

VIRTUAL RETREAT



Fall





Welcome

"The thing that is really hard, and really amazing, is giving up on being perfect and beginning the work of becoming yourself." –Anna Quindlen

I'm delighted that you're joining me for the **Fall Retreat on Saturday, October 14 from 12-2 pm ET!**

I'll send your Module 1: Flow yoga and meditation video a day before our retreat for you to do from 10:45-11:45 am ET before we begin.

Our day includes: savoring an all-level yoga and meditation practice video, spending time in live contemplation and community, reflecting on tying a bow around 2023, designing the rest of it, art journaling, and creating a roadmap.

Click the link HERE shortly before noon ET. To prepare, please:

1. **Print and familiarize** yourself this workbook.
2. **Complete** pp. 7-8 in advance.
3. **Gather your tools** and set the stage (p. 5)
4. **Pull images and words** from magazines that represent your vision for fall.

Throughout our gathering, you'll have the chance to share and connect in the chat box.

I can't wait to celebrate this season with you!

P.S. If you miss any of the live event, it's being recorded and I'll send a replay within 48 hours.



agenda*

Module 1: Flow Video

noon ET Welcome

Module 2: Reflect

Module 3: Create

2 pm ET Closing

**Subject to change.*



What To Expect



2-HOUR RETREAT



ARTIST DATE



SELF-CARE



SPOTIFY PLAYLIST



RETREAT REPLAY



TDJ DISCOUNT CODE



LIKE-HEARTED GROUP



FESTIVE FINALE



INSPIRING WORKBOOK



1-HR GUIDED MEDITATION & YOGA



Retreat Tips

*“Slowing down is sometimes the best way to speed up.” —
Mike Vance*

To prepare for our retreat, these tips will help guide your experience.

BRING A BEGINNER’S MIND. There’s a Zen saying that “in the beginner’s mind there are many possibilities, but in the expert’s mind there are few.” I encourage you to approach this experience with a sense of playfulness, openness, and curiosity. There is no one way to do any of the practices or to participate. Make this retreat your own and I’ll be your gentle guide.

GATHER YOUR TOOLS. **Creature comforts:** lavender oil, tea, a scarf, rosewater spray, lip balm, flowers, candles, and/or twinkle lights. **Creativity supplies:** journal/sketchbook, writing tools, a glue stick, scissors, and a black Sharpie. *Optional:* two small bottles of acrylic paint in your favorite colors, old credit card or hotel key card “paintbrush,” stamps/stamp pads, colored pencils, washi tape, any additional favorite tools. **Ephemera:** bits of paper such images from magazines that represent what you’d like to see more of in your life, scrap paper, postcards, tissue paper. **Tech:** a computer or smartphone with internet access. **Yoga and meditation:** sticky mat and meditation cushion or chair.

SHOW UP. Do the one-hour yoga and meditation video before we begin, if possible. Clear your calendar to join the full experience. Remove distractions, close browsers, and toggle “Do Not Disturb” on your phone to help you drop into the retreat. Join us a few minutes before noon ET.

SET THE STAGE. Wear something comfy that stretches and you feel good in. Spritz perfume or dab lavender oil. Sip green juice and/or a cuppa tea. Moisturize. Get a good night’s sleep. Eat a nourishing meal. Have your tools within reach. Light a candle to signify our start. Make your retreat set up inviting.

CONNECT. Share photos of your set up and throughout the retreat using #tranquilitydujour. Ask questions, share takeaways, and offer support in the chat box.

TDJ Tenets

Tranquility du Jour is your guide to infusing tranquility and beauty into your every day. We started as a yoga studio in 1999 and have grown into a like-hearted global community on a path to live and spread tranquility. Below are the five principles of living the Tranquility du Jour lifestyle.

1.

COMPASSION: We seek to alleviate the suffering of all beings through our daily choices. Sustainability is a priority and we actively reduce our impact on the planet. We treat others as we want to be treated and know that compassion starts from within. We stand for social justice and meaningful change.

2.

CREATIVITY: We connect with our artistic side and let it shine through our everyday actions. We see most activities as a way to express our creativity and refill our creative well regularly through reading, taking classes, and playing. How we show up is our art and each day is a fresh canvas.

