Effects of gratitude meditation on neural network functional connectivity and brain-heart coupling

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(Supplementary Information)

Supplementary Material S1: Intervention scripts

Followings are English translated script for the gratitude and resentment interventions.

**Supplementary Box 1. English translated script for the gratitude intervention (originally in Korean)**

We will begin the breathing exercise. First, relieve all the tension in your body, and breathe in through your nose, then slowly breathe out through your mouth. Breathe in slowly as you count to three, and do the same when you breathe out. Breathe at your own pace, but make sure to inhale through your nose and exhale through your mouth slowly. From now on, follow the directions while you focus on your breathing as well, however, you may breathe at your own pace. By focusing on our breath, we can train to strengthen our minds and improve our abilities. Concentrate on the air coming in while you are inhaling, and relieve all the tension in your body every time you exhale. When exhaling through your mouth, relax your jaw so that there is a space between your upper teeth and lower teeth. Also, relax your neck and shoulders. Relax your left and right arms, even your wrists well. As you slowly exhale, relieve all the tension on your back and chest, and feel your body without any tension. Now, you will be thinking about your mother as you breathe deeply. We will be thinking about the mother’s love and the gratitude you have for that love. Think of your mother who loved and cared for you since childhood. Maintain your deep breaths while sincerely giving gratitude to your mother. Vividly recall and give thanks all the thankful moments when your mother sacrificed herself for you. Breathe slowly as you take the time to think each one of many nice things your mother has done for you. Be as specific as possible. Try saying a heartfelt gratitude to your mother in your mind. Feel the love and gratitude for our mom and repeatedly say “thank you” in your mind. Thank you for your participation.

**Supplementary Box 2. English translated script for the resentment intervention (originally in Korean)**

We will begin the breathing exercise. First, relieve all the tension in your body, and breathe in through your nose, then slowly breathe out through your mouth. Breathe in slowly as you count to three, and do the same when you breathe out. Breathe at your own pace, but make sure to inhale through your nose and exhale through your mouth slowly. From now on, follow the directions while you focus on your breathing as well, however, you may breathe at your own pace. As you are breathing slowly, remember the time you were angriest and most irritated. Picture the moments that annoy you, even just by thinking about them. Look back at the mistakes you’ve made in the past. Imagine the faces of the people who anger and bully you. Think about the moments of failure that agonize you. A lot of your wrongdoings and mistakes, in fact, happen because of your own flaws. Thoroughly reflect on the areas that you lack, the things that you are particularly bad at, your weaknesses and vulnerabilities. Think about and reflect on the image of yourself trying to hide your shameful side from others. Think about the shameful side of you that has been hidden deep inside of you. Many times, your mistakes and failures are someone else’s fault. Picture the people who usually hate, envy, or bully you. Among these people, think of the one person, in particular, who you resent or loathe the most, in detail. Then, think of all the flaws that person has. Think through how cheap, hypocritical, and how evil the person is. Also think about how cunning, wicked, and selfish the person is. Say this in your mind: “I hate you.” Feel the anger and the hatred boiling from deep inside you. Yell “I loathe and despise people like you,” in your mind, repeatedly. Say, “I really hate you.” As you continue to breathe slowly, pay attention to the anger you are feeling. Thank you for your participation.
Supplementary Material S2: Time intervals between all successive fMRI scans

Supplementary Figure S1 shows the experimental procedure with time stamps to illustrate the time intervals between consecutive fMRI scans, which were present because of differences in the duration of audio instructions before each fMRI scanning. We delivered a simple instruction before starting the intervention fMRI scans and resting-state scans via the built-in microphone. The time interval between the start time of the first intervention fMRI scan \(t_2\) and end time of the baseline fMRI scan \(t_1\) can be computed by a subtraction between two time stamps \((t_2-t_1)\). Similarly, we computed the time intervals between all successive fMRI scans.

The intermissions before fMRI scans were not significantly different between the first intervention \((t_2-t_1)\) and the second intervention \((t_6-t_5)\) and between follow-up resting-states \((t_4-t_3)\) vs. \((t_8-t_7)\), but significantly different between the intervention and follow-up resting-state \((t_2-t_1)\) vs. \((t_4-t_3)\) or \((t_6-t_5)\) vs. \((t_8-t_7)\) (Supplementary Figure S2). Meanwhile, the average time intervals between during- and after-intervention fMRI acquisition were 33.0 ± 10.1 and 29.8 ± 10.9 seconds for the gratitude and resentment interventions, respectively, and those intervals were not significantly different between the two interventions \((t_{31} = 1.71, p = 0.1)\).
**Supplementary Figure S2.** The average time intervals for all successive fMRI scans across the participants. Paired sample t-test revealed significant differences among time intervals based on Bonferroni-corrected $P < 0.05$. We indicated the significant differences as asterisks (*). Please refer to Supplementary Figure S1 for the information about the time stamp, $t_i$. Blue bars indicate the time intervals between the resting-state fMRI scan and intervention fMRI scans, and gray bars indicate time intervals between the intervention fMRI and follow-up resting state fMRI scans.

