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Dewdrop,  
tiny dewdrop,  
glistening in the silvery moonlight:  
a tiny crystal in the darkness  
that glitters softly.  
And yet,  
on its sparkling surface,  
is the face of the moon  
and within  
is the whole of the dancing universe.

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# Preface

Like tiny dew drops that collect on the morning grass before being dissipated by the approaching dawn, our words of prayer are small pearls of condensed thought and offers of praise that are spoken and then sent out into the cosmic forces of the universe. It is said that a single sound can resonate in the universe for thousands of years. Surely, then, it is best to fill the universe with sounds of praise, adoration, and respect.

As the popularity of Paganism continues to spread throughout the world, there is a greater need to provide words of comfort, aid, and adoration for our own particular faith. There will always be occasions when poignant words are needed. These needs may arise when there is neither time nor opportunity to enact a full ritual. Sometimes, we just need a simple prayer - one that emphasizes our own spiritual traditions. Though it is perfectly fitting to speak directly from the heart and improvise your own prayers, for these are often the strongest of prayers, there may come a time when the words simply do not come. By providing a book of prayer for the Pagan community, we can have prayers available for which we can reference our own thoughts. I offer these prayers to you for that purpose: to provide some suggestions of words when they might be needed in the occurrences of everyday life; to offer words of comfort and guidance to those who may need it; to provide words that may help to create working chants for rituals; to provide prayers for those who are not Pagan but who may be called upon, for whatever reason, to speak a Pagan prayer; to help provide words to celebrate the cycles of the Earth and the passages of life; and to help offer thoughts that may help one make a deeper connection with the Earth, her creatures, and the cosmic forces of life.

This book does not offer an explanation of Paganism as there are already many excellent books on that topic. Instead, it assumes an understanding of the basic concepts of Pagan practice. This understanding is not actually required to enjoy and/or use these prayers. If you are not familiar with the religious concepts behind modern Paganism, you may still feel a resonance with the words in this book when you read them. If you have a feeling that the divine is in all things of this Earth, if you believe that there is a single mysterious source of energy in the universe, if you understand that Spirit can be personally accessed through interfaces we call deities and that the choice of deity or spiritual concept is up to the individual and cannot be prescribed with one viewpoint for all, then you will probably

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feel quite comfortable with the prayers in this collection.

These words have been developed from years of personal and group activity and come from a particular viewpoint of Paganism from which I practice. But, you should not feel limited by one viewpoint. Modern Paganism does not require that you follow only one set of religious principles. You are free to follow your heart in your own pursuit of spiritual truth and the development of your own practice. Therefore, I do not expect that all people will relate to all the precepts implied in these prayers. Instead, you should feel free to alter these prayers to suit your own personal or group practice. Certain assumptions such as the concepts of the Goddess, the God and a third deity I call The Child is implied. These can be approached in whatever manner best suits you. Though these general terms are used, specific names of deities can be substituted or any of them can be deleted until the prayer reflects the true spiritual essence that is your own. It is one of the greatest strengths of our movement that we accept the idea that each person can have his or her own understanding of the sacred. That is why I have written these prayers - so that they can be easily understood or transformed to suit those individual practices.