

3-5 Minute Belly Breathing Meditation

"Soft belly, steady breath, calm mind." (Perfect before a meeting, after a meltdown, or when life's a little too loud.)

Purpose: This technique, rooted in ancient yogic practices, is believed to help reduce anxiety, promote relaxation, calm the nervous system, reduce anxious thoughts and reconnect with your body.

→ How to Begin:

- Find a quiet spot.
- Sit or lie down comfortably.
- Place one hand on your belly, the other on your chest.
- Gently close your eyes.

The Breath Pattern (Deep Belly Breathing):

- Inhale slowly through your nose for 4 seconds, letting your belly rise like a balloon. (The hand on your belly should move more than the one on your chest.)
- Pause briefly at the top of the breath— 7 seconds.
- Exhale slowly through your mouth or nose for 8 seconds, allowing your belly to soften completely.
- Optional silent mantra with each exhale: "I am safe." or "Let go."

Tips for Best Results:

- Imagine a soft white light entering through the crown of your head and flowing all the way down to your lower abdomen with your breath.
- Stay present with the rhythm—if thoughts arise, gently return to the breath.
- 6–9 full belly breaths is enough to reset your entire system.