Supplementary Table S1 shows the summary of the time intervals between all successive fMRI scans. Two-sample t-test revealed that there were no significant differences in the time intervals for the successive fMRI scans between set I and II.

**Supplementary Table S1.** Mean and standard deviation (SD) of the time intervals between all successive fMRI scans. Information about a time stamp, $t_i$, and two experimental sets is provided in Supplementary Figure S1.

| Time intervals                        | Overall Mean ± SD | Set I Mean ± SD | Set II Mean ± SD | T-value | P-value |
|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|------------------|---------|---------|
| between fMRI1 and fMRI2 ($t_2-t_1$)   | 47.7 ± 18.2       | 52.6 ± 22.3     | 42.2 ± 10.0      | 1.7     | 0.106   |
| between fMRI2 and fMRI3 ($t_4-t_3$)   | 30.1 ± 9.7        | 30.8 ± 9.1      | 29.3 ± 10.5      | 0.4     | 0.674   |
| between fMRI3 and fMRI4 ($t_6-t_5$)   | 39.3 ± 9.7        | 39.1 ± 10.5     | 39.5 ± 9.2       | -0.1    | 0.916   |
| between fMRI4 and fMRI5 ($t_8-t_7$)   | 32.7 ± 11.4       | 30.3 ± 11.6     | 35.4 ± 10.9      | -1.3    | 0.207   |

Heart rate data at the baseline, during the interventions, and after the interventions were presented in Supplementary Figure S3. Although we acquired heart rate data for the entire experimental period, we did not compare these heart rate values with heart rate acquired at the baseline because of the following two reasons. First, baseline heart rates were unstable because they were measured immediately after the body-posture change of the participant from stand...
up to supine. Second, it may take some time for an individual to stabilize levels of anxiety about closed space (such as MRI scanner) and levels of heart rate until the first (baseline) scanning because heart rate is sensitive to anxiety or emotional stress. Considering these viewpoints, it was a limitation of the current study that participants performed the baseline MRI scanning before they were sufficiently stabilized in the supine position inside the MRI scanner. Therefore, including heart rate at the baseline in the statistical analysis can make it difficult to interpret the results.

Supplementary Figure S3. Mean and standard error of heart rate at the baseline, during the interventions, and after the interventions.

Meanwhile, we computed heart rate during gratitude session as the 1st intervention and during resentment session as the 1st intervention (the second sessions of Set I and Set II), which were is 68.3 ± 6.9 and 73.4 ± 8.6. Although these two mean values were not statistically different between two sessions (t = -1.76, df=27, p = 0.089), the mean heart rate during gratitude after the baseline is quite lower than mean heart rate during resentment after the baseline (mean difference in heart rate = -5.1 bpm, 95% confidence interval = [-11.0, 0.5] bpm).
Supplementary Material S3: Summary for six seed regions of interests and functional connectivity.

Six seed regions of interests for investigating the default mode, emotion-regulation, and reward-motivation networks are summarized in Supplementary Table S2.

**Supplementary Table S2. Information for six seed regions of interests**

| Region                         | MNI coordinate | Radius | Reference                  |
|--------------------------------|----------------|--------|-----------------------------|
| Posterior cingulate cortex     | 1 -26 -31      | 6      | Dosenbach et al. (2010)³⁶   |
| Ventromedial prefrontal cortex | 9 51 -16       | 6      | Dosenbach et al. (2010)³⁶   |
| Lt. Amygdala                   | -17 -3 -14     | 6      | Goldin et al. (2008)⁴⁶      |
| Rt. Amygdala                   | 19 -5 -14      | 6      | Goldin et al. (2008)⁴⁶      |
| Lt. Nucleus accumbens          | -12 8 -8       | 3      | Gu et al. (2010)³⁶          |
| Rt. Nucleus accumbens          | 12 8 -8        | 3      | Gu et al. (2010)³⁶          |

Abbreviation: Lt, left; Rt, right; MNI, Montreal Neurological Institute.

In this section, we provide the detailed summary statistics that were presented in the form of visual illustration in the main manuscript. The supplementary results include temporal synchronization between dynamic functional connectivity and heart rate during the interventions (Supplementary Table S3), changes in seed-based functional connectivity during gratitude and resentment interventions relative to the baseline (Supplementary Tables S4 and S5), and comparisons of resting-state functional connectivity among the baseline, after-gratitude, and after-resentment (Supplementary Table S6). In addition, Supplementary Figure S4 represent the statistical parametric mapping of significant seed-based resting-state functional connectivity for each seed region.