3.

STYLE: We know that how we present ourselves affects how we feel and tells a story. We choose a signature style that is individual and reflects who we are. Our personal and professional spaces are designed to nourish our spirits. We are moved by the arts, flowers, and simple pleasures.

4.

MINDFULNESS: We bring awareness to our thoughts, feelings, and physical sensations throughout the day and prioritize practices such as yoga and meditation. When we notice ourselves ruminating about a past situation or fretting about a future one, we gently guide ourselves back to the present moment.

5.

WELLNESS: We choose self-care through gratitude, reflection, whole foods, fulfilling work, and exercise. Our support system is held with healthy boundaries and clear communication. As lifelong learners, we seek self-awareness and set SMART goals to help achieve our dreams.





Fall Intention Setting

What is my intention for this retreat?

How do I want to show up?

How can I best prepare myself to be fully present?

What most needs attention right now?

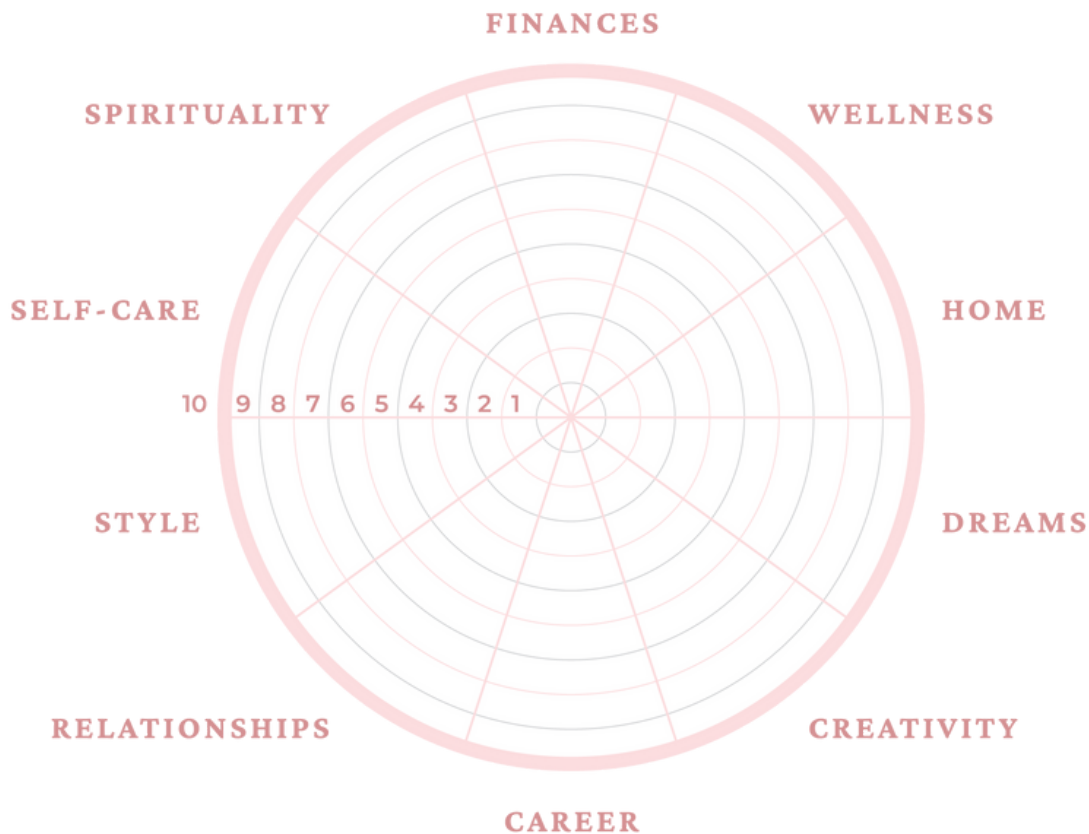
How do I want to feel by the end of this season?



Fall Life Review

Seasonally reflect on areas of your life.

Rate each one with your level of satisfaction 10 = bliss, 5 = so-so, 0 = boo.



