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|  | Chapter 8: Renewal Through Retreat **RETREAT PREPARATION CHECKLIST** |
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| INSTRUCTIONS: This checklist ensures you’re spiritually and logistically prepared to fully engage in your retreat experience, making it meaningful and stress-free. | |

*Please ensure your responses fit within the text box provided.*

### **1. Spiritual Preparation**

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| **Task** | **Completed (Y/N)** | **Notes** |
| Spend time in prayer or reflection |  | Focus on your hopes for the retreat |
| Set personal spiritual goals |  | Identify areas of growth or questions to explore |
| Read scripture or devotional material |  | Choose topics relevant to the retreat theme |
| Forgive and let go of distractions |  | Reflect on any burdens or conflicts |
| Write a journal entry about your expectations |  | Capture thoughts and intentions |

### **2. Packing Checklist**

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| **Category** | **Items to Pack** | **Packed (yes or no)** |
| **Clothing** | Comfortable, weather-appropriate attire |  |
| Pajamas, socks, and undergarments |  |
| Shoes for walking or outdoor activities |  |
| **Toiletries** | Toothbrush, toothpaste, shampoo, etc. |  |
| Towel and washcloth |  |
| **Personal Items** | Journal, pen, or notebook |  |
| Bible or devotional material |  |
| Medications (if needed) |  |
| **Extras** | Reusable water bottle |  |
| Snacks (if allowed) |  |

### **3. Logistical Preparation**

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| **Task** | **Completed (Y/N)** | **Notes** |
| Register for the retreat |  | Confirm payment and attendance |
| Arrange transportation |  | Carpool, public transport, or shuttle |
| Pack identification and retreat details |  | Include address, schedule, and contact info |
| Notify family or work of your plans |  | Ensure no interruptions during the retreat |
| Set an out-of-office message (if applicable) |  | For work or email responses |

### **4. Mental and Emotional Preparation**

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| **Task** | **Completed (Y/N)** | **Notes** |
| Identify distractions to leave behind |  | Commit to being fully present |
| Pray or meditate on open-mindedness |  | Prepare for new experiences and insights |
| Write a list of questions or concerns |  | Topics you hope to explore during the retreat |