**Supplementary Table S3. Temporal synchronization between dynamic functional connectivity and heart rate during the interventions.**

| Seed                          | Target region              | MNI coordinate | Nvox | Zmax |
|-------------------------------|----------------------------|----------------|------|------|
| Posterior cingulate cortex    | no significant results     |                |      |      |
| Ventromedial prefrontal cortex| Rt. Paracentral lobule     | 18 -44 78      | 205  | 4.74 |
|                               | Rt. Angular gyrus          | 58 -54 40      | 308  | -4.10|
|                               | Lt. Lingual gyrus          | -6 -84 -10     | 322  | -3.99|
| Lt. Amygdala                  | Rt. Superior temporal pole | 44 8 -38       | 261  | 4.22 |
|                               | Lt. Superior colliculus    | -4 -28 -6      | 246  | 4.28 |
Rt. Superior occipital gyrus 18 -86 22 164 3.67
Rt. Cerebellum 8 -52 -8 331 4.57

Rt. Amygdala
no significant results

Lt. Nucleus accumbens
Lt. Supplementary motor area -12 -2 66 296 4.03
Lt. Superior temporal gyrus -36 -32 24 382 4.80
Rt. Superior temporal gyrus 44 -38 20 177 4.46
Rt. Insula 40 10 10 515 4.35
Lt. Putamen -34 20 12 705 4.03
Rt. Supramarginal gyrus 52 -22 26 183 3.91
Rt. Inferior temporal gyrus 40 -10 -36 170 3.49

Rt. Nucleus accumbens
no significant results

During Resentment intervention
Posterior cingulate cortex
no significant results
Ventromedial prefrontal cortex
no significant results
Lt. Amygdala
no significant results
Rt. Amygdala
no significant results
Lt. Nucleus accumbens
no significant results
Rt. Nucleus accumbens
no significant results

Significant clusters were obtained at family-wise error rate corrected \( P < 0.05 \)
Abbreviation: Lt, left; Rt, right; MNI, Montreal Neurological Institute; Nvox, number of contiguous voxels; Zmax, maximum z-value within the cluster.

**Supplementary Table S4.** Statistical comparisons of seed-based functional connectivity between the gratitude intervention and baseline.

| Seed                        | Target region                  | MNI coordinate, mm | Nvox | Zmax |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|
|                            |                                | \( x \)             | \( y \) | \( z \) |
| **Contrast of [during Gratitude > baseline]** | | | | |
| Posterior cingulate cortex  | Rt. Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex | 44                 | 14   | 38   | 319 | 5.08 |
|                             | Rt. Caudate                     | 12                 | -12  | 16   | 94  | 4.44 |
|                             | Lt. Superior occipital gyrus    | -26                | -92  | 34   | 118 | 5.10 |
|                             | Rt. Superior occipital gyrus    | 48                 | -74  | 14   | 756 | 5.32 |
| Ventromedial prefrontal cortex | Lt. Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex | -38                | -42  | 18   | 481 | 6.09 |
|                             | Lt. Dorsomedial prefrontal cortex | -6                 | 32   | 46   | 464 | 6.16 |
|                             | Lt. Inferior frontal gyrus      | -36                | 16   | 0    | 1507| 8.26 |
|                             | Rt. Inferior frontal gyrus      | 34                 | 18   | 6    | 2664| 7.11 |
|                             | Lt. Precentral gyrus            | -36                | -8   | 44   | 328 | 6.98 |
|                             | Lt. Supramarginal gyrus         | -60                | -26  | 44   | 1283| 6.09 |
|                             | Rt. Supramarginal gyrus         | 38                 | -48  | 52   | 775 | 7.32 |
|                             | Rt. Inferior temporal gyrus     | 58                 | -50  | -4   | 184 | 5.33 |
|                             | Lt. Superior occipital gyrus    | -38                | -78  | 20   | 216 | 5.30 |
| Lt. Amygdala                | not significant                 |                    |      |      |
| Rt. Amygdala                | not significant                 |                    |      |      |
| Lt. Nucleus accumbens       | not significant                 |                    |      |      |
| Rt. Nucleus accumbens       | Rt. Middle temporal gyrus       | 40                 | -82  | 20   | 91  | 5.72 |
|                             | Rt. Angular gyrus               | 64                 | -60  | 12   | 217 | 5.27 |
### Contrast of [during Gratitude < baseline]