SMART (Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Timebound) action steps to increase areas that are lower than I'd like:

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Seasonal Tranquility Tools

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Seasonal Life Review | <input type="checkbox"/> Deep Clean | <input type="checkbox"/> Practice Essentialism | <input type="checkbox"/> Bed Day |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Try Something New | <input type="checkbox"/> Rearrange | <input type="checkbox"/> Tend Your Garden | <input type="checkbox"/> Get Cultured |



Love After Love

by Derek Walcott

The time will come
when, with elation
you will greet yourself arriving
at your own door, in your own mirror
and each will smile at the other's welcome,

and say, sit here. Eat.
You will love again the stranger who was your self.
Give wine. Give bread. Give back your heart
to itself, to the stranger who has loved you

all your life, whom you ignored
for another, who knows you by heart.
Take down the love letters from the bookshelf,

the photographs, the desperate notes,
peel your own image from the mirror.
Sit. Feast on your life.



Reflection

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Fall Wish List

1. Picnic in the park
2. Plan a hike and meditate outdoors
3. Wrap yourself in soft blankets
4. Add a chunky sweater to your summer dress
5. Sit around a campfire
6. Visit a corn maze
7. Roast pumpkin seeds
8. Repot an overgrown plant
9. Visit an animal sanctuary
10. Don tights
11. Stargaze
12. Go apple picking
13. Sip hot cocoa with vegan marshmallows
14. Attend an outdoor concert
15. Simmer homemade potpourri on the stove
16. Carve or paint a pumpkin
17. Go camping
18. Make a Halloween costume
19. Go on an evening walk and notice the moon
20. Enjoy a nature drive
21. Visit the farmers' market
22. Watch a Halloween flick
23. Ride a bike
24. Add boots to a summer dress
25. Update your capsule wardrobe
26. Decorate with pine cones, acorns, leaves
27. Live in layers
28. Unplug and go analog for an afternoon
29. Layer a turtleneck over or under a sleeveless dress
30. Visit a pumpkin patch
31. Sign up for a new class—dance, art, yoga, writing, language
32. Sit fireside and read all afternoon

My Ideas





Values

Happiness
Security Harmony Mindfulness
Contribution Responsibility Service
Loyalty
Autonomy Beauty Creativity Spirituality
Knowledge Honesty Authenticity Adventure
Wellness Love Tranquility Peace Pleasure
Style Fun
Determination Growth Balance Leadership Work
Community Compassion Freedom
Openness Curiosity Respect Justice Poise
Achievement Kindness Wisdom
Optimism Learning

Notes:



Schedule

“How we spend our days is, of course, how we spend our lives.” —Annie Dillard

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Slow, Soft, Simplify



Notes:

Art Journaling



Art journaling (also known as sketchbooking and visual journaling) is the creative process of combining color, words, and images onto a page. This is a fun practice done solo or with a group of friends. No prior experience is needed, so it's great for beginners. Consider making an event out of it: invite a few people over, serve treats and drinks, play inspiring music, share supplies, spread materials out on the floor or table, experience the magic of creating, host a show and tell at the end.

It differs from scrapbooking in that it's about the process, not the outcome AND about ideas, not just memories. And the best part? It's good for you. According to an article by Cathy Malchiodi in *Psychology Today*, studies show that regular art journaling increases the flow of serotonin to the brain and increases the number of immune cells flowing through the body. Let's get started!

1. Gather your art journaling tools: a journal*, black Sharpie or permanent black artist pen, glue stick, ephemera (bits of paper with words and/or images from magazines, etc.). Optional: acrylic or watercolor paint, paintbrushes (or use an expired credit card to paint), paper towels, colored pencils, pencil, washi tape, scissors, stamps, stamp pads, wax paper (to place between freshly painted pages as they dry).
2. Make a background with paint, with a big image, by rubbing a stamp pad over it, or with colored pencils to avoid starting on a blank page.
3. Add images and words from your ephemera into a collage aligned with a theme that resonates.
4. Add words by writing over the images.

Gather your supplies and design a page that represents creativity to you. Remember, this is all about letting your creative spark emerge. There's no right way or wrong way to do this. Promise!



