



NEW MOON IN VIRGO · THURSDAY, 25 AUGUST 2023

## Taurus

*This ritual is for romance, creativity, and joy.*

There is a kind of seriousness that pretends joy is frivolous, and tonight you are done with it.

### PREPARATION

Face south. Arrange your space with softness in mind — a folded cloth, a small vase, anything that pleases the eye rather than merely filling space. Silence your phone and let music — gentle jazz or the quiet pull of acoustic strings — begin to play at low volume. Pour a glass of wine or warm tea, lift it deliberately and breathe in its scent before the first sip, as though toasting something not yet arrived. Close your eyes and let desire speak without apology: a face, a color, a melody, the particular joy you have been too careful to ask for — hold all of it. Open your eyes when the wanting feels clean and real. The ritual begins now.

### THE RITUAL

Light the **green candle** and take a moment to notice how its flame seems to lean toward you — let it.

Scatter the **rose petals** in a loose arc around the candle, placing each one with deliberate pleasure, as though setting a table for **delight and creative abundance**.

Hold the **rose quartz** in both hands at the level of your heart and let yourself smile — not for anyone, simply because the stone is warm and the moment is yours.

Whisper into the stone one thing you genuinely want — a creative project, a love, a feeling — and place it at the center of the petal arc with the care of someone who believes what they are doing.

Sit with the lit **green candle** and the **rose quartz** for at least five minutes, letting the **rose petals** hold the shape of your intention while you breathe and simply receive.

### YOU WILL NEED

green candle

rose quartz

rose petals

♪ gentle jazz or sensual acoustic strings