

I. Internalizing Awareness

A. Quieting/Centering

1. Om

Option One:

- Close your eyes and allow your attention to turn inward.
- Bring your attention to the breath.
- Feel the body beginning to relax with each progressive exhalation.
- Let's take a deep breath in together and chant the sound of Om.
- (Om)
- Allow the vibrational impact of the sound to bring outwardly focused attention inward.

Option Two:

- Close your eyes and allow your attention to turn inward.
 - Bring your attention to the breath.
 - Feel the body beginning to relax with each progressive exhalation.
 - We will chant a continuous Om together.
 - As you chant, let the sound come from deep in your belly. When you run out of breath, take another full breath in and begin again. We will repeat three times.
 - Let's begin.
 - Take a full breath in (Om).
 - Come to silence.
 - Sense sound dissolving into silence.
 - Merge into that silent space.
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II. Induction Techniques Phase I

A. Physical Relaxation

1. Stretching and Relaxation/Seated or Standing

- Facial exercise: tightening and relaxing the facial muscles, opening the mouth wide, extending the head upwards, stretching the neck muscles.
- Head and neck rolls, described in script #1.
- Shoulder rolls, forward and back.
- Flexing hands and feet.
- Inhaling, take the flat fingers of one hand and exhaling gently press all the fingers of the opposite hand backwards.
- Opening and closing the hands into fists and curling the toes.
- Lateral stretches: breathing in, straighten the body up through the spine, extend one arm along side the head with the opposite resting in the lap; exhale and gently lean to one side, return to center and repeat on the opposite side.
- Leg raises: inhaling, flex and lift the leg. Exhale, gently pull it up and in toward the torso.
- Inhale and clasp the hands behind the back, exhale and gently straighten the arms pressing the chest up and forward.

See Phrasing for the 2nd half of the Posture (or use your own)

III. Instructions for Yoga Nidra

A. Instructions for Yoga Nidra

1. Instructions for Yoga Nidra

As we enter this next phase of Yoga Nidra, remain as motionless as possible. If you need to move or make an adjustment, do so mindfully and return to stillness as soon as you are able.

- Resolve to remain awake, staying in touch with the sound of my voice.
 - Simply allow your entire body to respond to my words directly and non-mentally.
 - Allow any disturbances, external or internal, to draw you more deeply within.
 - (pause)
 - Now shift from thinking and doing to feeling and being.
 - Do absolutely nothing from now on.
 - (pause)
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