

***bedō** Runic:  Pronunciation: /'be.ðɔ:/

noun · feminine · ō-stem

Meanings

a request; a prayer; plea

Etymology

Disputed: most likely from either Proto-Indo-European **g^{wh}ed^h-eh₂* 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.	bedō	bedōz
Acc.	bedō	bedōz
Gen.	bedōz	bedō
Dat.	bedōi	bedōmaz
Inst.	bedō	bedōmiz
Voc.	bedō	bedōz

Descendants

***bedu** (Proto-West Germanic)

- beda** (Old Dutch)
 - bēde** (Middle Dutch)
 - bede** (Dutch)
 - bede** (Afrikaans)

***bedu** (Proto-West Germanic)

- bedu, beodo** (Old English)
 - bede, bed, beed, beode, bode, boede, ʒebed, ibæd, ibed** (Middle English)
 - bead, bede** (English)
 - bead, bede, beid** (Scots)

***bedu** (Proto-West Germanic)

- bede** (Old Frisian)
 - Beed** (Saterland Frisian)
 - bea** (West Frisian)

***bedu** (Proto-West Germanic)

- beta** (Old High German)
 - bēte, bēt** (Middle High German)
 - Bete, Bitte** (German)

***bedu** (Proto-West Germanic)

- beda** (Old Saxon)
 - bēde** (Middle Low German)
 - Bede** (German)
 - Beed** (Low German)

𐍃𐍅𐍂 (bida) (Gothic)

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