

Try this meditation practice: Celebratory Love.

Find a location where you can sit undisturbed; place your feet flat on the floor, and adjust your position and posture, until your body feels both alert and open.

Lengthen your spine, as if it were an antenna.

Lift your heart as if you were offering it up as a gift.

Again, you will hear my voice followed by periods of silence; in the silence, continue to offer your good wishes.

We will begin and end this practice with the sounds of a chime.

Take a few slow, deep breaths,



bringing your awareness to each as it rises and falls.

Set an intention for this session; perhaps it's to reduce envy, or learn to celebrate the success of others.

Good events, large and small, are abundant in other people's lives.

All you need to do is awaken to them.

Throughout this session, bring your awareness to your heart region; notice how your practice affects your body, even your face.

Know that the sentiments and sensations you create are more important than the words themselves.

Visualize someone who is experiencing good fortune.



It could be a big event, like a healthy newborn, or a promotion at work, or small, like enjoying a run or a sense of ease as the day unfolds.

Absorb the scope of this person's good fortune; all events, good and bad fade with time, and all people yearn to be happy.

Right now, for this person, that universal wish is coming true.

Silently repeat this classic wish for this person from your heart.

May your happiness and good fortune continue.

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Repeat this ancient wish



over and again; with each breath you take, let it infuse, and soften your heart and your face.

Visualize yourself supporting this person, celebrating this new, good fortune; coaxing his or her happiness to linger, just a bit longer.

May your good fortune continue.

As your practice deepens, find out new ways to soften and expand your heart's capacity.

Consider the good fortunes of people you don't even know.

May your happiness continue.

Though you can't make good fortune last forever, you can condition your heart



to appreciate other people's blessings and open to them.

As you end this meditation, know that you can lovingly celebrate with others anytime you wish.