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FLORA

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Born of the earth, she reaches up into the air and when she receives water, she flowers.

Who is Flora?

Flora is the Dakini of the realm of the natural beauty of flowers.

She is the loveliness in nature, blossoming forth to attract what is needed to promote life.

As a flower opens from bud to full blossom, it represents the joy and beauty of beingness.

Her realm and her being are full of flowers. She is the embodiment of fragrance.

In Roman mythology, Flora was the Goddess of fertility and Spring. She is a Goddess of ancient origin, related especially to flowering crops. She later became associated with flowering plants.

She had a festival in April dedicated to her called the 'Floralia'. Her name also means 'blossoming', 'something in its prime'. Honey is one of her special gifts.

Flowers have long been personified, usually as flower fairies and sprites. Flora Dakini combines these collective energies.

Location/Sphere of Influence

In all flowers everywhere and in their fragrance

Allies

Flowers, birds and bees.

Nature & Description of Dakini

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Her realm is the garden of earthly delights, where the birds and the bees play. Her mandala contains all the beauty of the realm of flowers. It is a fragrant place, a walled garden, a safe place to open and bloom. Her whole realm is full of allure, for flowers are there to attract and invite for the process of nature to continue to flourish in all her glory. Her realm extends below the earth, where she is nourished through her roots, and up into the sky, where she receives light and warmth and water.

Flora is depicted in the bloom of her youth. Her skin is fresh, soft and downy, adorned with delicate flowers. She has flower chakras, a sunflower at her solar plexus, a rose at her heart...

She is the freshness of Spring and the redolence of Summer.

She expresses sheer exuberance of being as she releases her fragrance and lets her petals fall.

She sits in the center in open invitation, for she must be pollinated if she is to continue her cycle of life, her joy of being.

Motifs of pink lotuses create the blended border of this floral portal.

A few clouds are seen in the sky above, for Flora is always enjoys a little shower.

Flora's allies are shown, her friends and lovers, the birds and the bees. There is a hummingbird feasting to the right and a lovely bee buzzing to the left. She is so worried about her precious bees, she says...Without them, how could she continue to be? They are an essential, intimate part of her reality...A honeycomb supports Flora's central shrine.

Divinatory Meaning

Time to appreciate nature and its beauty.

Be in nature more.

Wake up and smell the roses!

Slow down so you have time to do so.

Flowers symbolize love and the heart. Flora offers you a heart opening.

The flowering of the heart.

Romance may be in the air.

Indicates cultivating the romantic sentiment.

Apply this to a relationship, project or adventure.

Flowers are used to symbolize divine as well as romantic love.

A fragrance of flowers inexplicably arising is described as 'the calling' by the Sufis, a calling to the path of devotion, to the Beloved.

Behold the undying flower in the center of the rose garden of your heart.

Is it calling you, calling forth your devotional heart?

Recognize and give thanks for every fleeting moment of beauty in your life.

Allow things to blossom.

Flowers go from bud to easing open, little by little, until they reach that moment of full bloom.

They present the essence of their loveliness and offer their fragrance to the wind before they begin to wither and fade away...

'Gather your rosebuds while you may'

Appreciate beauty for its own sake.

A softening of your being, stirrings of gentleness and tenderness.

Beauty as a state of being.

An understanding that flowers use their loveliness to ensure their success as life forms. They must be lovely enough to attract the birds and bees to pollinate them.

The flower of the yoni (vulva). The magnetic attractive power of the feminine.

View the yoni as the most beautiful flower emitting the fragrance of love.

Flora suggests that you become as lovely as possible, as she does, to attract to you all you need to thrive.

Know that you are a flower in the garden of the Goddess. Make yourself as beautiful as you can for her.

Do not be afraid to open fully.

Why do you hold back?

Appreciating the fragrance of life. When you have an experience that has a special quality to it, a fragrance so to speak, savor it and treasure it. Capture all fleeting moment of sweet sensation and store them in your heart, so you may always come back to them and taste the fragrance of their moment once more.

Our sense of smell is a powerful trigger for long-term memories. Have you ever experienced a smell that immediately took you to another time, another place?

It is recognized that it is through our sense of smell that we actually gauge people when we meet them, being attracted to those that smell good, and vice versa. This happens on an automatic, subconscious level generally with humans. With animals it is obvious, for many are 'led by their noses'.

Some fragrances are emitted to protect as well as those that are emitted to attract...

Flora wants you to pay attention to this important sense, for she has great gifts to offer you in this domain.

Take advantage of windows of opportunity, as long as the opportunity smells sweet.

Move towards the sweet rather than the bitter qualities in life.

Surround yourself with beauty as much as possible.

Floral motifs are healing for you.

Look to the form and geometry of flowers for inspiration.

Use the power of fragrance to positively influence a situation or conditions. Select natural fragrance over synthetic.

Make sure you smell good.

Cultivate aspects of your life as a gardener would tend their garden.

Give your flowers attention. Give them water and give them all love. Weed when necessary.

Strategic pruning can improve the flowers. Apply this principle to your current situation or project, being aware that to prune correctly you need to do it at just the right time and be aware of how much you need to cut for optimal results.

We do not flower all the time. We have our periods of hibernation and regeneration.

You may be an annual or a bi-annual flowerer. You may put out a flower only very rarely.

Make sure you have your moments when you bloom.

Flora says, as she is here before you, this may be one of yours...

If not, at least she wants to plant a seed in your heart.

Each flower has its own unique beauty.

See how in a bouquet they compliment each other, they don't compete.

Indications

Give someone you love flowers. Give yourself flowers.

Choose living plants over cut flowers.

Use essential oils, with floral fragrances emphasized, for their healing and balancing qualities, not just for their allure.

Use sweet fragrance to positively shift your mood.

Practices

1. Visualize a lotus bud, or the bud of your favorite flower, in the center of your chest, in your heart center. With closed eyes slow your breath and consciously breathe down into the lotus. With each slow and steady breath, inhaling and exhaling, the flower starts to open. You breathe slowly and deeply, in and out, in and out, and the flower opens and opens until it is in full bloom. When you see it open fully, it emits a wondrous fragrance which permeates your whole being.
Thank Flora for this gift and send love out from the open flower of your heart to all the flowers that grace reality with their presence and to all the birds and bees that help this abundance keep on flowering, keep on regenerating to co-create the basis of what sustains us. Pour out your appreciation of the sheer loveliness that is the Goddess manifesting in all creation.
2. Flora asks you to please make a special prayer for the bees. Envision her garden of Earthly Delights full of flowers with so many bees buzzing as they move happily from flower to flower, their little legs loaded with pollen, as Flora's blossoms open and swoon in sheer delight....
3. Keep and tend a flowering plant and call her Flora.

Dakini Transmission

I find such joy
As I unfold
From bud to flower
And then behold
A moment fragrant
Fragile, full
Of blossoming beauty

Affirmations

I have woken up
I smell the roses
I make time
To appreciate
The beauty of nature
And the fragrance of being