

1. Understanding Affirmations

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•	Short.	intentional	statements.

- Gentle reminders that encourage self-compassion.
- Words that can balance harsh inner thoughts.

Affirmations are not:

- A cure for depression.
- A replacement for professional care.

Think of them as small lanterns that offer light in the dark.

2. Reflection: Current Self-Talk

Take a moment to notice the tone of your inner voice.

• I am worthy of love, even when I don't feel lovable.

Your turn: Write 1–2 affirmations that feel believable and comforting for you.

• This feeling will not last forever.

• I am learning to be gentle with myself.

- What negative or harsh thoughts come up most often? (Write them down here if you'd like to acknowledge them.)

3. Affirmations to Try
Here are a few gentle affirmations. Circle or underline the ones that resonate most:
• I am more than my depression.
• It's okay to take today one step at a time.

Choose one or two small ways to weave affirmations into daily life:
$\hfill\Box$ Say one in the mirror each morning.
□ Write one in a journal.
$\hfill\Box$ Set a phone reminder with an affirmation.
\square Whisper one before sleep.
□ Other idea:

4. Putting Affirmations Into Practice

5. Gentle Reminder

Affirmations are tools, not solutions. They are most powerful when paired with professional support, self-care, and patience. Healing is a journey, and it's okay to take it one step at a time.

Final Note: Words can be seeds of hope. Plant them gently, and allow them to grow at their own pace.