More ideas:

1. Make art out of your favorite quote, poem, or lyrics
2. Create lists
3. Write out your feelings and cover the words with paint
4. Create collages using words and images from magazines
5. Design a themed page such as self-care, style, and dreams
6. Create a page using only images with your favorite color
7. Doodle and fill in the doodles with paint



Closing

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Love Note

"Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall." — F. Scott Fitzgerald

Thank you for joining me today! I hope this experience allowed you to reset, rejuvenate, and consciously create this brand new season.

Remember, this journey toward a more tranquil lifestyle is a daily practice. A process for finding more ease and beauty. One baby step at a time.

As you transition back into your life post-retreat, go gently and stay connected to this experience. Make a nutritious meal. Dive deeper into the reflection questions. Read poetry. Spend more time in creativity. Go for a long stroll. Stay connected to what matters most.

Let's stay in touch via weekly **Love Notes**, as well as the Tranquility du Jour **podcast**.

May your days be filled with intentional choices, self-compassion, and connection to what matters most. You're beautiful! x



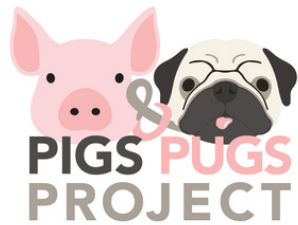
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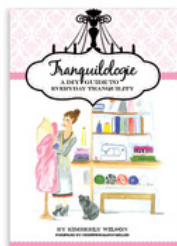
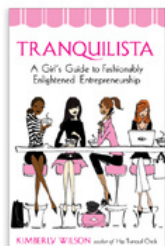
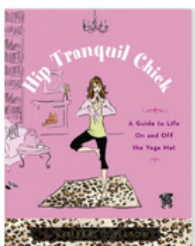


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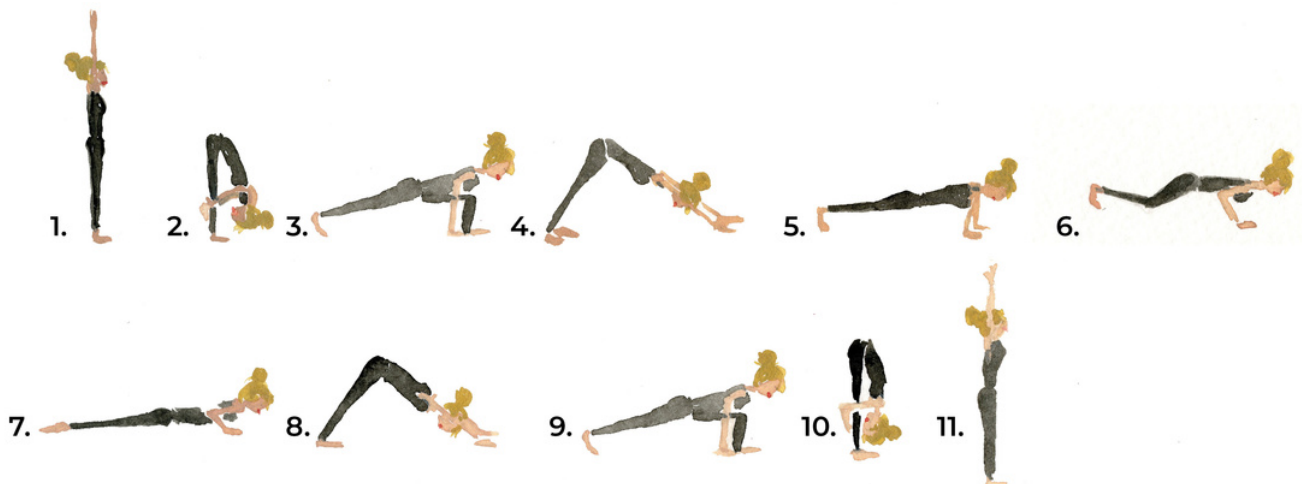
Yoga

What is yoga? The word yoga comes from Sanskrit, an ancient Indian language. It is a derivation of the word yuj, which means to yoke. In contemporary practice, this is often interpreted as union of the mind, body, and spirit.

Why is it beneficial? Yoga is known to improve flexibility, build strength, quiet the mind, increase muscle tone, improve balance, support joint health, teach better breathing, increase self-confidence, and reduce stress.

