

Heart Chakra (#4)
Kathy Ornish, 2008

Anahata

The Relation Center

Positive correspondences=love, compassion, tolerance, patience, good relations

Negative correspondences = anger, impatience, judgment, poor relations

Sense – touch

Element – air

Bija Mantra – Yam

BHAVANAS for the practice are optimism, love, devotion. Create a devotional quality during your practice.

Try to keep your attention during the practice focused at the anahata chakra as well as with the bhavana.



- Deepen breath
- Feel the belly expand
- Feel the chest expand
- Feel the heart space expand
- See a pearl size light in the heart
- Imagine that as you inhale, this pearl expands getting increasingly large, eventually beyond the body
- As you exhale, imagine that light coming back into the heart and eventually back to a pearl size.

2. Lying Arm Raises - Repeat 6-8X



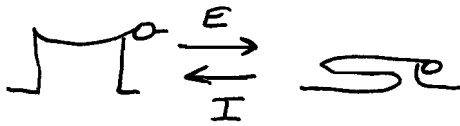
3. Dvi Pada Pitham - Repeat 6 – 8X



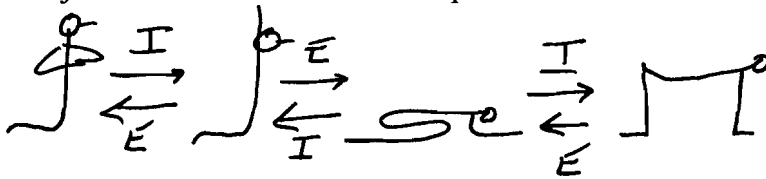
4. Bhujangasana - Repeat 6X



5. Chakravakasana - Repeat 6X



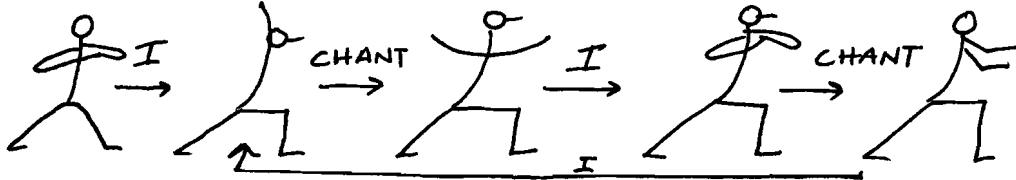
6. Vajrasana/Chakravakasana - Repeat 6X



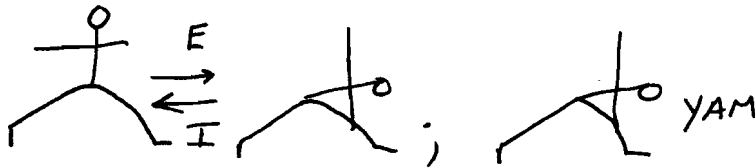
7. Sun Salutation C



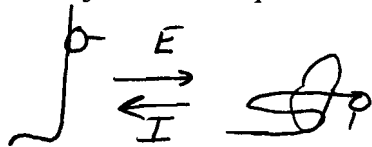
8. Virabhadrasana with arm movement and chanting "Om So Ham" - Repeat 6X on each side



9. Trikonasana - Repeat 4X; Stay 6 breaths Repeat the bija mantra "Yam"



10. Vajrasana - Repeat 6X



11. Shalabhasana/ Godham Pitham - Repeat 4X alternating sides/Stay 4 breaths



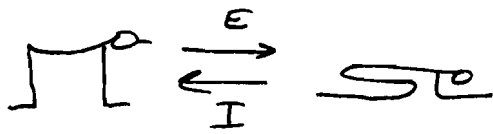
12. Dhanurasana or Dvi pada pitham - Repeat 2X; Stay 2 breaths; Stay 4 breaths



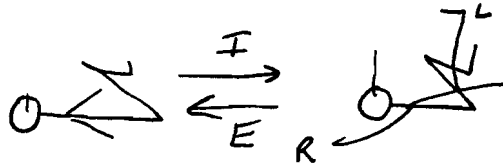
13. Ustrasana (optional) - 2X; Stay 2 breaths; Stay 4 breaths and Repeat the bija mantra "Yam"



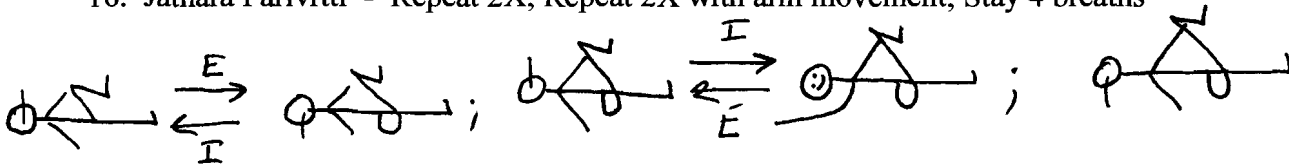
14. Chakravakasana



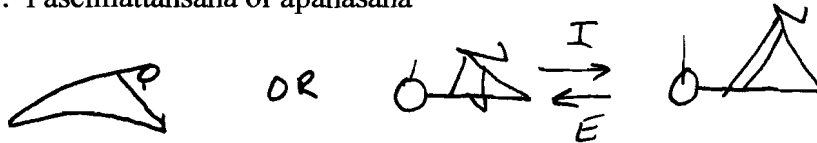
15. Urdhva Prasarita Padasana - Repeat 6X alternating sides



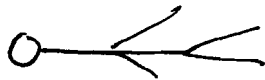
16. Jathara Parivrtti - Repeat 2X; Repeat 2X with arm movement; Stay 4 breaths



17. Pascimattansana or apanasana



18. Savasana



19. Pranayama

Chandra Bhedana - inhale left nostril and exhale right nostril with ratio of 2:1:2:0 (e.g. Inhale 6:Retain 3:Exhale 6:Suspend 0)



20. Meditation of choice and end with a short contemplation below



Bring attention to heart.

Feel a sense of compassion and direct it:

From you to others

From others to you

From you back to you