

UNIVERSAL HUMAN NEEDS/VALUES

The needs below are grouped into categories of core needs, 3 meta-categories and 9 subcategories

WELL BEING (peace)

Sustenance/Health

abundance/thriving
exercise
food, nutrition
nourishment
rest, sleep
shelter
sustainability
support/help
wellness
vitality, energy, aliveness

Safety/Security

comfort
confidence
emotional safety
familiarity
order, structure
predictability
protection from harm
stability
trust, faith

Rest/Recreation/Fun

acceptance
appreciation, gratitude
awareness
balance
beauty
ease
equanimity
humor
movement
play
relaxation
rejuvenation
simplicity
space
tranquility
wholeness
wonder

CONNECTION (love)

Love/Caring

affection, warmth
beauty
closeness, touch
companionship
compassion, kindness
intimacy
mattering/importance
nurturing
sexual connection
respect, honoring
valuing, prizing

Empathy/Understanding

Awareness, clarity
acceptance
acknowledgment
communication
consideration
hearing (hear/be heard)
knowing (know/be known)
presence, listening
respect, equality
receptivity, openness
recognition
seeing (see/be seen)
self-esteem
sensitivity

Community/Belonging

cooperation
fellowship
generosity
inclusion
interdependence
harmony, peace
hospitality, welcoming
mutuality, reciprocity
partnership, relationship
support, solidarity
trust, dependability
transparency, openness

SELF-EXPRESSION (joy)

Autonomy/Authenticity

choice
clarity
congruence
consistency
continuity
dignity
freedom
honesty
independence
integrity
power, empowerment
self-responsibility

Creativity/Play

adventure
aliveness
discovery
initiative
innovation
inspiration
mystery
passion
spontaneity

Meaning/Contribution

appreciation, gratitude
achievement, productivity
celebration, mourning
challenge
efficacy
effectiveness
excellence
feedback
growth
learning, clarity
mystery
participation
purpose, value
self-actualization
self-esteem
skill, mastery