How to do it: Put on comfy clothing that stretches, light a candle, and roll out your yoga mat. Move slowly and intentionally. Listen to your body and avoid stretching beyond its limits. If something doesn't feel good, pause and modify. Try this sun salutation:

1. Come to mountain pose at the top of the mat. Feel your feet grounded firmly. Set an intention. Inhale, reach your arms to the sky.
2. Exhale, trace the midline of your body through prayer position and into a forward fold.
3. Inhale, step back with your right leg to a lunge.
4. Exhale, step back with your left leg to downward-facing dog (an inverted "V").
5. Inhale, float forward to plank pose. Align your shoulders over your wrists and wiggle your feet back so your heels are over the balls of your feet. If this is too much on your wrists, drop your knees.
6. Exhale, drop your knees, bend your arms to a 90-degree angle, hug your elbows into your body, and lower down so that your shoulders and hips are in a straight line for half-chaturanga.
7. Inhale, uncurl your toes, drop your belly, lift your heart center, and slide into cobra. Relax your shoulders from your ears.
8. Exhale, curl your toes under, and lift your hips up and back into downward-facing dog.
9. Inhale, step forward with your right foot.
10. Exhale, step your left foot between both hands to a forward fold.
11. Inhale, trace your midline to the sky. Exhale, place your hands to prayer position in front of your heart. Repeat on the opposite side (step back with the left leg).





Breathe

“With every breath, the old moment is lost; a new moment arrives. We exhale and we let go of the old moment. It is lost to us. In doing so, we let go of the person we used to be. We inhale and breathe in the moment that is becoming. In doing so, we welcome the person we are becoming. We repeat the process. This is meditation. This is renewal. This is life.”

—Lama Surya

Without getting all fancy on you, I’m encouraging the exploration of a basic three-part breath (dirgha pranayama). Our breath serves as a tool for coming into the present moment and eases stress, calms the nervous system, increases focus, and increases oxygen to the blood.

And the best part, we always have it with us. No need to roll out a yoga mat or put on stretchy clothing.

Begin by finding a comfortable seat and breathe naturally for a few moments.

Next, draw the breath in through your nose and fill your belly, ribs, and chest with air. Then exhale and release your chest, ribs, and belly.

If you can’t quite feel one of these parts (often the belly), place your hand there and try to move it with your breath. That’s the best way to find those tricky parts.

Continue this breath for a few minutes.

No one has to know you’re doing this. If you’re dealing with a delayed flight, a tough conference call, a crying baby, or barking dog, this is a great go-to. Try this practice (the fourth limb of yoga) throughout the week a few times a day and watch your body and mind soften. Notice your breath.



Mindfulness

“You are the sky. Everything else—it’s just weather.”
—Pema Chödrön

WHAT IS MINDFULNESS?

Jon Kabat-Zinn defines mindfulness as “paying attention in a particular way: on purpose, in the present moment, and nonjudgmentally.” Instead of going down the rabbit hole with our thoughts (usually about the past or future), we make a conscious effort to catch ourselves and bring awareness back to the present moment. Mindfulness is the process of deep awareness and accepting each experience, sensation, thought, or feeling, just as it is, without trying to change it.

WHY IS IT BENEFICIAL?

Benefits of mindfulness include an increase in acceptance, compassion, concentration, and self-control, along with a decrease in stress (to name a few). Neuroscientists have found that after just 11 hours of meditation, practitioners had structural changes in the part of the brain involved in monitoring focus and self-control.

10-MINUTE SEATED MEDITATION

Come to a comfortable seated position. Close your eyes and pay attention to your breath, body, thoughts, and emotions. As your mind wanders, bring it back to the breath to build concentration, observe your emotions, and notice physical sensations like clenching of the jaw. You will get distracted repeatedly and it doesn’t mean you’re doing it wrong. The act of noticing you’re distracted and returning to your breath IS the practice of meditation.

WALKING MEDITATION

Instead of getting from point A to point B, the point of walking meditation is to arrive in the present moment of each step. Notice the movement of each foot as you lift it, move it forward, and place it back down with each step. Lift, shift, place. Walk back and forth in a line at home or wander on a large lawn. Practice for five to 10 minutes.



