

Gladiator Project: Prayer to the Gods

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“Grant, Mightiest of the Gods, that by Your hand, Father, the Libyan shall fall in battle to a thunderbolt, since by no other hand than Yours is there power to slay him.” (Livy 1.10.6)

Simple request from a deity

- Invoke the god or gods whom you want to ask something. An effective invocation is to chant the divine name(s) three times aloud.
- Formulate your request. Make sure that your prayer is essentially short, concise, very precise and accurate. "...give me, lend me, allow me that..."; "...save me from any harm, any damage, any danger...").
- Promise something if the god does what you ask
- Use the appropriate Latin formula below to finalize your request

(3.a) **esto fito volens
propitius**

(3.b) **esto fito volens
propitia**

(3.c) **estote fitote
volentes propitii**

(3.d) **estote fitote
volentes propitiae**

(3.a) be benevolent and propitious (praying to a male god)

(3.b) be benevolent and propitious (praying to a goddess)

(3.c) be benevolent and propitious (praying to many gods)

(3.d) be benevolent and propitious (praying to many goddesses)

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1. Name of god 3 times (in vocative)

Complement to god with adjective

2. polite request for a gift in the form of a command to god (Use the **dative** for the person receiving the gift- probably you which would be *mihi* "to me")

Da mihi _____m. (thing being given goes into **accusative and gest an "m"** on the end)

3. Promise a gift:

The gift **Accusative (put "M" on it)**

God's name

Promitto dare tibi _____

4. Wrap up statement (see chart above- write it in exactly as it is in the box)