



Imbolc Workbook

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Welcome to this Imbolc Sabbat workbook, created to help you and your family embrace the magic and meaning of this sacred festival. Imbolc is a time of renewal, light, and inspiration, celebrating the return of the sun and the first stirrings of spring. This workbook is filled with rituals, crafts, recipes, and activities to guide you in honoring the goddess Brigid, setting intentions, and connecting with the season's themes of creativity and growth. Whether you're new to the Wheel of the Year or deepening your family's traditions,

this guide offers opportunities for connection, reflection, and a spark of seasonal magic for all ages. Gather around, light the candles, and welcome the blessings of Imbolc! Happy Imbolc!



What's Included:

Understanding Imbolc

The Goddess Brigid

Imbolc Correspondences

Rituals & Activities for Families & Solitary Practitioners

Imbolc Crafts & Recipes

Journal Prompts & Affirmations

Imbolc Tarot Spread

How to Use this Workbook

This workbook is meant to inspire connection, creativity, and joy as you celebrate the turning of the Wheel of the Year. It is designed to be flexible and family-friendly, allowing you to move through the activities at your own pace. Take your time, follow what resonates most with you, and let Imbolc's energy of light and renewal guide your journey.



Here are a few ways to get the most out of this guide:

- **Learn About Imbolc:** Start with the introductory sections to understand the history, themes, and symbolism of Imbolc. This foundation will deepen your connection to the season's meaning.
- **Set Up Your Space:** Use the suggestions for altar decoration and sacred space preparation to align your environment with Imbolc's energy.
- **Plan Your Rituals:** Choose from rituals designed for individuals, families, or groups, adapting them to fit your needs and intentions.
- **Get Creative:** Dive into the crafts and recipes prompts to engage your senses and express your connection to the season.
- **Reflect and Grow:** Use the journal prompts and tarot exercises to pause, consider your goals, and plant "seeds" for personal growth in the coming season.

What is Imbolc?

Imbolc, celebrated around February 1st or 2nd, is a Celtic festival marking the midpoint between the winter solstice (Yule) and the spring equinox (Ostara). It is a time to honor the slow awakening of the earth from winter's slumber and to celebrate the return of light and warmth. This festival symbolizes renewal, purification, and the potential for growth, much like the first stirrings of spring beneath the frozen ground.



Imbolc is also a time for setting intentions, clearing away the old, and inviting in new opportunities. This sacred celebration encourages us to connect with nature, embrace creativity, and nurture the "seeds" of growth we wish to cultivate in the coming months.

History of Imbolc

Imbolc, one of the four major Celtic fire festivals, dates back to ancient Ireland and Scotland, where it marked the transition from winter to spring. It was closely tied to the agricultural calendar and the lambing season, symbolizing fertility and the promise of abundance. The festival was dedicated to Brigid, the Celtic goddess of fire, poetry, healing, fertility, and smithcraft. Farmers and families honored Brigid to ensure the health of their livestock, the prosperity of their crops, and the well-being of their households. The name "Imbolc" is thought to derive from the Old Irish phrase meaning "in the belly," referencing the pregnancy of ewes and the promise of new life in the agricultural cycle.



Imbolc & Modern Day Influences

With the spread of Christianity, Imbolc evolved into St. Brigid's Day, honoring St. Brigid of Kildare, who shares many attributes with the goddess. St. Brigid was celebrated as a nun, abbess, and founder of monasteries, particularly in Ireland, where she became a significant Christian figure. However, many of the ancient customs of Imbolc, such as crafting Brigid's Crosses and lighting candles, persisted under this new guise. These traditions represent a blending of pagan and Christian practices, illustrating how deeply rooted seasonal celebrations were in the lives of the Celtic people.



Imbolc: A Celebration of Brigid

Brigid, one of the most beloved deities in Celtic mythology, is deeply associated with Imbolc as the goddess of fire, poetry, healing, fertility, and smithcraft. She embodies the themes of creativity, transformation, and protection, making her a powerful figure to honor during this time of renewal and light. As a triple goddess, her aspects include inspiration (poetry and the arts), transformation (healing and smithing), and nurturing (fertility and hearth). Her connection to fire symbolizes warmth, light, and the spark of ideas, passion, and growth, while her nurturing energy as a protector of hearth and home reflects creativity and renewal.



Whether celebrated as goddess or saint, Brigid continues to inspire and guide those who honor her at Imbolc, reminding us to connect with our inner fire, embrace new beginnings, and honor the cycles of life.

