts. I embrace your past
and future of victory.

I accept you as my Goddess.
I am your humble servant.

As when men arm themselves for the battle,
then the Goddess is at hand to give victory.

Good is she also when men contend at the games,
for there too the goddess is with them and profits them:

And she is good to stand by horsemen,
and to those whose business is in the grey sea,

And who pray to Hecate and the loud-crashing
Earth-Shaker, easily the glorious Goddess
gives great catch,
and easily she takes it away as soon as seen, if so she will.



Hecate's wheel

The *strophalos* is an ancient symbol mentioned in the Chaldean Oracles. It is a circle that encloses a snake-maze, around a central fire spiral.

It refers to the power of snakes to regenerate themselves. This is the labyrinth of knowledge through which Hecate could guide humanity, and the flame of life itself.