

# Tarot trumps, affirmations

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 <b>0, The Fool</b>	There are unlimited possibilities and opportunities before me. I know I am protected, accepted, and secure, as I venture out into the unknown.	I am a child of God. Trusting in the presence of God and in grateful acknowledgment of the potentialities granted me by God I venture out to seek the kingdom of God
 <b>I, The Magician</b>	I have a clear understanding of who I am. I am grounded and in control of myself and my life.	I recognize eternity in time, heaven in earth and seek to live in servant love – that magic which heals creation.
 <b>II, The High Priestess</b>	All knowledge and understanding are within my reach when I look within myself.	Looking within myself and finding the image of God in my heart, I also recognize the presence of God in creation and rejoice in the true, the beautiful and the good.
 <b>III, The Empress</b>	I have a blossoming garden of creative potential which is nurtured to fruition for my highest personal fulfillment.	I rest in the recognition of the unity of everything in God, rejoice in every created being in its uniqueness, and serve that unity in diversity which is the secret of creation and of human creativity.
 <b>IV, The Emperor</b>	I have will and power, discipline and ambition to meet all of my highest goals.	I mirror God’s servant love in obedience towards the law of life, renounce my own desires and make room for the growth of my fellow creatures and fellow humans.
 <b>V, The Hierophant</b>	I am guided and directed by my highest wisdom for the greatest good, in myself and in the world.	I serve the Earth and humankind with prayer and supplication, emptying myself of every association with spiritual and material wealth, and open myself to the blessings of God to transmit it to the world.
 <b>VI, The Lovers</b>	I am in harmony and a state of balance with both the feminine and the masculine parts of myself, and with my consciousness and my unconscious. Therefore I find a harmonious balance within myself and with others.	I am created in the image of God and see the image in my fellow humans. God’s grace and God’s will are mirrored in the feminine and masculine parts of myself and help me to serve my neighbor without desire and to seek union in purity and love.
 <b>VII, The Chariot</b>	By harnessing all my efforts towards my goal, I will be victorious.	I conquer my feelings, instincts and thought forms through obedience, poverty and pure love and keep the fruit of victory through humble service towards my fellow creatures.
 <b>VIII, Strength</b>	I release the energy from my greatest fears, weaknesses and repressions, and utilize it as a source of vitality and power, which enables me to reach my highest dreams.	The love and will of God makes me free from every fear and desire, helps me to find my true self and gives me the strength to recognize the calling of my life.
	I look inward, seeking the guidance of my higher self as I journey toward deep understanding and	I dwell in the silent place of my heart and find myself as the beloved one of God. Out of that silent place I see my

 <p><b>IX, The Hermit</b></p>	<p>enlightenment.</p>	<p>fellowman and fellow creature without judgment, and through my love I evoke God's presence in them.</p>
 <p><b>X, Wheel of fortune</b></p>	<p>The cycles of my life expose me to the conditions I need to experience, to enable me to reach my fullest potential. I focus inward. From my center I can direct the motion of my life.</p>	<p>Whenever I see evolution as an expression of God's love and God's plan, I through prayer and service receive the power to realize my calling and to take part in the sanctification of the earthly creation.</p>
 <p><b>XI, Justice</b></p>	<p>I am able to distinguish clearly the true from the false. I take charge of my life and I face the issues in my life with honesty.</p>	<p>I understand my life in the light of God's will as it manifests itself in the laws of creation. Praying for the help of God and experiencing forgiveness I walk justly with God and my neighbour.</p>
 <p><b>XII, The Hanged Man</b></p>	<p>I give up all the old attachments, prejudices and fears. I give up all that inhibits my growth. I have faith that my sacrifice of the limitations of the known will lead me to new and bountiful rewards and fulfillment.</p>	<p>I empty myself of old forms of thought and feeling marked by desire and pursuit of power to make room for the Holy Spirit, so that I follow Christ in serving the life and growth of my fellow creatures.</p>
 <p><b>XIII, Death</b></p>	<p>I am ready for a renewal of myself. I look forward to a time of spiritual regeneration.</p>	<p>I turn away from selfish thoughts and words and re-orientate my life towards the kingdom of God so that I make room for creation serving her in the love of God.</p>
 <p><b>XIV, Temperance</b></p>	<p>I integrate and blend the diverse elements of my life to create a balance, unity and harmony in everything I do. My life is filled with joy and good health.</p>	<p>In the light of revelation the diverse parts of my life work together, each part serving one another and the whole. My life I whole in Christ.</p>
 <p><b>XV, The Devil</b></p>	<p>I will transcend the darkness of ignorance and overcome the chaos of my deepest fears.</p>	<p>Focusing on the Light of Christ, the creative Word of God, I rediscover my true self created in the image of God, and I break out of my imprisonment in false conceptions created in the image of my desires.</p>
 <p><b>XVI, The Tower</b></p>	<p>With a flash of insight I am freed of the limitations of my old mental habits. I discover new wisdom in a breakthrough of understanding.</p>	<p>The revelation of God enlightens my mind and exposes my false conceptions and ideas, so that I with no prejudice see the world and myself.</p>
 <p><b>XVII, The Star</b></p>	<p>I give and receive great love. I have unlimited insight, inspiration and hope.</p>	<p>Meeting God's love I open myself to the Holy Spirit, so that Christ may live in my heart and assume shape in me. I bear Christ to the world.</p>
 <p><b>XVIII, The Moon</b></p>	<p>I am in tune with my inner wisdom and my life is enriched by a wealth of intuitive understanding and human insight.</p>	<p>I listen to the voice of conscience and God's Spirit enlightens my mind and its images, so that the image of God may be mirrored in my life and the presence of God may bear manifold fruit</p>
 <p><b>XIX, The Sun</b></p>	<p>I am enthusiastic and optimistic. I have a sense of clarity and understanding and I look forward to a time of creativity and personal growth.</p>	<p>I have an unconditional confidence in God, for I know that I am a child of God. My inner child is full of the potentialities of life and meets the world with an open mind.</p>
	<p>I respond to the call of the Angel and the awakening of my Soul. I have a new sense of life and of purpose.</p>	<p>God's Word of love calls me out of Death's darkness. I remember who I am and live. I see myself, my</p>

 <p><b>XX, Judgement</b></p>		<p>neighbor and my fellow creature with the eyes of love.</p>
 <p><b>XXI, The World</b></p>	<p>I am a child of the Universe. I am secure and sure of my place in the scheme of things. All my needs are provided.</p>	<p>I am the bride of Christ. United with God in Christ I express the grace of God in caring for the world and in the assurance that an unending stream of blessing and life is at the disposal for creation.</p>