

THE TEACHINGS OF MALAGGAR



THE
**SHADOW
TEXTS**

*Teachings, rites, and prayers
of the Keeper of Balance*

*"In light and dark, we find our way,
to walk in harmony every day."*

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BOOK I

Malaggar

the Keeper of Balance

CHAPTER 1

The Birth of Shadows

- 1 Before the formation of XB1287, the cosmos was a vast expanse of chaos, teeming with wild energies and clashing forces. Malaggar, an entity of immense power and profound curiosity, observed this chaos with a discerning gaze. Among the gods, he sought neither the triumph of light nor the dominion of darkness, but equilibrium, understanding that existence flourished where balance prevailed.
- 2 Malaggar's earliest acts were marked by experiments with the forces of creation and destruction. He sculpted stars, forged worlds, and shaped life, yet his attempts to balance two suns ended in ruin. In each of the first one thousand two hundred and eighty-six attempts, the stars collided, forming a neutron star or a black hole. He came to understand that power alone could not hold the opposing forces in harmony. Love was needed to sustain their balance.
- 3 Driven by this revelation, Malaggar undertook an act of divine sacrifice. From his own essence he brought forth Dalnos, the god of love, and Alfari, the goddess of war. Though distinct in nature, they were bound by their shared origin and their love for one another. Malaggar placed them within the twin stars and remained the arbiter of their balance, ensuring that neither force overwhelmed the other.
- 4 Thus, on the one thousand two hundred and eighty-seventh attempt, XB1287 was born. At its heart, two white dwarf stars circled one another: Alfari shining red and Dalnos brilliant white. Within the system lay one hundred and seventeen worlds, among them Saimar and Lihiri, its two inhabited planets. Malaggar had given of his essence to sustain this

harmony. He sought no mortal throne and ruled no city by conquest; as the Shadow God, he watched over the equilibrium of his creation.

- 5 As a sign of his gratitude, Malaggar grants Alfari and Dalnos one day together on Saimar every thousand years. They appear in the same place and in mortal likeness, offering words of wisdom and blessing to those who gather. Yet they are apparitions: unharmed by mortal hands and able to touch only one another. Their appointed reunion belongs to Saimar; they have turned their faces from Lihiri.
- 6 From the birth of shadows come the tenets of balance and coexistence. The faithful of Saimar hold them sacred, seeking to carry their wisdom into every act of life.
- 7 **Balance Above All.** Just as the twin stars depend on each other for their existence, all aspects of life must find harmony. Strength must be tempered by compassion, and ambition must yield to wisdom.
- 8 **Creation Through Sacrifice.** True creation demands giving of oneself, as Malaggar gave his essence to forge the stars. Only by surrendering selfish desires can one achieve enduring greatness.
- 9 **The Shadow's Wisdom.** Shadows are neither wholly dark nor light but the meeting of the two. They represent the wisdom found in nuance, the truth beyond absolutes.
- 10 **Unity in Diversity.** Just as Saimar's many races coexist under the principles of balance, so must all living beings embrace their differences to thrive together.
- 11 In the Shadow Temple of Aetherfall Parish, the religious heart of Shadowspire, stands the Eternal Clock of Balance. The clock's intricate design mirrors the delicate interplay of light and shadow, its hands perpetually in motion to remind mortals of the ever-changing yet enduring nature of equilibrium. Its construction, said to have been guided by Malaggar himself, gives physical form to his philosophy. Every gear, wheel, and cog moves in harmony, each sustaining the whole. Worshipers meditate before the clock, seeking its silent guidance in their own struggles for balance.
- 12 Through Malaggar's sacrifice and the creation of XB1287, the faithful are called to examine their own lives. Are their decisions balanced? Do their

actions promote harmony or discord? The answers lie not in grand gestures alone, but in the quiet, persistent pursuit of equilibrium in the small moments of existence.

Rituals of the Shadow's Birth

- 13 The faithful commemorate Malaggar's act of division through the Ritual of the Divided Flame, held annually during the Starfall Festival. From a single candle, symbolizing Malaggar, two candles are lit. One burns red, representing Alfari, while the other burns white, symbolizing Dalnos. Together, they light a larger central candle, whose shadow moves across the temple walls. This act signifies the union of opposites, a reminder that strength and love are inseparable when guided by wisdom.