Goddess Brigid Symbolism

Brigid is a multifaceted figure with deep associations that connect her to the cycles of life and the elements of transformation. She is most famously linked to fire, symbolizing inspiration, warmth, and the growing light of the sun, as well as the forge, representing transformation and creation through smithcraft. As the goddess of poetry and the arts, Brigid embodies creativity and the power of words to inspire and heal. Her connection to healing extends to both physical and spiritual realms, often linked to sacred wells and springs, which symbolize purification, intuition, and renewal. Brigid is also associated with fertility, nurturing the land, livestock, and the promise of new life. Together, these associations make Brigid a powerful symbol of renewal, creativity, and protection, guiding those who honor her toward growth and transformation.



Honoring the Goddess Bridgid

Honoring Bridgid during Imbolc is a meaningful way to connect with her energy of inspiration, protection, and renewal. Light candles or a fire to symbolize her association with light and transformation, and place them on your altar or in your sacred space. Create a Bridgid's Cross as a symbol of protection and blessings for your home, or craft a Bridgid Doll to represent her nurturing and creative energy. Offer traditional items like milk, honey, bread, or flowers on your altar as a gesture of gratitude. Spend time engaging in creative activities, such as writing poetry, crafting, or singing, to honor her as the goddess of creativity and the arts. Finally, visit or meditate with sacred water—whether from a well, spring, or even a simple bowl of water—to connect with her healing energy and reflect on personal renewal. By embracing these traditions, you invite Bridgid's blessings into your life and home during this sacred time.



Magickal Herbs for Imbolc

Imbolc is a perfect time to work with herbs that align with its themes of purification, renewal, and fertility. Rosemary is a powerful cleansing herb,

ideal for clearing stagnant energy and preparing for new beginnings.

Lavender promotes peace and healing, making it a great choice for soothing rituals or sacred space preparation. Chamomile, associated with sun energy, invites relaxation and positivity, helping you align with the returning light. Angelica is a protective herb that brings blessings and connects to Brigid's nurturing energy. Bay Leaves can be used for intention-setting and manifestation, as writing wishes on them and burning them releases your goals into the universe. Lastly, Milk Thistle, linked to purification and renewal, reflects the cleansing and fertile energy of Imbolc. These herbs can be used in teas, incense, baths, or added to your altar for a touch of seasonal magick.



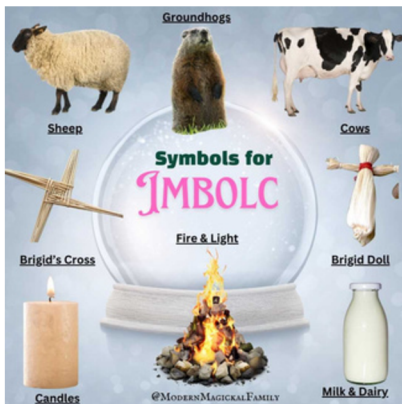
Magickal Crystals for Imbolc



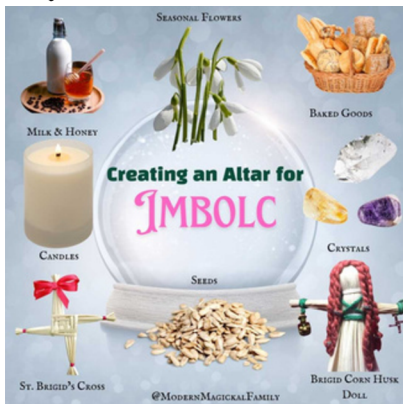
Crystals associated with Imbolc reflect the themes of light, renewal, and inspiration. Citrine is perfect for igniting creativity and bringing warmth, mirroring the returning sun. Amethyst supports intuition and spiritual growth, making it ideal for meditation and reflection during this transitional time. Clear Quartz symbolizes clarity and purification, helping to clear stagnant energy and set powerful intentions. Garnet, with its deep red hues, represents vitality and grounding, connecting you to the earth's stirring energy. Moonstone symbolizes new beginnings and intuition, it helps you connect with the cycles of the moon and your inner wisdom. Carnelian is A fiery stone that boosts creativity, courage, and motivation, reflecting the passion and energy of Brigid. Green Aventurine, known as the stone of growth and opportunity, supports the renewal and fertility themes of Imbolc. Sunstone radiating warmth and positivity, it embodies the light of the growing sun and helps to inspire joy and personal power.