| Seed region                      | Target region                          | MNI coordinate, mm | Nvox | Zmax |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|
| Posterior cingulate cortex       | Lt. Cuneus                             | -12 -96 -8         | 214  | 5.55 |
|                                  | Rt. Cuneus                             | 16 -98 -2          | 224  | 5.34 |
| Ventromedial prefrontal cortex   | Rt. Orbitofrontal cortex               | 2 60 -8           | 183  | 4.70 |
|                                  | Lt. Middle temporal gyrus              | -48 -34 -2        | 952  | 6.60 |
|                                  | Rt. Inferior temporal pole             | 50 10 -26         | 239  | 5.52 |
|                                  | Rt. Middle temporal gyrus              | 46 -20 -6         | 115  | 4.78 |
|                                  | Rt. Middle temporal gyrus              | 58 -8 -8          | 106  | 4.69 |
|                                  | Lt. Angular gyrus                      | -62 -52 24        | 270  | 4.83 |
| Lt. Amygdala                     | not significant                        |                    |      |      |
| Rt. Amygdala                     | not significant                        |                    |      |      |
| Lt. Nucleus accumbens            | not significant                        |                    |      |      |
| Rt. Nucleus accumbens            | Lt. Fusiform gyrus                    | -16 -88 -6        | 1623 | 7.10 |
|                                  | Rt. Fusiform gyrus                    | 28 -72 -10        | 1005 | 6.68 |

Significant clusters were obtained at family-wise error rate corrected $P < 0.05$. Abbreviation: Lt, left; MNI, Montreal Neurological Institute; Nvox, number of contiguous voxels; Rt, right; Zmax, maximum z-value within the cluster.

### Supplementary Table S5. Statistical comparisons of seed-based functional connectivity between the resentment intervention and baseline.

| Functional connectivity | Seed region                      | Target region                          | MNI coordinate, mm | Nvox | Zmax |
|-------------------------|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|
| Contrast of [during Resentment > baseline] | Posterior cingulate cortex | Rt. Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex     | 54 42 18      | 217  | 5.83 |
|                         |                                | Rt. Ventrolateral prefrontal cortex    | 38 14 26       | 283  | 5.05 |
|                         |                                | Rt. Insula                             | 40 18 0       | 1031 | 5.72 |
|                         |                                | Lt. Superior parietal lobule           | -30 -60 64    | 322  | 5.28 |
|                         |                                | Lt. Supramarginal gyrus               | -66 -34 26    | 251  | 4.65 |
|                         |                                | Rt. Supramarginal gyrus               | 68 -24 26     | 367  | 5.04 |
|                         |                                | Lt. Middle occipital gyrus            | -30 -92 22   | 452  | 5.96 |
|                         |                                | Rt. Middle temporal gyrus             | -44 -70 10   | 154  | 4.89 |
|                         |                                | Lt. Putamen                            | -36 -8 -8     | 343  | 5.88 |
|                         |                                | Lt. Thalamus                           | -14 -10 10   | 156  | 5.16 |
|                         |                                | Rt. Thalamus                           | 12 -18 8     | 124  | 4.86 |
|                         | Ventromedial prefrontal cortex   | Rt. Dorsolateral prefrontal cortex     | 46 36 22     | 1166 | 6.71 |
|                         |                                  | Lt. Inferior frontal gyrus            | -32 18 8     | 4283 | 12.25 |
|                         |                                  | Rt. Inferior frontal gyrus            | 34 22 4      | 5341 | 9.82 |
|                         |                                  | Rt. Postcentral gyrus                 | 58 -18 34    | 129  | 5.02 |
|                         |                                  | Lt. Supramarginal gyrus               | -26 -46 44   | 1647 | 6.01 |
|                         |                                  | Rt. Supramarginal gyrus               | 56 -38 46    | 872  | 4.96 |
|                         |                                  | Lt. Middle occipital gyrus            | -32 -72 26   | 226  | 5.73 |
|                         |                                  | Lt. Cerebellum                        | -6 -70 -24   | 177  | 6.30 |
|                         |                                  | Rt. Cerebellum                        | 30 -68 -16   | 115  | 6.44 |
| Lt. Amygdala            | not significant                   |                                        |                  |      |      |
| Rt. Amygdala            | not significant                   |                                        |                  |      |      |
| Lt. Nucleus accumbens   | not significant                   |                                        |                  |      |      |
| Rt. Nucleus accumbens   | Lt. Precuneus                      |                                        |                  |      |      |

Contrast of [during Resentment < baseline]

| Seed region                      | Target region                          | MNI coordinate, mm | Nvox | Zmax |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------|--------------------|------|------|
| Posterior cingulate cortex       | Rt. Ventromedial prefrontal cortex     | 6 56 -2           | 396  | 5.82 |
|                                  | Lt. Precuneus / posterior cingulate cortex | -12 -54 26     | 2304 | 9.64 |
Significant clusters were obtained at family-wise error rate corrected \( P < 0.05 \).

Abbreviation: Lt. left; MNI, Montreal Neurological Institute; Nvox, number of contiguous voxels; Rt. right; Zmax, maximum z-value within the cluster.