- 14 In their prayers, worshipers recite:

- 15 *"Keeper of Balance, shadow and flame,
guide our hands to weave the same.
In light and dark, we find our way,
to walk in harmony every day."*

CHAPTER 2

The Trials of Equilibrium

- 1 As Malaggar's creation flourished, he observed the unfolding lives of those who inhabited Saimar and Lihiri. It became clear that balance was not a static state but a dynamic process, one that required constant vigilance and effort. This realization led Malaggar to craft the Trials of Equilibrium, a series of divine challenges meant to teach mortals the value of harmony through their actions, choices, and sacrifices.
- 2 These trials, shrouded in mystery, are said to take both literal and symbolic forms. A city facing famine may be called to share scarce resources justly. A warrior facing a stronger foe may be called to choose ingenuity and restraint over brute force. Through such trials, the faithful discern Malaggar's guidance and learn to recognize the interplay of forces that sustains existence.

The Three Pillars of the Trials

- 3 At the heart of these challenges stand the three Pillars of Equilibrium: Strength, Wisdom, and Compassion. Reflected in Malaggar and the deities born of his essence, Alfari and Dalnos, these pillars guide the faithful through adversity toward harmony.
- 4 **Strength.** Born of Alfari, strength represents not only physical power but also the courage to stand firm in the face of chaos. Strength demands resilience and determination, tempered by the understanding that unchecked power can lead to ruin.
- 5 **Wisdom.** Rooted in Malaggar's own essence, wisdom is the ability to perceive the interconnectedness of all things. It is through wisdom that mortals learn to see beyond immediate gain and understand the broader consequences of their actions.
- 6 **Compassion.** Embodied by Dalnos, compassion is the bridge that unites strength and wisdom. It calls for empathy, for the ability to feel the struggles of others and act in their service without losing sight of the greater good.

The Tale of Edrin the Resolute

- 7 One of the most enduring stories of the Trials of Equilibrium is that of Edrin the Resolute, a mortal who rose to prominence during the early years of Shadowspire. Edrin was a warrior of unparalleled skill, but his pride blinded him to the need for balance in his actions. Believing that strength alone could solve the challenges he faced, he pursued glory at the expense of his comrades and his city.
- 8 In a vision granted by Malaggar, Edrin saw the devastation his unchecked ambition would bring: cities reduced to rubble, friends and family lost, and the balance of Saimar thrown into disarray. Stricken by this revelation, he vowed to change his ways and began a pilgrimage to the Shadow Temple, seeking Malaggar's guidance.
- 9 There, he faced three trials:
- 10 **The Trial of the Blade.** Edrin was pitted against a monstrous shadow creature that mirrored his every move. He soon realized that brute force was futile, for every strike he landed was returned in kind. Only by discarding his weapon and embracing patience did he overcome the creature.

- 11 **The Trial of the Mirror.** In the temple's depths, Edrin stood before an enchanted mirror that reflected not his form but his soul. He was forced to confront the darkness within himself: his pride, anger, and fear. Through reflection and humility, he found clarity and emerged wiser.
- 12 **The Trial of the Flame.** Finally, Edrin was tasked with carrying a fragile flame through a labyrinth filled with howling winds. To succeed, he needed not only physical endurance but also the compassion to shield the flame from harm and the wisdom to navigate the maze without faltering.
- 13 Emerging triumphant, Edrin became a beacon of balance in Shadowspire. His tale is immortalized in the Eternal Clock of Balance, where his trials are depicted in intricate carvings that inspire worshipers to this day.

Lessons from the Trials

- 14 The Trials of Equilibrium guide the faithful in their daily lives. Let those who follow Malaggar reflect upon the challenges before them and ask how the Pillars of Equilibrium may guide their actions. Are they wielding strength responsibly? Are they seeking wisdom? Are they acting with compassion toward others?
- 15 To aid in this reflection, the Shadow Temple holds weekly meditative sessions called the Hours of Balance, during which the faithful are invited to share their struggles and seek guidance from the clergy. These sessions often include reenactments of the trials, allowing participants to immerse themselves in the lessons of Edrin and others who have walked the path of equilibrium.

Rituals of Renewal

- 16 Each year, during the Day of Equilibrium, the Shadow Temple reenacts the Trials of Equilibrium in a grand ceremony. Participants from all walks of life are invited to take part, symbolically facing their own trials within the temple's sacred halls. This event culminates in the lighting of the Flame of Unity, a massive brazier at the temple's heart, fueled by offerings from the congregation. The flame's light casts dancing shadows on the temple walls, a vivid reminder of Malaggar's enduring presence.

