Major Arcana

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The Fool	beginnings and openness
The Magician	agency and resources
The High Priestess	intuition and the unknown
The Empress	care and growth
The Emperor	structure and boundaries
The Hierophant	tradition and guidance
The Lovers	choice and alignment
The Chariot	direction and will
Strength	courage and self-command
The Hermit	solitude and inner guidance
Wheel of Fortune	cycles and change
Justice	truth and consequence
The Hanged Man	pause and perspective
Death	ending and transition
Temperance	balance and integration
The Devil	attachment and constraint
The Tower	disruption and revelation
The Star	hope and renewal
The Moon	uncertainty and imagination
The Sun	clarity and vitality
Judgement	reckoning and renewal
The World	completion and integration

Wands

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Ace of Wands	A spark worth testing
Two of Wands	Planning beyond the familiar
Three of Wands	Looking outward after a first step
Four of Wands	A shared milestone
Five of Wands	Competing effort
Six of Wands	Recognition and its responsibilities
Seven of Wands	Holding a position under pressure
Eight of Wands	Momentum and timely communication
Nine of Wands	Persistence with limits
Ten of Wands	A load that needs review
Page of Wands	Curiosity before experience
Knight of Wands	Drive that may outrun a plan
Queen of Wands	Warm, confident participation
King of Wands	Direction with responsibility

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Cups

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Ace of Cups	Emotional openness
Two of Cups	Mutual attention
Three of Cups	Friendship and shared support
Four of Cups	Withdrawal or an unnoticed offer
Five of Cups	Loss alongside what remains
Six of Cups	Memory and familiar patterns
Seven of Cups	Possibility mixed with projection
Eight of Cups	Leaving an unsatisfying pattern
Nine of Cups	Satisfaction and its limits
Ten of Cups	Belonging and shared hopes
Page of Cups	An unfamiliar feeling or creative invitation
Knight of Cups	An emotional proposal
Queen of Cups	Care with emotional boundaries
King of Cups	Emotional steadiness under pressure

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Swords

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Ace of Swords	A useful distinction
Two of Swords	A choice held in suspension
Three of Swords	Pain that needs a truthful name
Four of Swords	Rest before another effort
Five of Swords	Conflict and the cost of winning
Six of Swords	A gradual transition
Seven of Swords	Strategy, privacy and accountability
Eight of Swords	A feeling of limited options
Nine of Swords	Worry and repeated thoughts
Ten of Swords	An ending or an exhausted approach
Page of Swords	Questions and alert observation
Knight of Swords	Fast argument or decisive movement
Queen of Swords	Clear judgement with boundaries
King of Swords	Reasoned responsibility

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Pentacles

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Ace of Pentacles	A practical beginning
Two of Pentacles	Balancing demands
Three of Pentacles	Skill in collaboration
Four of Pentacles	Security and holding tightly
Five of Pentacles	Difficulty and access to support
Six of Pentacles	Giving, receiving and power
Seven of Pentacles	Reviewing an investment of effort
Eight of Pentacles	Practice and careful improvement
Nine of Pentacles	Independence built through care
Ten of Pentacles	Long-term structures and shared resources
Page of Pentacles	Learning a practical skill
Knight of Pentacles	Steady work and routine
Queen of Pentacles	Practical care and stewardship
King of Pentacles	Responsible use of resources

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