### Supplementary Table S6. Statistical comparisons of functional connectivity among resting-states at the baseline, after the gratitude intervention, and after the resentment intervention.

| Functional connectivity | MNI coordinate | Baseline, (B) | after Gratitude (G) | after Resentment (R) | RM-ANOVA | Post-hoc analysis† |
|-------------------------|---------------|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------|--------------------|
| Seed                    | Target region | x  | y   | z  | Mean ± SD | Mean ± SD | Mean ± SD | Nvox | F     |                     |
| PCC                     | Rt. DMPFC     | 2  | 20  | 48 | -0.03 ± 0.17 | 0.16 ± 0.18 | 0.09 ± 0.20 | 315  | 20.1 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Rt. Orbitofrontal cortex | 6  | 46  | -10 | 0.11 ± 0.16 | -0.06 ± 0.17 | -0.02 ± 0.15 | 453  | 24.4 | G < B, R < B        |
|                         | Rt. DLPFC     | 28 | 56  | 28 | -0.03 ± 0.15 | 0.12 ± 0.17 | 0.09 ± 0.15 | 176  | 13.1 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Lt. Precuneus | -4 | -62 | 24 | 0.30 ± 0.20 | 0.08 ± 0.21 | 0.17 ± 0.18 | 1884 | 35.5 | G= B, R= B, G<R     |
|                         | Lt. Angular gyrus | -44 | -56 | 22 | 0.16 ± 0.19 | -0.08 ± 0.16 | -0.04 ± 0.22 | 1055 | 26.2 | G < B, R > B        |
|                         | Lt. Supramarginal gyrus | -56 | -44 | 52 | -0.03 ± 0.16 | 0.12 ± 0.15 | 0.11 ± 0.18 | 160  | 15.7 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Rt. Angular gyrus | 40 | -58 | 28 | 0.17 ± 0.17 | 0.04 ± 0.21 | 0.02 ± 0.20 | 444  | 16.7 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Lt. Cuneus     | -4 | 48  | 4  | -0.05 ± 0.16 | 0.09 ± 0.14 | -0.05 ± 0.15 | 83   | 12.1 | G > B, G > R        |
|                         | Lt. Middle temporal gyrus | -54 | -8  | 16 | 0.12 ± 0.15 | -0.09 ± 0.16 | -0.03 ± 0.17 | 717  | 29.4 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Rt. Middle temporal gyrus | 56 | 2  | -22 | 0.11 ± 0.17 | -0.10 ± 0.17 | -0.02 ± 0.17 | 311  | 19.9 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Lt. Superior temporal gyrus | -68 | -34 | 4  | 0.11 ± 0.13 | -0.03 ± 0.14 | 0.06 ± 0.11 | 182  | 17.9 | G < B, G < R        |
|                         | Rt. Putamen    | 20 | 6   | 6  | -0.08 ± 0.17 | 0.12 ± 0.19 | 0.10 ± 0.17 | 2192 | 25.2 | G > B, R > B        |
| VMPFC                   | Rt. DLPFC     | 42 | 42  | 16 | -0.30 ± 0.25 | -0.17 ± 0.24 | -0.14 ± 0.25 | 107  | 16.1 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Lt. Supramarginal gyrus | -58 | -26 | 44 | -0.36 ± 0.24 | -0.21 ± 0.14 | -0.20 ± 0.18 | 200  | 14.2 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Rt. Angular gyrus | 48 | 56  | 24 | 0.46 ± 0.20 | 0.40 ± 0.23 | 0.30 ± 0.26 | 158  | 15.0 | R < B, G > R        |
|                         | Lt. Precuneus | -20 | -52 | 50 | -0.27 ± 0.16 | -0.10 ± 0.21 | -0.12 ± 0.21 | 142  | 13.4 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Lt. Cuneus     | -10 | -90 | 4  | -0.16 ± 0.14 | 0.01 ± 0.18 | -0.01 ± 0.22 | 123  | 14.9 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Rt. Fusiform gyrus | 32 | -66 | 16 | -0.17 ± 0.16 | -0.13 ± 0.17 | -0.03 ± 0.20 | 110  | 13.6 | R > B, G > R        |
|                         | Lt. Lateral occipital | -34 | -76 | 16 | -0.24 ± 0.15 | -0.14 ± 0.21 | -0.08 ± 0.21 | 136  | 13.8 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Rt. Lateral occipital | 36 | 76  | 16 | -0.20 ± 0.17 | -0.11 ± 0.20 | -0.06 ± 0.19 | 128  | 11.9 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Lt. Middle temporal gyrus | -52 | -18 | 16 | 0.34 ± 0.18 | 0.20 ± 0.20 | 0.20 ± 0.23 | 290  | 18.2 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Lt. Cerebellum | -10 | -68 | 20 | -0.19 ± 0.14 | -0.03 ± 0.16 | -0.07 ± 0.16 | 148  | 14.7 | G > B, R > B        |
|                         | Rt. Cerebellum | 4  | -68 | 22 | -0.12 ± 0.13 | 0.02 ± 0.17 | -0.08 ± 0.18 | 74   | 23.1 | G > B, G > R        |