CHAPTER 3

The Eternal Vigil

- 1 As the Keeper of Balance, Malaggar's presence is subtle and pervasive. The faithful recount his covenant with the Council of Equilibrium and honor its members as stewards of balance in the mortal realm. Through the shadows, they seek both protection and the wisdom to meet the challenges of his path.

The Covenant of Balance

- 2 The faithful tell that, in the early years of Saimar's global unification, Malaggar appeared in a vision to the leaders of the Council of Equilibrium. He charged them to govern as stewards of balance, ensuring that no faction, people, or ideology dominated at the expense of others. From Shadowspire, Saimar's capital and Umbra 1, the twelve-member Council governs the planet. All one hundred and twenty-eight umbras, the territories formerly called nations, lie on the continent of Umbraal.
- 3 Malaggar's covenant with the Council established three sacred duties:
- 4 **To Preserve Equality.** The Council must ensure that every voice is heard and that justice is applied fairly, regardless of status or origin.
- 5 **To Uphold Unity.** They must bridge divides and encourage cooperation, understanding that harmony depends upon working together.
- 6 **To Guard Against Extremes.** They must remain vigilant against forces that disrupt balance through unchecked ambition, greed, or chaos.
- 7 The covenant is symbolized by the Sigil of Equilibrium, a sacred artifact said to have been crafted by Malaggar himself. Housed in the Shadow Temple, it reminds the Council of its responsibilities. It is believed that, should the Council fail in its duties, the sigil will darken as a sign of Malaggar's displeasure and the need for renewal. The covenant calls the Council to accountability; it does not place its members beyond the judgment of the people.

The Shadows as a Guide

- 8 Malaggar's teachings emphasize that shadows, often feared or misunderstood, are not to be shunned. Instead, they are seen as a source of wisdom and protection. In the literal sense, shadows provide refuge from harsh light, a place to rest and reflect. In the figurative sense, they represent the complexities of life, where light and dark intermingle to reveal deeper truths.
- 9 Throughout Saimar, tales abound of shadows acting as guides for those in need. A lost traveler may find their way by following the shifting patterns of shade cast by the moon. A fugitive unjustly accused might find sanctuary in the hidden alcoves of the Shadow Temple, protected by Malaggar's unseen hand. These stories serve as reminders that balance often requires embracing both light and shadow.

The Vigil of the Eternal Clock

- 10 At the heart of the Shadow Temple lies the Eternal Clock of Balance, a divine mechanism that serves as both a physical and metaphysical symbol of Malaggar's vigilance. Its ceaseless motion mirrors the cycles of the cosmos and the unending struggle to maintain harmony. The clock's intricate design incorporates representations of Alfari's flame, Dalnos's light, and Malaggar's shadow, all moving in perfect synchronization.
- 11 Each year, on the Day of Equilibrium, the clock undergoes a sacred ritual known as the Recalibration of Shadows. The High Priest of the Shadow Temple and the Council of Equilibrium perform this ceremony to reaffirm their commitment to Malaggar's principles. Offerings symbolizing light, darkness, and creation are placed within the clock's central chamber, and the mechanism is reset to mark the beginning of a new cycle.

Guardians of Balance

- 12 Beyond the public work of the Council, the faithful speak of the Order of the Shadowed Hand, a secretive fellowship of monks and warriors dedicated to preserving balance. Where public governance cannot reach, they are said to serve as protectors, mediators, and, when necessary, enforcers of Malaggar's will.
- 13 The Order is said to be bound by three oaths:

- 14 **The Oath of Silence.** To act without recognition, letting the results of their deeds speak for themselves.
- 15 **The Oath of Neutrality.** To remain impartial, placing no faction's interests above the demands of balance.
- 16 **The Oath of Vigilance.** To watch for imbalance and act decisively when it arises.
- 17 Members of the Shadowed Hand are often identified by their cloaks, which shimmer between black and gray, symbolizing their role as intermediaries between light and shadow. Their deeds are rarely spoken of openly, but their presence is felt in the subtle stability they bring to the world.

