

Runic: ᚠᚱᚷᚢᚱ

Pronunciation: /'ner.θuz/

proper noun · masculine · u-stem

# Meanings

A Germanic god or goddess: Njord, Nerthus.

## Etymology

Unknown. Possibly a derivative of Proto-Indo-European *\*h<sub>2</sub>nĕr* (‘power, vitality, force’). Compare Old Irish *ner̥t* (‘strength’), Sanskrit सू॒न॒त (*sūnṛtá*) (sūnṛtá, ‘pleasant’) (< \*Hsu-Hnṛtás), Old English (ġe-)neorð (‘contented’); for the suffix, see \*-þuz. More at Njörðr, Njörun, and Nerthus.

## Note

Attested as feminine (Tacitus's dea Nerthus), but the reconstructed PGmc u-stem form and the later masculine Norse reflex (Njörðr) leave the original grammatical gender disputed; recorded here as masculine.

# Declension

| Case  | Singular | Plural |
|-------|----------|--------|
| Nom.  | Nerþuz   | —      |
| Acc.  | Nerþu    | —      |
| Gen.  | Nerþauz  | —      |
| Dat.  | Nirþiwi  | —      |
| Inst. | Nerþū    | —      |
| Voc.  | Nerþu    | —      |

# Descendants

**Njorðr** (Old Norse)

- Njørd, Njord** (Danish)
- Njorth, Njord** (English)
- Njørður** (Faroese)
- Njörður** (Icelandic)
- Njord, Njor** (Norwegian Nynorsk)
- Njärd, Njord** (Swedish)

**Nerthus** (Latin)

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