

Hymn/Prayer to the Muses

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Oh great goddesses, patrons of the Arts and Sciences,
bringers of man's art locked deep within,
I call upon You, the divine keys of ours soul's true self,
Giving honor to You and your Lord Zeus.

Praise be to the Great God King Zeus, father of the gods, hero against the Titans, Son to Kronos
and Lord to the Divine Muses!

Praise be to the Great Divine Muses!

Praise be to the Elder Muses, you who came first, you who brought the dawn's light of soul to
man!

Praise be to Melete, the Muse of meditation, She who gives deeper, inner thought to man!
Praise be to Mneme, the Muse of memory, She who gives the gift of what man has forgotten!
Praise be to Aoide, the Muse of Song, She who gives the divine voice to man!

Praise be to the Younger Muses, those who brought new enlightenment to man!

Praise be to Calliope, the Muse of eloquent and epic poetry!
Praise be to Clio, the Muse of historical and heroic poetry!
Praise be to Erato, the Muse of erotic and love poetry, of lyrics and mimicry!
Praise be to Euterpe, the Muse of lyrical poetry and music, of joy and pleasure, and of the flute!
Praise be to Melomene, the Muse of tragedy!
Praise be to Polyhymnia, the Muse of sacred hymn, of eloquence and of dance!
Praise be to Terpsichore, the Muse of dramatic chorus and dance!
Praise be to Thalia, the Muse of pastoral poetry, of comedy!
Praise be to Urania, the Muse of astronomy and astrology!

As beauty is for beauties sake,
I give this prayer to You!

I give of myself,
And ask only that You give more of myself to me,
Than I had before!

Praise be to the Great Muses!
Praise be to the Muse within me!