

***beda** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'be.ðã/

noun · neuter · a-stem

Meanings

prayer, entreaty

Etymology

Disputed: most likely from either Proto-Indo-European **g^{wh}ed^h-o-m* from root **g^{wh}ed^h-* (‘to ask for, beseech’) or **b^hed^h-* (‘to bend, bow’), the former depending on the outcome of Proto-Indo-European **g^{wh}* in Proto-Germanic, which otherwise was **w* or **g*; see **banô* (murderer, killer, death’) and **berô* (‘bear’) for other proposed examples of **g^{wh}-* > **b-*. ([Kroonen 2013](#)), though doubtful of this sound change, admits **g^{wh}ed^h-* is a better semantic match.

Declension

Case	Singular	Plural
Nom.	beda	bedō
Acc.	beda	bedō
Gen.	bedas, bidis	bedô
Dat.	bedai	bedamaz
Inst.	bedō	bedamiz
Voc.	beda	bedō

Descendants

***bed** (Proto-West Germanic)

bed (Old English)

bed, bede (Middle English)

bead (English)

bede, beid (Scots)

***bed** (Proto-West Germanic)

 ***bet** (Old High German)

bēt, bēte (Middle High German)

Bet (German)

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