Everyday Retreat

*“The world needs people who retreat from the world in order to see it more clearly.”
—Patrick Shen*

1. **SLOW:** Let your return be gradual. Create space for yourself to ease back into routine. Maintain the slower pace of the retreat. Remember to breathe and observe what is happening within you.
2. **NOOK:** Create a space to hold memories of what fed you on this retreat—a quote, a page from your art journal, a savvy source. Have your art supplies, meditation cushion, journal, and yoga mat in this nook so that you can create and practice during those sweet moments in between.
3. **HOLD:** Keep the retreat experience close to your heart. Honor taking the time for yourself and how you showed up. Stay connected to the senses: the movement in yoga, the sitting and walking in meditation, the reflection in journaling, the play in art journaling, the taste in mindful eating.
4. **SPACE:** Carve out a sense of spaciousness in your schedule. Avoid overbooking and work with your energy flow. Mid-day naps or walks around a city block can have a profound effect on the mind, body, and spirit.
5. **EXPLORE:** Consider how you feel different from your time on retreat. What do you understand better about yourself? What were your takeaways and how are they expanding now?



Everyday Tranquility

Tranquility is the quality of calm within a full and meaningful life.

SIP hot water with lemon.

Spend a few minutes in **MEDITATION**.

MOVE YOUR BODY through yoga, walks, dance, and more.

Enjoy a **GREEN SMOOTHIE** or juice plus plant-based whole foods.

Write in a **JOURNAL** to clarify your thoughts.

REVIEW YOUR DAYBOOK and note the week's intention and MITs plus month's and year's dreams.

Savor a pot of **GREEN TEA** and nibble a square of **DARK CHOCOLATE**.

Create a **CAPSULE WARDROBE** and layer in clothing that feels luxurious on your skin.

SPRITZ PERFUME and diffuse lavender.

Read books and **LISTEN TO MUSIC** and podcasts that inspire.

PRACTICE GRATITUDE.

MAKE SOMEONE'S DAY with a simple "I appreciate you" text or smile.

TRACK your energy, time, and money habits.

DECLUTTER your mind, home, and digital environments.

BATCH TASKS by categories and hats you wear.

ESTABLISH ROUTINES and healthy habits.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE as a volunteer, donor, and awareness-raiser.

Practice mindful **SELF-COMPASSION** and treat yourself as you would a dear friend.

Surround yourself with **BEAUTIFUL THINGS** such as flowers, art, plants, and twinkle lights.

Be a **LIFELONG LEARNER** and study what makes your heart sing.

FOREST BATHE and soak up the natural world.

Be a **FLÂNEUR (A PASSIONATE WANDERER)** to clear your mind and get those steps.

When triggered, take **10 DEEP BREATHS**.

Make **SLEEP** a priority.

PRACTICE STOP: Stop, Take a breath, Observe what's happening, Proceed with awareness.

After a long day, put your **LEGS UP THE WALL** and exhale.

When in doubt, **TAKE A NAP**.



30 Days of Tranquility

Try this 30-day challenge to infuse your month with simple pleasures.

1

SIT STILL FOR
FIVE MINUTES

2

DO SIX SUN
SALUTATIONS

3

WRITE A
LOVE LETTER

4

APOLOGIZE

5

TELL THE TRUTH

6

CONSUME A
GREEN DRINK

7

GO MEAT-FREE

8

WALK FOR
20 MINUTES

9

DO LEGS
UP THE WALL

10

GIVE \$10 TO
CHARITY

11

PEN TWO
JOURNAL PAGES

12

REVIEW YOUR
YEAR'S DREAMS

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CLEAR CLUTTER

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GO ON AN
ARTIST DATE

15

COLLAGE TWO
PAGES

16

TREAT YOURSELF
TO TEA

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READ FOR
20 MINUTES

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BUY YOURSELF
FLOWERS

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DANCE TO A
FAVORITE TUNE

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EXPRESS
GRATITUDE

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EAT ONLY
UNPROCESSED
FOODS

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SOAK IN A
BUBBLE BATH

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MINDFULLY
SIP A LIBATION

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GET OUT
IN NATURE

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FORGO
COMPLAINING

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TAKE A
DIGITAL DAY OFF

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SNAP PHOTOS
FROM YOUR DAY

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MAKE A
FAVORITE MEAL

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HUG

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BE FULLY
PRESENT



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