Lt. AMY: no significant results

Rt. AMY: Lt. VLPFC | -56 | -2 | 8 | -0.02 ± 0.17 | 0.12 ± 0.18 | 0.04 ± 0.13 | 75   | 18.5 | G > B      |

Lt. NA: Rt. Precuneus | 6  | -78 | 38 | -0.06 ± 0.13 | 0.05 ± 0.14 | 0.08 ± 0.16 | 97   | 27.7 | G > B, R > B |

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### Table

| Region                          | MNI Coordinates | T-value | Zmax | Nvox | G > B, G > R |
|---------------------------------|-----------------|---------|------|------|-------------|
| Rt. NA                          | -30 -36 12      | -0.07 ± 0.09 | 0.02 ± 0.15 | 0.09 ± 0.14 | 79 | 18.4 | G > B, G > R |
| Rt. VLPFC                       | 38 -44 2        | -0.13 ± 0.14 | -0.07 ± 0.18 | -0.20 ± 0.16 | 92 | 13.1 | G > R |
| Rt. Middle temporal gyrus       | 54 -62 2        | 0.07 ± 0.15 | -0.08 ± 0.17 | 0.05 ± 0.20 | 208 | 15.1 | G < B, G < R |
| Lt. Superior temporal gyrus     | -38 -36 12      | 0.03 ± 0.11 | -0.07 ± 0.16 | 0.06 ± 0.17 | 67 | 14.7 | G < B, G < R |
| Rt. Superior temporal gyrus     | 64 -24 14       | -0.01 ± 0.15 | -0.13 ± 0.16 | 0.04 ± 0.16 | 92 | 12.9 | G < B, G < R |

Abbreviations: Lt, left; Rt, right; PCC, posterior cingulate cortex; VMPFC, ventromedial prefrontal cortex; AMY, amygdala; NA, nucleus accumbens; DMPFC, dorsomedial prefrontal cortex; DLPFC, dorsolateral prefrontal cortex; VLPFC, ventrolateral prefrontal cortex; MNI, Montreal Neurological Institute; Nvox, number of contiguous voxels; Zmax, maximum z-value within the cluster; RM-ANOVA, repeated-measure analysis of variance; Nvox, number of voxel within a cluster; SD, standard deviation.

† A significance level of post-hoc analysis among three sessions was corrected for multiple-comparisons using Bonferroni method.

### Supplementary Figure S4

Significant seed-based resting-state functional connectivity (rsFC) when the seed was (A) the posterior cingulate cortex (PCC), (B) ventromedial prefrontal cortex (VMPFC), (C) right amygdala (AMY), (D) left nucleus accumbens (NA), and (E) right NA. Abbreviations: AG, angular gyrus; CBL, cerebellum; CUN, cuneus; DLPFC, dorsolateral prefrontal cortex; DMPFC, dorsomedial prefrontal cortex; FFG, fusiform gyrus; MTG, middle temporal gyrus; OFC, orbitofrontal gyrus; PCUN, precuneus; PUT, putamen; SMG, supramarginal gyrus; STG, superior temporal gyrus; VC, visual cortex; VLPFC, ventrolateral prefrontal cortex.
Supplementary Material S4: Inter-network functional connectivity

In order to investigate inter-network functional connectivity, we produced spatial independent component maps and the corresponding time-courses using independent component analysis and spatiotemporal dual-regression. Ten independent component maps (Supplementary Figure S5) were identified using the template-matching method and were matched with the previously reported resting-state networks\(^\text{(Smith et al., 2009)}\). Among them, given our hypothesis, five networks colored in cyan such as the default mode, auditory, salience, and bilateral frontoparietal networks, were selected for the effects of gratitude and resentment interventions on inter-network functional connectivity. In this section, inter-network functional connectivity was evaluated using the time-courses obtained from the dual-regression analysis.

Supplementary Figure S5. Ten independent component maps for the resting-state networks.