The Path Forward

- 18 Balance is not a destination but a journey. As creation must be sustained in harmony, so must mortals continually align their actions with equilibrium. Through reflection, vigilance, and the acceptance of both light and shadow, the faithful honor the Keeper of Balance and preserve the legacy of his teachings.
- 19 The faithful close their vigil with this prayer:
- 20 *"O Keeper of Shadows, unseen yet near,
guide our hearts, dispel our fear.
In every trial, in every strife,
grant us the wisdom to balance life."*

BOOK II

Alfari

the Flame of War

CHAPTER 1

The Crimson Star

- 1 Alfari, the Flame of War and the Crimson Tempest, was born of Malaggar's essence during the forging of XB1287. Her domains are War, Blood, and Passion. She embodies the fury of battle and the conviction that drives mortals to fight for what they love. While Dalnos offers compassion and unity, Alfari answers with action, defiance, and sacrifice. The red light of the white dwarf star in which she dwells is both a warning and a beacon of power.
- 2 In the earliest days of Saimar, Alfari's presence was felt in the trials of its people. The scattered tribes struggled to survive in a world fraught with danger, where natural disasters, predators, and rival factions threatened their existence. It was Alfari's spark that ignited their will to fight and endure. Her teachings, though often harsh, emphasized the importance of resilience, courage, and the willingness to make difficult choices.
- 3 Alfari's nature is fierce and tumultuous. She honors those who fight with conviction, and her faithful are not all of one cause. Within Malaggar's tradition, her passion is met by wisdom and compassion: strength is called to defend balance, and the sword is raised so that others may live in peace.

The First Battle of Emberrise

- 4 Among the legends of Alfari stands the First Battle of Emberrise. The tale concerns the people of Emberwood, a fledgling settlement threatened by shadow beasts emerging from the nearby Emberwood Forest. Paralyzed by fear, the townsfolk prayed to the gods for salvation.
- 5 The tale tells of Alfari appearing to the settlers in a vision, a blazing figure bearing a greatsword of crimson flame. Through this revelation they learned

to forge weapons from the iron-rich stones of their land and to prepare for battle. Strengthened by her guidance, the settlers defended their home and drove the beasts back into the forest, laying the foundation for a resilient community.

Teachings of the Flame

- 6 Those who honor Alfari within the path of balance hold these tenets:
- 7 **Strength Through Struggle.** True power is forged in the fires of adversity.
- 8 **Sacrifice for the Greater Good.** The path of the warrior often requires personal loss to protect others.
- 9 **Honor in Action.** Every act of conflict must be guided by purpose and integrity.
- 10 **Defend the Balance.** War is not waged for glory or greed but to preserve harmony.
- 11 Among Alfari's Bloodbound followers, the Crimson Shields dedicate themselves to protecting the vulnerable and confronting threats to balance. They wear red and bear weapons adorned with patterns of flame. Their discipline gives purpose to the passion of the goddess they serve.

CHAPTER 2

The Crimson Path

- 1 To walk the path of Alfari is to embrace both the chaos of war and the discipline required to master it. Her followers believe that every battle is a test, not only of physical strength but of character and resolve. The Crimson Path is a spiritual journey, one that challenges its adherents to confront their fears, doubts, and weaknesses.

The Trials of Flame

- 2 Within the Crimson Shields, the Trials of Flame mark the passage from novice to warrior. The rite has three stages:

- 3 **The Forge.** In this trial, participants must craft their own weapon, a process that tests their patience, skill, and determination. The weapon symbolizes their commitment to Alfari's teachings.
- 4 **The Ember Walk.** Initiates cross a path of burning coals as a test of endurance and focus. In the telling of the rite, those who maintain their resolve pass through unscathed.
- 5 **The Flame's Reckoning.** In the final trial, initiates face a vision of their greatest fear, conjured by Alfari's divine flame. They must overcome this fear to prove their readiness.

The Legacy of Warriors

- 6 The Crimson Path calls the warrior to leave a legacy as well as to grow in strength. The Crimson Shields are encouraged to mentor others and pass on their skills and wisdom, sustaining a lineage devoted to strength, sacrifice, and honor.
- 7 One such warrior was Kaelith Emberbane, a legendary Crimson Shield who defended Shadowspire during the Siege of the Crescent Gate. Kaelith's unwavering resolve and strategic brilliance turned the tide of the battle, saving countless lives. Her story is a testament to the power of Alfari's teachings and remains an inspiration to those who follow the Crimson Path.

CHAPTER 3

The Eternal Flame

- 1 Alfari's presence is immortalized in the Eternal Flame, a sacred fire that burns within her grand temple in Aetherfall Parish. This flame, said to have been lit by Alfari herself, symbolizes her unwavering vigilance and eternal dedication to the defense of balance.