Symbols of Imbolc

The symbols of Imbolc reflect its themes of renewal, light, and fertility, serving as reminders of the season's transformative energy. Candles and fire are central symbols, representing the growing strength of the sun and the light returning to the world. The Brigid's Cross, traditionally woven from straw or reeds, is a powerful emblem of protection and blessings for the home. Milk and dairy products symbolize fertility and nourishment, aligning with the lambing season and the abundance to come. Seeds and grains embody potential and growth, connecting us to the cycles of planting and harvest. Snowdrops and early spring flowers signify hope and the earth's awakening, while wells and water represent purification and healing. Each symbol carries a layer of meaning, grounding our rituals and celebrations in the natural cycles of the earth and the energies of Brigid.



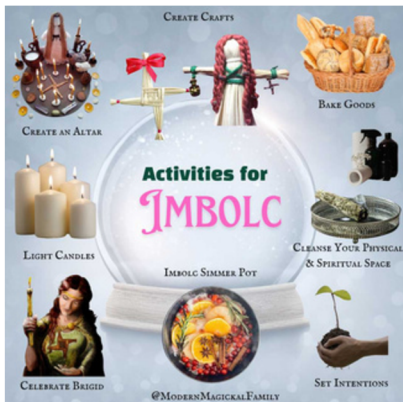
Decorating for Imbolc



Decorating your Imbolc altar is a wonderful way to align with the season's themes of light, renewal, and inspiration. Start with candles in white, gold, or red to symbolize the returning sun and Brigid's fiery energy. Add crystals like citrine, amethyst, or clear quartz to amplify intentions of growth, healing, and clarity. Incorporate seasonal flowers such as snowdrops, crocuses, or other early bloomers to represent the earth's awakening. Place a Brigid's Cross or a figure of Brigid at the center as a focal point for honoring her energy. Include seeds or grains to symbolize potential and fertility, and consider offering baked goods like bread or oatcakes to reflect abundance and gratitude. Enhance the altar with items in nature-inspired colors such as greens, whites, and golds, and finish with personal touches like written intentions or small representations of your creative endeavors. This sacred space becomes a beacon for welcoming renewal and honoring the spirit of Imbolc.

Things to Do for Imbolc

Imbolc is a time of renewal, creativity, and light, offering many meaningful ways to celebrate and connect with the season's energy. Decorate an altar with candles, crystals, seasonal flowers, and symbols of Brigid to create a sacred space. Engage in crafts such as making a Brigid's Cross or Brigid Doll to honor her blessings and creativity. Light candles to symbolize the returning light and the growing power of the sun, and bake seasonal treats like bread, oatcakes, or cookies to celebrate abundance. Create a simmer pot using oranges, cinnamon, rosemary, and cloves to fill your home with warmth and intention. Take time to honor Brigid with offerings, poems, or creative expressions, and reflect on what you want to grow and nurture in the coming months by setting intentions. Cleanse yourself and your space, releasing anything that no longer serves you—physically, spiritually, or emotionally—to align with the themes of purification and renewal. These activities help bring the spirit of Imbolc into your life and home, fostering inspiration and transformation.



Imbolc Family Activities

1. Make a Brigid's Cross

Get crafty with natural materials like straw, reeds, or even paper! These traditional crosses honor Brigid, the goddess of fire, creativity, and protection. Hang them in your home for blessings and good fortune



2. Go on a Nature Scavenger Hunt

Take a walk outside and search for signs of spring, like budding flowers, new greenery, or birds returning. Encourage children to collect small, natural items (like leaves or twigs) to add to your Imbolc altar.

3. Bake and Share Seasonal Treats

Make family-friendly recipes like oatcakes, bread, or cookies using dairy and grains. As you bake, talk about the importance of food in ancient traditions and how it connects us to the cycles of the earth.



Imbolc Family Activities

4. Read Stories about Brigid

Read myths or stories about Brigid's role as a goddess of fire, creativity, and home. Encourage kids to draw pictures or write their own poems inspired by her energy and the themes of Imbolc.



5. Family Candle Lighting

Each family member can light a candle and share something they are thankful for or a goal they want to nurture as the seasons change. Use this time to set family intentions and welcome the light of Imbolc together.



6. Create a Brigid Doll

Help kids craft a Brigid Doll using corn husks, fabric, or paper to symbolize renewal and creativity. Let them decorate their doll with ribbons or flowers and explain how this tradition connects to the spirit of the season.



Imbolc Solitary Activities

1. Perform a Cleansing Ritual

Take time to cleanse your home or sacred space to remove stagnant energy and invite renewal. Use tools like sage, palo santo, or a simple bowl of water with salt to purify the area, while focusing on releasing what no longer serves you and making room for fresh opportunities.