Subsequently, temporal synchronization between dynamic inter-network functional connectivity and heart rate were counted during the gratitude and resentment interventions (Supplementary Table S7). Inter-network functional connectivity was compared between the interventions and baseline (Supplementary Table S8), between the gratitude and resentment interventions (Supplementary Table S9), and between resting-states at the baseline, after the gratitude intervention, and after the resentment intervention (Supplementary Table S10).
### Supplementary Table S7. Temporal synchronization between dynamic inter-network functional connectivity and heart rate during the interventions.

| Inter-network functional connectivity | during Gratitude | during Resentment |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
|                                      | Mean ± SD       | T   | P<sub>FDR</sub> | Mean ± SD       | T   | P<sub>FDR</sub> |
| Default mode – Temporolimbic network | -0.14 ± 0.528   | -1.4 | 0.31          | 0.08 ± 0.532   | 0.9 | 0.60          |
| Default mode – Salience network      | -0.10 ± 0.533   | -1.1 | 0.37          | 0.31 ± 0.501   | 3.3 | 0.03          |
| Default mode – Left frontoparietal   | -0.13 ± 0.516   | -1.4 | 0.31          | 0.02 ± 0.486   | 0.3 | 0.88          |
| Default mode – Right frontoparietal  | 0.09 ± 0.530    | 0.9  | 0.41          | 0.17 ± 0.437   | 2.0 | 0.26          |
| Temporolimbic network – Salience network | -0.11 ± 0.507   | -1.2 | 0.34          | -0.09 ± 0.514  | -1.0| 0.60          |
| Temporolimbic network – Left frontoparietal | -0.19 ± 0.465   | -2.2 | 0.16          | -0.08 ± 0.516  | -0.8| 0.60          |
| Temporolimbic network – Right frontoparietal | -0.22 ± 0.561   | -2.1 | 0.16          | -0.01 ± 0.423  | -0.1| 0.90          |
| Salience network – Left frontoparietal | -0.20 ± 0.386   | -2.8 | 0.09          | 0.08 ± 0.442   | 1.0 | 0.60          |
| Salience network – Right frontoparietal | -0.12 ± 0.467   | -1.4 | 0.31          | 0.09 ± 0.466   | 1.1 | 0.60          |
| Left frontoparietal – Right frontoparietal | -0.06 ± 0.568   | -0.6 | 0.57          | -0.05 ± 0.461  | -0.6| 0.70          |

Mean and standard deviation (SD) are provided together with the statistical significance obtained from one-sample t-test. The statistical significances were controlled for multiple comparison using false discovery rate (FDR) corrected P-value (P<sub>FDR</sub>).

### Supplementary Table S8. Comparison between inter-network functional connectivity during the interventions and at the baseline.

| Inter-network functional connectivity | Intervention | Baseline | T(df=31) | P<sub>FDR</sub> |
|--------------------------------------|--------------|----------|----------|-----------------|
|                                      | Mean ± SD    | Mean ± SD|          |                 |
| **during Gratitude intervention vs. Baseline** |              |          |          |                 |
| Default mode – Temporolimbic network | -0.01 ± 0.35 | -0.43 ± 0.32 | 6.25     | <0.001          |
| Default mode – Salience network      | 0.19 ± 0.32  | -0.17 ± 0.29 | 6.19     | <0.001          |
| Default mode – Left frontoparietal   | 0.36 ± 0.27  | 0.18 ± 0.30  | 2.85     | 0.010           |
| Default mode – Right frontoparietal  | 0.41 ± 0.23  | 0.18 ± 0.26  | 4.39     | <0.001          |
| Temporolimbic network – Salience network | 0.57 ± 0.24  | 0.54 ± 0.24  | 0.63     | 0.534           |
| Temporolimbic network – Left frontoparietal | 0.24 ± 0.27  | -0.07 ± 0.21 | 6.28     | <0.001          |
| Temporolimbic network – Right frontoparietal | 0.17 ± 0.27  | -0.08 ± 0.25 | 4.28     | <0.001          |
| Salience network – Left frontoparietal | 0.42 ± 0.28  | 0.15 ± 0.26  | 4.00     | <0.001          |
| Salience network – Right frontoparietal | 0.43 ± 0.28  | 0.06 ± 0.23  | 5.90     | <0.001          |
| Left frontoparietal – Right frontoparietal | 0.64 ± 0.26  | 0.55 ± 0.26  | 1.45     | 0.176           |
| **During Resentment intervention vs. baseline** |              |          |          |                 |
| Default mode – Temporolimbic network | 0.08 ± 0.34  | -0.43 ± 0.32 | 6.77     | <0.001          |
| Default mode – Salience network      | 0.40 ± 0.34  | -0.17 ± 0.29 | 7.70     | <0.001          |
| Default mode – Left frontoparietal   | 0.33 ± 0.33  | 0.18 ± 0.30  | 2.16     | 0.049           |
| Default mode – Right frontoparietal  | 0.61 ± 0.28  | 0.18 ± 0.26  | 7.87     | <0.001          |
| Temporolimbic network – Salience network | 0.54 ± 0.27  | 0.54 ± 0.24  | 0.01     | 0.993           |
| Temporolimbic network – Left frontoparietal | 0.31 ± 0.21  | -0.07 ± 0.21 | 9.40     | <0.001          |
| Temporolimbic network – Right frontoparietal | 0.21 ± 0.26  | -0.08 ± 0.25 | 4.53     | <0.001          |
| Salience network – Left frontoparietal | 0.50 ± 0.28  | 0.15 ± 0.26  | 5.30     | <0.001          |
| Salience network – Right frontoparietal | 0.51 ± 0.33  | 0.06 ± 0.23  | 6.27     | <0.001          |
| Left frontoparietal – Right frontoparietal | 0.48 ± 0.31  | 0.55 ± 0.26  | -1.05    | 0.334           |

