Prayer to Persephone

Greek Goddess of Spring, renewal, vegetation and flowers. But also Queen of the Underworld, guardian of the secrets of the dead.

Symbols: Torch, bat, pomegranate, wreath of flowers, seeds, sheaf of wheat.

Offerings: Pomegranate, bread, wine, cakes, fruits, frankincense, storax, lavender.

Persephone, Daughter of Zeus, blessed.
Only begotten, gracious Goddess,
receive this good offering,

Much honoured, you, overpowered by Pluto,
you are beloved and lifegiving,

You hold the doors of Hades under the
depths of the earth;

Mother of loud-shouting, many-shaped Bacchus.
Playmate of the moving seasons,
lightbringing, of beautiful form,

Holy, ruler of all, maiden, showering fruits,
Radiant, horned, you alone are longed for by mortals.

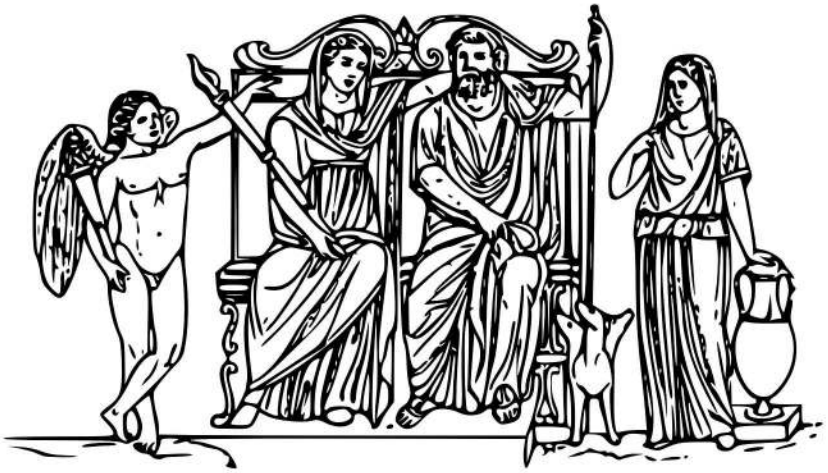
Help me, O Goddess, to let my old self die,
Let me reborn and begin again every morning,
To do what matters the most today.
To make today the most beautiful day.

Let my actions, words, and thoughts,
Become a hymn of praise to you,
Goddess of renewal, vegetation, flowers,
Goddess of Life, Death and Rebirth.

You are Spring, delighting in fragrant meadows.
Your sacred body appears to us in
growing fruits and branches.

Listen, blessed Goddess and send up fruits from the earth.
In peace, flourishing in health from your soothing hand;

And, in life abundance, leading to richness of old age
Then to your realm, O Sovereign, and to powerful Pluto.



Persephone and Hades

According to the myth, Hades, Lord of the Underworld, fell in love with a young Persephone when she was wandering the fields gathering flowers, and snatched her from the earth to take her as his wife.

Every spring, the queen of Hades travels up to Olympus to spend a season with her mother, Demeter, as the first seeds begin to sprout.

For as long as Demeter and her daughter Persephone are separated, the land remains barren.