2. Journal and Set Intentions

Sit quietly with a journal and reflect on the themes of Imbolc—light, growth, and renewal. Write down what you want to let go of from the winter and the "seeds" you wish to plant for personal growth in the coming season.

3. Meditate with Candlelight

Light a single candle and use it as a focal point for meditation, symbolizing the growing light and your own inner spark. As you sit in the glow, visualize your goals and dreams blooming with the warmth of the returning sun.



Family Ritual: Welcoming the Light

Purpose: Celebrate Imbolc as a family by honoring the return of light, setting intentions, and connecting with the spirit of Brigid.

This ritual is simple, family-friendly, and designed to foster both individual reflection and family togetherness, all while honoring the energy of Imbolc.

What You'll Need:

- A white or gold candle for each family member.
- A larger central candle (to represent Brigid and the growing light).
- Small slips of paper and pens or crayons.
- A bowl of water (optional, for purification).
- Seasonal decorations (optional, such as flowers, Brigid's Crosses, or symbols of spring).



Prepare the Space:

Set up a small altar or table in your home with the central candle, seasonal decorations, and items like milk, bread, or flowers as offerings to Brigid. Dim the lights to create a cozy, reflective atmosphere.

Imbolc Family Ritual

1. Begin the Ritual:

Gather as a family around the altar or table. Light the central candle and explain that it represents the returning light of the sun and the presence of Brigid, the goddess of fire, creativity, and renewal.



2. Cleansing Activity:

Pass the bowl of water around, allowing each family member to dip their fingers in and gently sprinkle the water on their hands or heads. As they do, invite them to release anything they want to leave behind as they move into a new season.

3. Set Intentions:

Give each family member a slip of paper and something to write or draw with. Ask them to write or draw one thing they want to grow, create, or achieve in the coming season—their "seed of intention."



Imbolc Family Ritual

4. Light the Candles:

Starting with the youngest family member, have each person light their individual candle from the central one. As they light their candle, they can share their intention or simply hold it silently in their heart.



5. Offer Gratitude to Brigid:

Together as a family, offer a simple blessing or thanks to Brigid. You can say something like:

Brigid, goddess of fire and light, we honor your presence and welcome your blessings. May your inspiration guide us, your warmth sustain us, and your light lead us forward.*

6. Close the Ritual:

Blow out the individual candles and leave the central candle burning for a while as a symbol of Brigid's presence. Conclude with a hug, a shared meal, or some family storytelling to celebrate your connection and the season.



Ritual: Rekindling Your Inner Light

Purpose: Celebrate Imbolc by honoring Brigid, welcoming the return of light, and setting intentions for renewal and growth.

This ritual is simple, family-friendly, and designed to foster both individual reflection and family togetherness, all while honoring the energy of Imbolc.



What You'll Need:

- One white, gold, or red candle (to represent the light of Imbolc and Brigid's fire).
- A small bowl of water or a cleansing herb like sage or rosemary.
- A journal or piece of paper and a pen.
- Optional: Symbols of Brigid (e.g., a Brigid's Cross, seeds, milk, or flowers).
- Optional: Seasonal decorations for your altar or sacred space.

Solitary Ritual

1. Prepare Your Sacred Space:

Set up a small altar or sacred area with your candle and any seasonal decorations. Place the bowl of water nearby. Dim the lights to create a reflective atmosphere.



2. Center Yourself

Take a few deep breaths to center your energy. Visualize yourself grounded and connected to the earth, feeling the promise of spring stirring beneath the surface.

3. Cleansing:

Use the bowl of water or your chosen cleansing herb to purify your space and yourself. If using water, sprinkle a little on your hands or forehead, imagining it washing away the past. If using an herb, light it and let the smoke gently cleanse your space.



4. Light the Candle:

Light your candle, symbolizing the growing light of the sun and Brigid's fiery inspiration. As the flame flickers, say:

"I light this flame in honor of Brigid, goddess of fire, creativity, and renewal.
May her blessings ignite my inner light and guide me on my path

Solitary Ritual

5. Reflect and Set Intentions:

Take your journal or paper and reflect on what you wish to let go of and what you want to nurture in the coming season. Write down one or more "seeds of intention" that you want to plant and grow.



6. Meditation or Visualization:

Sit quietly with the candlelight and visualize your intentions blossoming like flowers in spring. See yourself thriving and aligned with the energy of light and renewal.



