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CREATE YOUR SPIRITUAL CARE PLAN

Finding Your Golden Strands to Access the Waters of Life

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A Toolbox of Spiritual Practices

Below is a partial list of practices that may help you cultivate spirituality in your life. Take a look at the list and see what speaks to you. Which of these nourish your spirit? How would you incorporate these practices into your life? What would you add to the list?

- Read sacred and inspirational literature
- Practice forgiveness of yourself and others
- Listen to or make music
- Spend time in deep reflection, meditation, or prayer
- Participate in groups that involve trust and cooperation (example, sports, hobby or interest groups)
- Observe day of designated for sacred rest – stop doing and enjoy being
- Engage in dance and other types of physical expression
- Involve yourself in acts of kindness to others
- Spend time in nature
- Appreciate the arts
- Be creative – painting, knitting, cooking, gardening, fixing things...
- Share your spiritual journey with others
- Keep a journal
- Nourish others by serving food
- Caring for animals
- Growing and caring for plants, garden
- Joining a social movement for the common good (social, environmental justice)
- Belong to and participate in a faith community
- Take part in rituals, or symbolic practices that are spiritual

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Spiritual Treatment Plan

Identify your spiritual resources. List what helps you move from:

Vulnerability > Resilience _____

Helplessness > Agency _____

Despair > Hope _____

Emptiness > Purpose _____

Isolation > Communion _____

Resentment > Gratitude _____

Sorrow > Joy _____

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Threefold Path: In/Out/Up

Spiritual healing involves nurturing a relationship with yourself, others, and the Divine. Write the practices that support you in each of the areas below.

Reaching In (Self)

Reaching Out (Others)

Reaching Up (Higher Power / Wisdom)

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Connect with your Golden Strands.

Choose three activities that you will commit to trying for a month.

1) _____

2) _____

3) _____

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The Waters of Life -

Vocabulary of Spiritual Life

The words listed below are words related to a thriving spiritual life: they quench our thirst. Circle words below that you will likely embody (or receive) if you consistently follow through with your Care Plan (your golden strands) above?

- Awe/Wonder
- Meaning
- Wholeness
- Healing
- Gratitude
- Connection
- Forgiveness
- Compassion
- Peace
- Ease /Freedom
- Patience
- Hope
- Love
- Purpose
- Acceptance
- Grace
- Faith
- Joy
- Awareness
- Harmony
- Rest/Renewal
- Resilience