Mean and standard deviation (SD) are provided together with the statistics obtained from paired-sample t-test. The statistical significances were controlled for multiple comparison using false discovery rate (FDR) corrected P-value (P<sub>FDR</sub>). Abbreviation: df, degree of freedom.
**Supplementary Table S9.** Inter-network functional connectivity during the interventions.

| Inter-network functional connectivity | during Gratitude Mean ± SD | during Resentment Mean ± SD | \( T \) (df=31) | \( P_{\text{FDR}} \) |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| Default mode – Temporolimbic network | -0.01 ± 0.35              | 0.08 ± 0.34              | -1.54           | 0.222       |
| Default mode – Salience network     | 0.19 ± 0.32               | 0.40 ± 0.34              | -4.01           | 0.003       |
| Default mode – Left frontoparietal  | 0.36 ± 0.27               | 0.33 ± 0.33              | 0.63            | 0.531       |
| Default mode – Right frontoparietal | 0.41 ± 0.23               | 0.61 ± 0.28              | -3.79           | 0.003       |
| Temporolimbic network – Salience network | 0.57 ± 0.24           | 0.54 ± 0.27              | 0.68            | 0.531       |
| Temporolimbic network – Left frontoparietal | 0.24 ± 0.27            | 0.31 ± 0.21              | -1.73           | 0.222       |
| Temporolimbic network – Right frontoparietal | 0.17 ± 0.27            | 0.21 ± 0.26              | -0.77           | 0.531       |
| Salience network – Left frontoparietal | 0.42 ± 0.28            | 0.50 ± 0.28              | -1.46           | 0.222       |
| Salience network – Right frontoparietal | 0.43 ± 0.28            | 0.51 ± 0.33              | -1.46           | 0.222       |
| Left frontoparietal – Right frontoparietal | 0.64 ± 0.26            | 0.48 ± 0.31              | 2.92            | 0.022       |

Mean and standard deviation (SD) are provided together with the statistics obtained from paired-sample t-test. The statistical significances were controlled for multiple comparison using false discovery rate (FDR) corrected \( P \)-value (\( P_{\text{FDR}} \)).

Abbreviation: df, degree of freedom.

**Supplementary Table S10.** Inter-network functional connectivity at the baseline and after the interventions.

| Inter-network functional connectivity | Baseline Mean ± SD | after Gratitude Mean ± SD | after Resentment Mean ± SD | \( F_{1,62} \) | \( P_{\text{FDR}} \) |
|--------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------------|---------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Default mode – Temporolimbic network | -0.43 ± 0.32       | -0.15 ± 0.36             | -0.17 ± 0.40              | 10.83      | 0.001       |
| Default mode – Salience network     | -0.17 ± 0.29       | 0.01 ± 0.27              | -0.05 ± 0.31              | 4.54       | 0.029       |
| Default mode – Left frontoparietal  | 0.18 ± 0.30        | 0.22 ± 0.30              | 0.20 ± 0.30               | 0.14       | 0.868       |
| Default mode – Right frontoparietal | 0.18 ± 0.26        | 0.23 ± 0.28              | 0.23 ± 0.30               | 0.85       | 0.479       |
| Temporolimbic network – Salience network | 0.54 ± 0.24       | 0.44 ± 0.31              | 0.48 ± 0.24               | 1.43       | 0.310       |
| Temporolimbic network – Left frontoparietal | -0.07 ± 0.21      | -0.02 ± 0.30             | 0.08 ± 0.31               | 4.64       | 0.029       |
| Temporolimbic network – Right frontoparietal | -0.08 ± 0.25      | 0.06 ± 0.29              | 0.13 ± 0.34               | 7.49       | 0.006       |
| Salience network – Left frontoparietal | 0.14 ± 0.26        | 0.20 ± 0.29              | 0.32 ± 0.26               | 6.12       | 0.013       |
| Salience network – Right frontoparietal | 0.06 ± 0.23        | 0.14 ± 0.26              | 0.21 ± 0.27               | 2.67       | 0.110       |
| Left frontoparietal – Right frontoparietal | 0.55 ± 0.26        | 0.57 ± 0.27              | 0.67 ± 0.26               | 3.29       | 0.073       |

Mean and standard deviation (SD) are provided together with the statistics obtained from repeated-measure analysis of variance test. The statistical significances were controlled for multiple comparison using false discovery rate (FDR) corrected \( P \)-value (\( P_{\text{FDR}} \)).
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