

## Odin

Odin was the chief Viking god and was believed to be the father of all gods. He sought wisdom and gave up one of his eyes in exchange for drinking from a sacred well of knowledge. Odin sent his two ravens, Huginn and Muninn, around the world each day to bring him news about what was happening. His spear, Gungnir, was legendary as it always hit its target when thrown by Odin.



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## Thor

Thor, son of Odin, was the god of sky and thunder. He was the strongest of all the gods and his strength was doubled when he wore his belt, Meginjörð. His hammer, Mjöltnir, was a powerful weapon that helped him to protect the home of the gods. He wore special iron gloves, known as Járngreipr, when he brandished his hammer.





## Frey

Frey, also known as Freyr, was the god of fruitfulness, sun and rain. He was a peaceful god and he encouraged people to treat each other kindly. His boar, Gullinbursti, was faster than any other animal and could travel across land, sea and air. He had a magic sword that could fight by itself. His ship, Skidbladnir, was able to carry all of the gods and goddesses, plus their weaponry.



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## Freyja

Freyja was the goddess of love and twin sister to Frey. She was well-known for her great wisdom and magical abilities. She wore a sacred necklace, Brísingamen, and had a chariot pulled by cats, which became her symbol. Freyja often helped the other Norse gods by allowing them to borrow her magical cloak of falcon feathers.





## Heimdall

Heimdall, also known as the guardian of the gods, lived at the end of the Bifröst in his fortress, Himinbjorg, watching for the beginning of Ragnarök, the doom of the gods. With his enhanced senses, Heimdall was always vigilant, listening and watching for intruders. When enemies were coming, he would blow his mighty horn, Gjallarhorn, to warn the other gods.



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## Loki

Loki was the trickster of the Norse gods, as he was a shape-shifter. Loki would often cause as many problems as he helped solve. He was held responsible for the death of the god, Baldur. As punishment, Loki was chained under a snake whose venom would drip onto his skin, causing him great pain. He remained trapped that way until the start of Ragnarök, when he escaped.

