

RE-ENCHANTMENT AND GRATITUDE DAY: DECOMPOSERS AND DETRITIVORES



“Even decay is a form of transformation into other living things, part of the great rampage of becoming this is also unbecoming. It is cruel, it is death, and it is also life, degeneration and regeneration, for nearly all things live by the death of other things...”

~ Rebecca Solnit, *The Faraway Nearby*

We mark this day to honor our Decomposer and Detritivores kin as vital beings and forces.

How you conduct your Re-Enchantment and Gratitude Day is up to you and those you create with: It may be as simple as slowing down and giving a moment and a breath of gratitude as you greet and acknowledge our great detritivores and decomposers of the world.

Or you may choose to meet with some decomposers, set an intention, sit and listen, create an altar, or conduct a ceremony. Or learn more about their fantastic life worlds.

Invoke your intuition and natural, inherent ritual intelligence.

Below is a simple blessing. It can be spoken out loud or silently. Feel free to shape it in a way that feels authentic to you. **Part of the re-enchantment is speaking directly with our more-than-human kin, a re-who-ing of the world of which we are but one type of person.**

DECOMPOSER BLESSING

Beloved Decomposers, we honor you.

*With this small offering of words and energy,
may you hear our gratitude.*

*We recognize and honor you as the very condition
for the continued thriving of all Life.*

You teach us that breaking down is necessary for regeneration.

*You teach us the importance of recycling what is,
to feed the soil of what is next.*

You teach us that decay can be beautiful and marvelous.

*You remind us of our deep inter-dependence and interconnectivity
in the wider web of animacy.*

You demonstrate the never-ending shapeshifting of life.

May your gifts be seen.

*May your thrive and the community of Life you support
continue to thrive.*

May we remember your sacredness.

Beloved Decomposers, we love you.