I release feelings of fear and give no power to thoughts of apprehension or worry.

I express love as understanding and compassion that strengthens my relationship with my care recipient.

I now surrender my little human self and become one with my higher, spiritual self and I am at peace.

I bless, forgive and release the past and I am open and receptive to the newness of life.

I honor my responsibilities as a Family Caregiver and I also honor my responsibility for my own health and well-being.

I affirm that true courage lives within me and I am now confident and competent.

On the wings of prayer, my soul soars above any problems I am experiencing.

I lovingly take care of my mind, body and emotions and all is well in my life.

I move through this day with a light and joy-filled heart.

The miracle-working power within me is manifesting harmony, guidance, freedom, happiness, peace, prosperity and order in my life now.

Spiritual Conditioning

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An Affirmation is a Positive Statement of Faith and Truth, the "yes" action of the mind. Stating Affirmations helps you to take charge of your life and shift from a negative state of mind to a positive and creative one. It is the power of the word and it will lead to true believing, great overcoming and life enrichment. It is a transformational process of positive energy that will attract positive experiences. An affirmation also helps establish a faith-filled acceptance of the good that is ours by Divine Birthright. Using affirmations such as these can help Family Caregivers move through the challenges of family caregiving with hope, strength and courage.

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