7. Offer Gratitude:

Place your hands over your heart and thank Brigid for her guidance and blessings. You can say:

Brigid, I honor your fire, your light, and your presence. Thank you for your inspiration and protection as I step forward into the light of this season."



8. Close the Ritual:

Blow out the candle, knowing the light still burns within you. Leave your intentions on your altar or tuck them somewhere safe to revisit as the season progresses.

Craft: Brigid Cross

A Brigid's Cross is a traditional symbol of protection and blessings, often made to honor the goddess Brigid during Imbolc. It represents the connection between earth and fire and invites peace and prosperity into your home.

Brigid's Crosses are typically crafted from rushes, straw, or reeds, but you can use whatever you have on hand—yarn, paper, or even pipe cleaners work! Traditionally, they're hung above doorways or hearths for protection and to honor Brigid, the goddess of fire, creativity, and home.

What You'll Need:

- 12-16 pieces of straw, rushes, or crafting materials (even paper strips work!)
- Scissors
- String or small rubber bands

You need to soak the straw in warm water for a while, to avoid breaking, 30 minutes should be enough.



Craft: Brigid Cross

Below are the instructions for creating a Brigid Cross. This tutorial came from Colorful Crafts - <https://colorful-crafts.com/2016/01/15/brigids-cross-tutorial/>



Craft: Brigid Cross



Craft: Brigid Doll

A Brigid Doll is a beautiful, handcrafted figure symbolizing the Celtic goddess Brigid. Traditionally made during Imbolc, it represents fertility, creativity, and protection, and is often displayed on the altar or placed in the home to invite blessings.

The Brigid Doll is often crafted from straw, corn husks, or natural fibers. It symbolizes Brigid as the goddess of hearth and home. In some traditions, the doll is placed in a small "bed" overnight during Imbolc to invite her blessings for the year ahead.

What You'll Need:

- Corn husks (or straw, raffia, or fabric strips)
- String or twine
- Scissors
- Optional: small scraps of fabric, ribbon, or flowers for decoration



Craft: Brigid Doll

Below are the instructions for creating a Brigid Doll. This tutorial came from Colorful Crafts - <https://colorful-crafts.com/2016/01/15/how-to-make-a-brigid-doll-straw-doll/>



1 Tie 14 straws together on one end.



2 Bend the straws upwards.



3 Turn. Tie together again.



4 Bundle 6 straws. Secure in the middle.



5 Put bundle between other straws.



6 Secure straws below the arms.

Craft: Brigid Doll



Making a Brigid Doll is a meaningful way to honor Brigid's nurturing and creative energy. Place your doll on your Imbolc altar or near your hearth as a symbol of blessings, fertility, and abundance.



Recipe: Honey Oat Bannocks for Imbolc

These simple, rustic bannocks (a type of traditional Celtic flatbread) are perfect for Imbolc, symbolizing the themes of fertility, abundance, and connection to the earth. Made with oats, honey, and butter, they honor the agricultural roots of the season and the nurturing energy of Brigid.

Ingredients:

- 2 cups rolled oats (finely ground into oat flour or use pre-made oat flour)
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons honey (or maple syrup for a vegan option)
- 3 tablespoons melted butter (or coconut oil for a vegan option)
- 1/4 cup milk (dairy or plant-based)
- Extra butter or oil for cooking



These bannocks are perfect for sharing with family or offering on your Imbolc altar as a gift to Brigid. They're simple, wholesome, and filled with the spirit of the season! 🌱🍯

Recipe: Honey Cat Bannocks for Imbolc

1. Prepare the Dough:

In a mixing bowl, combine the oat flour and salt. Stir in the honey, melted butter, and milk until a soft, pliable dough forms. If the mixture is too dry, add a little more milk, one tablespoon at a time.



2. Shape the Bannocks:

Divide the dough into 4-6 portions and shape each into a small, round, flat disk about 1/4-inch thick.

3. Cook the Bannocks:

Heat a skillet over medium heat and lightly grease with butter or oil. Cook each bannock for about 3-4 minutes on each side until golden brown and slightly crisp on the outside.



4. Bless and Serve:

Before eating, take a moment to bless the bannocks in honor of Brigid. You can say: "Brigid, goddess of hearth and home, may these bannocks bring nourishment, abundance, and your blessings into my life."



Serve warm with additional honey, butter, or jam

JOURNALING PROMPTS

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What intentions or 'seeds' do I want to plant and nurture as I move into the brighter half of the year? Reflect on your goals and dreams for the upcoming season and what actions will help them grow.

