

## SELF-CARE

## WORKBOOK

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# WHAT IS SELF-CARE?

EVERY ACT OF SELF-CARE IS A DECLARATION: I AM ON MY OWN SIDE.

I believe that self-care is a combination of the nurturing routines, conversations and relationships we have with US. It's the capacity to love, accept, connect and care for ourselves, from the inside out, in spite of the traumas and stresses in our lives. It's about leaning into our lives, moment to moment, with trust and appreciation.

After sharing my own journey of battling mental illness, substance abuse, and eating disorders stemming from trauma, I was astounded at the number of audiences that responded with "I've been there too." It took trial and error and many years to craft the self-care practices I use today. And now I want to share those discoveries with YOU.

So here they are. My golden nuggets. My go-to exercises when I need to get grounded. These are my favorite tools, insights and inspirations from my own life practices and learnings. Be prepared to get real, honest and down to the nitty-gritty. But most of all, be prepared to make shift happen. See what I did there?

There's an unimaginable life you hold inside, let's venture inward on the path to moving you forward!



### MORNING ROUTINE



Today, I am grateful for...

I will feel this emotion by... (set an intention)

Today, I want to feel... (list an emotion)

align "

Close your eyes and take 3 deep breaths. Inhale belief, exhale fear. Visualize your perfect day unfolding. Feel calm, trusting, and grounded.

affirm...

I let go of all negativity that rests in my mind and body. I open myself to receiving abundance from the universe. Every experience I have is perfect for my growth.



## +WORDS CREATE



Every word after "I am" creates. Our language creates our intentions and ultimately our reality. Below are examples of the declarations we speak. Circle the ones that resonate with you and put a line through the ones that no longer serve you.

"I'm too busy."
"I'm annoyed with..."
"I am grateful."

"I'm sorry."

"I'm not good enough."

"I will always be single."

"I am strong."

"I'm always tired."

"I wont be happy until..."

"I'm beautiful.
"I'm ugly."
"I choose happiness."

What stories do you have on repeat that are NO LONGER serving you? Write them down. Are you talking yourself out of life? Where does this fear and doubt come from? Can you expose the incorrect beliefs you are leaning into and creating patterns around? Bring awareness to these words and let them go!

Write a new story below, rooted in encouraging and intentional language. For example: "I AM proud of me. I AM deserving of happiness, because I AM more than enough."



# WHEN YOU DOUBT YOUR POWER, YOU GIVEPOWERTO YOUR DOUBT...

## SELF-CARE FIX



### self-care: giving the best of you, not what's left of you

What activities, people, environments, habits or situations drain or irritate you? (Ex: scrolling, messy house, uncomfortable clothes, busy schedule)

When you feel this way, it's time for some self-care.

What times during the day do you routinely have for free-time?

What self-loving acts help you to become re-centered?

Clean living space Running Taking a nap Watch comedy Workout Yoga/stretch Spend time outdoors Bath with candles Music Dancina Screen-free mornings Organized room Candles/essential oils Your favorite meal Eating healthy Eating dessert Your favorite show Positive affirmations Meditate Go shopping Driving

Lunch date w/ yourself Lunch date w/a friend Social media detox Writing gratitude lists Journaling Cookina Petting your animal Pampered salon visit Creating new goals Reading Being creative Healthy cry Call someone you love Breathwork Comfy clothes Low lighting Open schedule Cup of coffee/tea Saying NO Saying YES A stay-cation

Try to fit in 1-3 activities a day. Bonus points if you can start a routine of practice!

# Trustyour gut.



Did you know that your gut and emotions are a two-way street? 90% of your seratonin is produced and stored in your gut. So, you guessed it...the healthier you eat, the happier you are!

But remember...a balanced diet doesn't mean you can't treat yourself!

### Foods that increase stress & anxiety

sugar
artificial sweeteners
aspertame
hydrogenated oils
trans fats
shortening/margarine
fried foods
frozen meals
fast food
processed foods

processed meats

microwave popcorn
foods with gluten
alcohol
coffee
soda
fruit juice
caffeine
high sodium
MSG
corn syrup
food dyes

### Foods that reduce stress & anxiety

spinach
cashews
salmon
turkey
chamomile tea
mushrooms
oats
dark chocolate
asparagus
avocado
kale

bananas
kiwi
blueberries
turmeric
kefir
kimchi
tempeh
fermented foods
brown rice
whole grains

leafy greens

### Stress Reducing Berry Smoothie:

1 cup of spinach, 1/2 cucumber 1 cup of frozen blueberries, 1 frozen banana 1 Tbsp Chia Seeds, 1 Tsp Cinnamon 1/2 cup of coconut water 1/2 cup filtered water

### Meal Prepping 101

To start meal prepping, pick one day a week you want to dedicate to planning and cooking your meals for the week ahead.

## LOVELETTER



Write yourself a love letter. Dig deep. Be honest, vulnerable. Go there. Dare you. Want to go even deeper? Write a letter to your body.

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# NIGHTLY ROUTINE

"Give it your best every damn day. And then don't be so hard on yourself at night."

3 (or more) positives from today...

What can I release from today that no longer serves me?

What can I do differently tomorrow? How do I want to feel?



Close your eyes and take a few deep breaths.

Inhale rest, exhale any negative or constricting thoughts.

Focus on what you're grateful for, in this moment.

Enjoy the calm, the stillness.

Visualize the manifestation of a new and beautiful tomorrow.

Allow yourself time for a self-care activity before bed.



## GO DEEPER

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