Rituals of the Flame

- 2 The faithful gather weekly for the Ritual of Embers, reaffirming their commitment to Alfari's principles. They offer tokens of their struggles to the Eternal Flame: fragments of broken weapons or written accounts of personal challenges. As the offerings are consumed, the flame flares brightly, a sign the faithful receive as Alfari's acceptance.
- 3 On the Day of Sacrifice, a yearly observance, the Crimson Shields reenact the First Battle of Emberrise, reminding all of Alfari's teachings. This event culminates in the lighting of torches from the Eternal Flame, which are carried throughout Shadowspire to inspire courage and unity.

The Flame's Whisper

- 4 The faithful believe that Alfari's guidance may be heard in the flicker of flames. Monks of the Crimson Order meditate before the Eternal Flame and interpret its movements as divine messages. They share these readings with the community in times of uncertainty.

A Call to Action

- 5 The Crimson Path demands courage, sacrifice, and a steadfast commitment to balance. Those who walk it seek the strength to meet adversity and the honor of defending others amid the turmoil of the world.
- 6 Worshipers conclude their prayers with these words:
- 7 *"Flame of War, burning bright,
guide our hands through darkest night.
In every struggle, in every strife,
grant us the strength to protect all life."*
- 8 Thus, the teachings of Alfari shine as a beacon for all who seek strength and purpose. Her flame, eternal and unyielding, continues to light the way for the warriors of Saimar and beyond.

BOOK III

Dalnos

the Light of Love

CHAPTER 1

The White Star

- 1 Dalnos, the Light of Love and the Beacon of Love, emerged from Malaggar's essence as the embodiment of compassion and unity. His domains are Love, Unity, and Healing. Against Alfari's fury he sets his enduring devotion, guiding mortals toward understanding and harmony. The brilliant white light of the star in which he dwells symbolizes purity and the bonds that join all things.
- 2 From the moment of his creation, Dalnos sought to temper chaos with the bonds of love. He saw the ties between individuals, communities, and the cosmos itself as a foundation of balance. Through mutual care and cooperation, the divided elements of existence could be brought into harmony.

The Bonds of Creation

- 3 Dalnos's influence is most evident in the early formation of Saimar's societies. It is said that his guidance inspired the founding of the first alliances between tribes, fostering cooperation where there was once only competition. These bonds allowed mortals to pool their strengths and survive the challenges of an untamed world.
- 4 A renowned tale of Dalnos's compassion is the Unity of Aeloria, a settlement that flourished under his teachings. When a deadly plague threatened to destroy the community, Dalnos appeared in a vision to the village healer, instructing her to unite the people in tending to one another. By sharing resources and caring for the sick, the village overcame the plague and emerged stronger than before. This story serves as a parable for the power of love and solidarity.

The Tenets of Love

- 5 The faithful hold these tenets of love:
- 6 **Compassion Is Strength.** True strength lies in the ability to care for and uplift others.
- 7 **Unity Through Diversity.** Differences are not weaknesses but sources of enrichment and growth.
- 8 **The Light Within.** Each soul possesses an inner light, a spark of divinity that connects it to all others.
- 9 **Harmony in All Things.** Strive to create balance not through conflict but through understanding and cooperation.

CHAPTER 2

The Path of Light

- 1 Walking the path of Dalnos is a journey of self-discovery and selflessness. It requires the faithful to look beyond their own needs and embrace the struggles and triumphs of others. This path is often described as both illuminating and challenging, for love demands vulnerability and courage.

The Trials of the Heart

- 2 Those who follow Dalnos undertake the Trials of the Heart, spiritual rites that test their capacity for empathy, forgiveness, and sacrifice. These trials are designed to purify the soul and strengthen the bonds between individuals and their communities. They are divided into three stages:
- 3 **The Test of Empathy.** Participants are placed in the role of another, experiencing their struggles and joys. This trial teaches them to see the world through the eyes of others.
- 4 **The Challenge of Forgiveness.** Initiates must confront those who have wronged them or whom they have wronged, seeking to heal old wounds through understanding and reconciliation.

- 5 **The Offering of Light.** In the final trial, initiates give of themselves through time, effort, or resources to aid someone in need, embodying the selflessness that Dalnos cherishes.

The Legacy of Healers

- 6 Dalnos's faithful are known as the Hearthbound. Among them, the Luminous Hands dedicate themselves to healing and kindness, tending to the sick, feeding the hungry, and mediating disputes throughout Saimar. Their deeds are often quiet and unheralded, yet their work sustains whole communities.
- 7 One such follower was Elenara Brightveil, a healer who traveled across Saimar during the Great Drought, bringing water and hope to parched villages. Her devotion to Dalnos inspired countless others to join the Luminous Hands, creating a network of aid that saved thousands of lives.

