



SLOWER PACE  
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## Exploring Joy

*A guided breathwork meditation  
self-care kit to support your well-being*



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Please note breathwork is a powerful practice and healing modality that can result in deeply relaxing experiences as well as intense physical and emotional release.

So, if any of the following apply to you, please seek medical advice before engaging in breathworks that can be very activating:

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- You are in the early stages or have a delicate pregnancy
- You have a heart condition, high/low blood pressure, glaucoma, detached retina, aneurysm, stroke or have undergone recent abdominal surgery.

Please note: This does not mean breathwork is not beneficial for these conditions. It means there are risks involved, so it must be done safely. So, instead of breathing through your mouth, I encourage you to breathe through your nose and take this practice gently.

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HI, I'M CHARNAE!

I am a self-care strategist, certified breathwork facilitator and inspirational speaker on a mission to support busy professional women in moving at a slower pace through caring for their holistic well-being and rediscovering what brings them joy.

I started Slower Pace Embrace to disrupt the cycle of neglecting our well-being and moving at a pace that doesn't honor our humanity. I believe it is revolutionary to slow down in a world that rushes us to speed up and move from a place of urgency.

I came across the transformational practice of breathwork online during the COVID-19 pandemic, and have been fascinated by the breath ever since. My fascination has led me to learning more about breathwork through getting trained to hold space for others, so they too can recognize the power of their breath.

**I truly believe that if we give ourselves space to breathe more deeply, we can live life more fully.**

**In this Guided Breathwork Meditation Self-Care Kit, you will find:**

- A Short Breathwork Meditation Practice
- After Care Tips to Support You After Breathwork
- Journal Prompts inspired by the Breathwork Theme
- Affirmations inspired by the Breathwork Theme

This guide is meant to support you in reconnecting with yourself through your breath and creating space to tend to your well-being.

**Let's get started!**

# UNDERSTANDING BREATHWORK

Breathwork is the practice of using breathing techniques to nourish our well-being. It is an invitation for us to focus on our breath and journey inwards to reconnect with our bodies. With a ton of different breathing techniques or exercises, breathwork has a variety of benefits supporting individuals on a mental, emotional, physical, and spiritual level.

## THE BENEFITS

Reduces stress  
and anxiety

Expands our  
inner  
awareness

Relieves muscle  
tension &  
improves  
digestion

Increases  
energy

Boosts self-  
esteem

Deepens  
connection with  
self and inner  
wisdom

Releases unhealthy  
patterns, belief  
systems, and past  
trauma

Leaves you  
feeling more  
calm, relaxed,  
and energized



# GUIDED BREATHWORK

## MEDITATION

**4 -7-8 Breathing** is a breathing technique that is extremely helpful for dealing with anxiety and difficult emotions. It can support you in feeling calmer by activating your parasympathetic nervous system. The parasympathetic nervous system controls your body's rest and relaxation response. Breathing Techniques like 4-7-8 breathing also give our organs and tissues a much-needed oxygen boost.

This breathwork technique can be done by:

1. Breathing in through the nose for 4 seconds.
2. Holding the breath for 7 seconds.
3. Breathing out through the mouth for 8 seconds. Instead of breathing out through a sigh, blow the air out through pursing the lips as if you are whistling.

If you are a beginner to breathwork, I recommend only practicing 4 cycles of this breathing technique at a time. You can increase the cycles as you become more comfortable with the practice.

Please seek medical advice or engage with your doctor before engaging in this breathwork if you are pregnant or have a severe medical condition. Also, if at any point you feel lightheaded throughout this technique, return to your normal breathing and breathe through your nose.

**BEGIN**  
**BREATHWORK**

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# AFTER CARE TIPS FOR SUPPORT

After engaging in a breathwork meditation or session, it is important that you care for your well-being. Just because the breathwork ends doesn't mean our bodies will immediately let go of any profound emotions or thoughts that came up. I encourage you to explore any of the practices below to support with tending to your well-being.

## TIME & SPACE

Give yourself time and space to sit with whatever came up for you. This can be done through laying or sitting down and reflecting mentally. You may also choose to journal or record a voice memo on your phone to share your thoughts. Giving language to what came up for you is helpful with processing and integrating what you've experienced.

## TAKE A SIP

When taking part in breathwork practices, you will likely experience a dry mouth or throat at times. While the throat will self-lubricate, it is great to have water nearby to keep our bodies hydrated. After breathing, drink a glass of water or cup of tea. During this time, reflect on any aha-moments that came up.

## SELF-NURTURING

Allow time for self-nurturing. We can't predict what feelings or thoughts will rise to the surface during our breathwork experience, so it is important that we are gentle with ourselves. Treat yourself with compassion and do something that feels soothing or good to your mind, body and soul. Whether it is baking, taking a warm bath, crafting or dancing.

## TAKE A WALK

Get up and take a short walk around your neighborhood. Taking a mindful walk by paying close attention to what you see, hear, smell, and feel can be very relaxing. Put your phone on "Do Not Disturb," so you can be present without distractions.

# EXPLORING JOY

## JOURNAL PROMPTS

Below are a few prompts inspired by the guided breathwork meditation. To dig deeper into exploring the concept of joy, answer the prompts below or write out your answers in your favorite journal.

***What or who in this world brings me uncontrollable joy?***

***What areas in my life could use more joy?***

***How can I hold myself accountable or get the support I need to continue to make space for the people and things that bring me joy?***



# EXPLORING JOY AFFIRMATIONS

Below are a few affirmations inspired by the guided breathwork meditation. I encourage you to recite each affirmation aloud with your right hand over your heart while looking at yourself in the mirror. Write out whichever affirmations resonates with you the most and place them somewhere you will see every day. You could also save the affirmations as reminders in your phone and schedule them when you need a gentle reminder.



*Joy is my birthright.*

*I embrace the many joys in my life even on the days where it is hard to notice them.*



*My presence is uplifting and joyful to others.*



Thank you for downloading this free self-care kit. I hope you found value in any of the information shared. If you are interested in more practices and resources to support your well-being and self-care practice, please connect with me below.

*Take care and remember to take it slow,  
-Charnae*

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