What parts of my life no longer serve me and need to be released to make room for renewal? Identify habits, relationships, or patterns that you're ready to let go of.

Where in my life do I feel the spark of inspiration, and how can I fan that flame? Explore areas where creativity or passion is stirring and consider how to cultivate them.

How can I honor my connection to nature and the cycles of the earth this season? Reflect on ways to deepen your relationship with the natural world during Imbolc.

JOURNALING PROMPTS

FOR IMBOLC

What does the concept of "light returning" mean to me on a personal level? Write about how you can welcome more light, hope, or positivity into your life.

In what ways can I bring more balance to my physical, emotional, and spiritual well-being? Consider steps you can take to align with the renewal energy of Imbolc.

What does the energy of Brigid—creativity, healing, and protection—mean in my life right now? Explore how Brigid's qualities resonate with your current journey and how you can honor her.

What lessons have I learned during the darker months of winter that I can carry forward? Reflect on the wisdom gained during introspection and how it will shape your path ahead.

Imbolc Affirmations

Affirmations are powerful tools for aligning your thoughts and energy with your intentions, helping you manifest growth and transformation in your spiritual practice. During Imbolc, affirmations can amplify the themes of renewal, creativity, and light, anchoring your focus as you plant seeds for personal and spiritual growth. Incorporating affirmations into rituals, meditation, or daily life can inspire confidence, clarity, and a deeper connection to your inner self and the cycles of nature.



"I honor the light returning, the seeds of growth within me, and the creativity that inspires my journey. I welcome renewal, protection, and the blessings of the goddess Brigid."

"I welcome the light of renewal and trust in the seeds of growth within me."

"As the earth awakens, so do my dreams and intentions for the future."

"I honor my inner fire, letting inspiration and creativity guide my path."

"I release the old and embrace new beginnings with an open heart."

"With each day, I grow stronger, brighter, and more aligned with my purpose."

IMBOLC TAROT SPREAD

This 6-card tarot spread is designed to align with the themes of Imbolc: renewal, light, and planting seeds for growth. It helps you reflect on what needs to be released, what should be nurtured, and how to align with your personal path of renewal.

This spread encourages reflection, intention-setting, and alignment with the powerful energy of Imbolc



PERFORMING THE SPREAD

1. Find a quiet, comfortable space where you can focus without distraction.
2. Prepare your space by lighting a candle (optional) to symbolize the growing light and Brigid's energy.
3. Shuffle your deck while focusing on the themes of Imbolc and renewal.
4. Lay out the cards in a circular or star pattern to represent the balance of nature's cycles.
5. Reflect on each card's message and how it connects to your intentions for the season.

IMBOLC TAROT SPREAD

1. The Flame Within - What is my current source of inspiration or inner fire? This card reveals where your passion and energy are currently focused or where they need to be reignited.
2. The Shadows to Release - What needs to be released to make space for growth? This card highlights any lingering blockages, habits, or beliefs holding you back.
3. The Seeds to Plant - What new intentions should I set and nurture? This card represents the opportunities, goals, or ideas ready to take root in your life.
4. The Tools for Growth - What resources or strengths will help me nurture these intentions? This card provides guidance on the skills, relationships, or external supports you can use to thrive.
5. The Light Returning - How can I welcome more light and positivity into my life? This card illuminates actions or attitudes that will help you embrace hope, joy, and renewal.
6. The Blessings of Brigid - What blessings or guidance does the energy of Brigid bring me at this time? This card offers insight into how the themes of creativity, healing, and protection align with your journey.



About the Sabbat Workbook Series



These Sabbat workbooks are part of a series created to help families celebrate the Wheel of the Year with intention and magic. Each workbook focuses on a specific Sabbat, offering rituals, crafts, recipes, and reflections tailored to the season.

Use them to deepen your connection to nature, honor the cycles of the year, and create meaningful traditions with your loved ones. Whether you are exploring these practices for the first time or continuing a long-standing journey, these workbooks are designed to inspire and guide you through each celebration.

Learn more at:

<https://modernmagickalfamily.com/wheel-of-the-year>

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We hope you find joy, inspiration, and connection as you work through this magical workbook. It's designed to help you align with nature's rhythms, set powerful intentions, and infuse your daily life with meaning and enchantment. If you're looking to dive deeper into magickal practices, explore seasonal celebrations, or connect with more tools and guidance for intentional living, we invite you to visit our website. There, you'll find resources, curated products, and teachings to support your journey and help you embrace a truly magical lifestyle.

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