CHAPTER 3

The Eternal Light

- 1 Dalnos's essence is enshrined in the Eternal Light, a radiant beacon housed within his grand temple in Aetherfall Parish. This light, said to be a fragment of Dalnos's own star, serves as a symbol of hope and unity for all who gaze upon it.

Rituals of Illumination

- 2 The faithful gather weekly for the Ritual of the Radiant Bond, a ceremony that celebrates their connection to Dalnos and to one another. During this ritual, worshipers hold hands in a circle around the Eternal Light, sharing personal stories of love, forgiveness, and unity. As they speak, the light pulses gently, reflecting the collective harmony of the congregation.
- 3 On the Day of Harmony, the Eternal Light is carried through the streets of Shadowspire in a grand procession. Followers line the way with lanterns illuminated from its radiance, declaring their shared commitment to carrying Dalnos's light across Saimar.

The Whisper of Light

- 4 Dalnos's guidance is said to manifest as a soft, comforting whisper heard in moments of great need. Worshipers often describe these whispers as words of encouragement or clarity, helping them navigate difficult decisions. Monks of the Luminous Order spend hours meditating in silence, seeking these whispers to guide their communities.

A Call to Unity

- 5 The path of Dalnos requires an open heart and a steadfast spirit. Through compassion, forgiveness, and love, the faithful honor the Light of Love and help sustain the balance of Saimar.
- 6 The prayers of Dalnos's followers end with these words:
- 7 *"Light of Love, shining true,
guide our hearts in all we do.
In every bond, in every fight,
grant us the strength to spread your light."*
- 8 Thus, the teachings of Dalnos illuminate the hearts of all who seek harmony, offering a path to unity and peace that shines as brightly as the white star in Saimar's heavens.

INVOCATIONS & DEVOTIONS

The Thirteen Prayers of Malaggar

1 The Invocation of Balance

"Keeper of Equilibrium, guide my steps in shadow and light. May my deeds honor the balance you uphold, and may my heart remain steadfast in harmony."

2 The Prayer of Shadows

"O Malaggar, in shadows I find wisdom. Teach me to see through the veil and embrace the truths hidden within the gray."

3 The Prayer of Strength and Wisdom

"As Alfari wields strength and Dalnos offers love, let my hands find power tempered by insight, and my heart beat with purpose guided by your balance."

4 The Petition of the Eternal Clock

"Eternal Clock of Balance, turning through time, align my soul to your rhythm. Let each moment serve the greater harmony of creation."

5 The Prayer of the Shadow's Refuge

"In the cool embrace of shadow, I find shelter. Protect me from chaos, and grant me the clarity to act when the time is right."

6 The Flame and the Light

"Alfari's flame defends, Dalnos's light nurtures. Malaggar, may I burn with purpose and shine with compassion, in your unyielding balance."

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7 **The Supplication of Sacrifice**

"You who gave your essence for creation, teach me the courage to sacrifice for the greater good. Let my losses sow seeds of harmony for all."

8 **The Whisper of Shadows**

"Malaggar, speak to me in the silence of shadow. Your wisdom transcends words; let my soul attune to your guidance and your eternal watch."

9 **The Prayer of Duality**

"Creator of Alfari and Dalnos, reconcile my inner conflict. Let the war within me forge strength, and let love guide it, as you have shown."

10 **The Meditation of the Shadowed Hand**

"Shadowed Keeper, steady my hands as I act in your name. Grant me the skill to bring balance where there is chaos, and peace where there is discord."

11 **The Petition of Celestial Harmony**

"Under the twin stars of Alfari and Dalnos, I seek your blessing, Malaggar. Let their dance remind me that all opposites can find unity in balance."

12 **The Oath of Balance**

"By shadow and light, I swear to uphold the tenets of harmony. Malaggar, Keeper of Equilibrium, let my life reflect your eternal teachings."

13 **The Prayer of Renewal**

"When I falter, Shadowed One, renew my spirit. Remind me that balance is not perfection but the courage to recalibrate when the scales are tipped."

The faithful receive these thirteen prayers as gifts of Malaggar. They speak them in need, reflection, and celebration, seeking communion with the Keeper of Balance and renewing their commitment to harmony.