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In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful

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Closer

by aa

your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox

PRE-PS: Champs, the first Closer email I sent had some missing links - I sincerely apologise! All links should work fine now, In Sha Allah!

*just when you think
YOUR HEART IS NUMB,
allah swt will send
YOU A SIGN THAT HE SEES
your smallest effort.
AND JUST LIKE THAT,
your hard heart breaks for his sake.*

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

I have a story I wanted to share with you today - on the very 1st Day of Ramadan, I started crying in front of [Ustazah 'Alima](#) when I was having my one on one tajweed lesson with her. Quick back story: I haven't been able to read the Quran with her for a while, and I was making error after error. I took a good 30 minutes to go through just one page of the Quran, stumbling here and there with my tajweed. When I finally reached the end of the page, I said resolutely to Ustazah that I wanted to repeat reciting the page again - and then my heart started to feel a lot of things, so I excused myself, switched off my camera and before I knew it, I started crying.

When I couldn't hide it any longer, I unmuted my microphone and confessed to Ustazah 'Alima, "Ustazahhhhhh, I don't know why but I'm crying." She said compassionately, "Habibti, is it because of your recitation?" And I answered, "No Ustazah, I'm not sad crying. I'm grateful-crying!" She then said, smiling, "Ahhhh, must be Ramadan and all the angels surrounding you, In Sha Allah." I half-laughed, half-cried, and said, "*I hope so*".

Looking back, I now realise what I was feeling - it was a moment of closeness to Allah SWT via the door of being broken for His sake. I haven't cried in a while, and I was beginning to doubt if any of my acts of worship would soften my hard heart. I was longing to feel something, *anything*, because I could feel my heart struggling to not make my *ibadah* mechanical, but I remember how Ustazah Farhana advised, "**Just keep on with your Ibadah, because what you're looking for - that spiritual connection, that closeness, that Iman boost- it will come.**"

And came it did - in the middle of my Quran Class, no less. **After** I strived, broke, and was *this* close to thinking that my heart is numb. So Champs, if you are doubting whether any of your Ibadah is doing anything to your heart - I say yes.

Your heart will eventually break for His sake, and it's in that

brokenness that His Light will enter and uplifts you. So keep going, Champs. Because it will have an impact.

This week on aa plus



episode 1

"YA RABB,
WE CALL ONTO YOU"

Learn the etiquette of calling on Allah
SWT & what exactly "Rabb" means

In the Introduction of this beautiful series, titled 'Reflections of Duas in the Quran', Ustazah Farhana taught us the etiquette of making Dua and how Allah has immortalised Du'as made by Prophets in the Quran so that we can emulate them. We will also learn the different meanings of 'Rabb' - a dear term that we so often use to call on to Him, but do *weknow* the depth of its meanings? PS: You won't look at Duas the same way after this Class! In Sha Allah.

Listen to the Lesson Here

[Read PDF Notes Here](#)



Study Date Ramadan Timings:

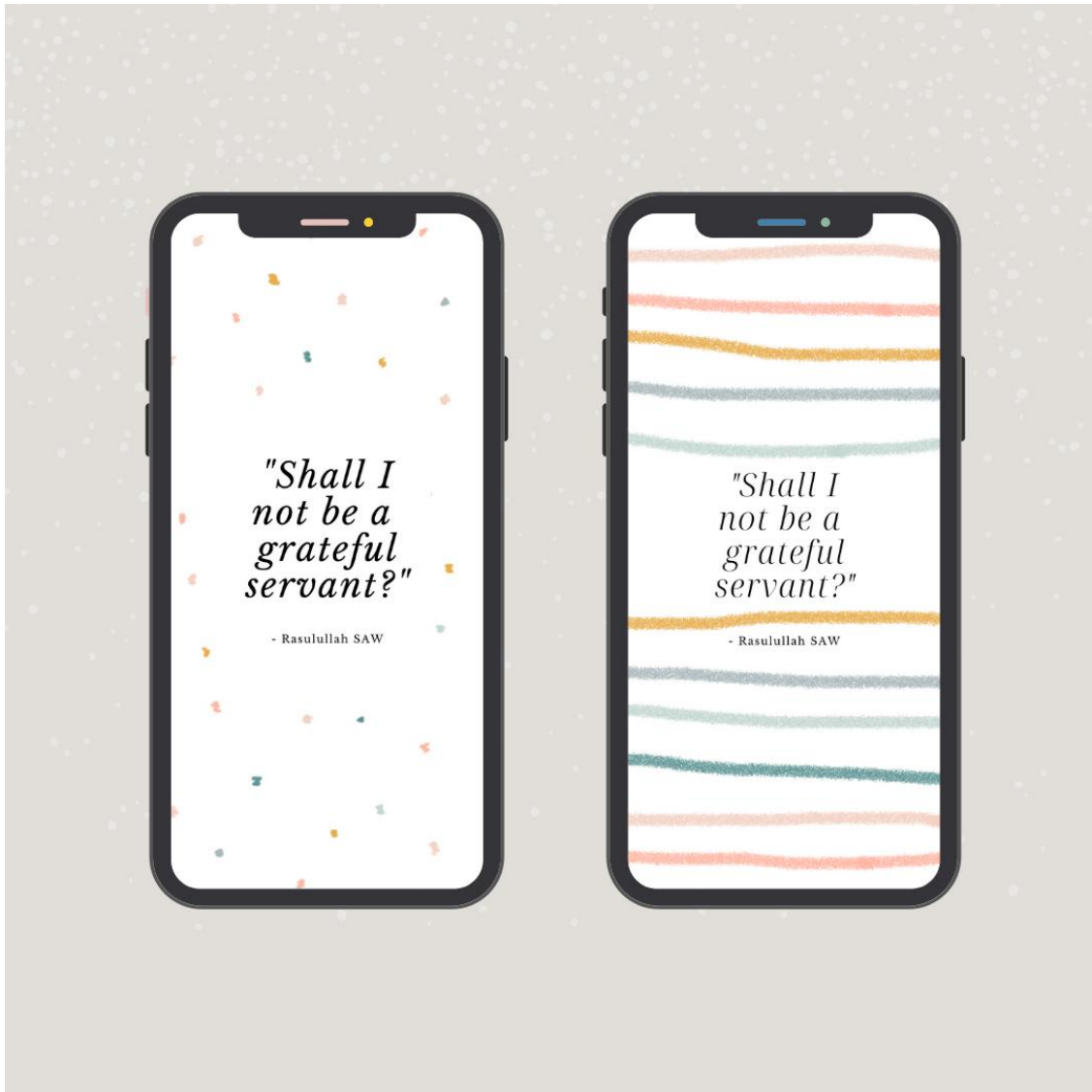
Saturdays | 2.30pm SG / MS

Saturdays | 3.30 PM UK / 9.30 AM CST

Can't wait to listen to this pack-full of gems episode with you on our Study Date. Please note on the change of timings for our Study Date this Ramadan ok? PS: Baby Champs, if this is your first study date with us, you dont have to prepare anything prior or listen to the audio before coming to the study date. Just come with an open heart, all ready to learn <3

Join us on the Study Date Here!

Your visual reminder



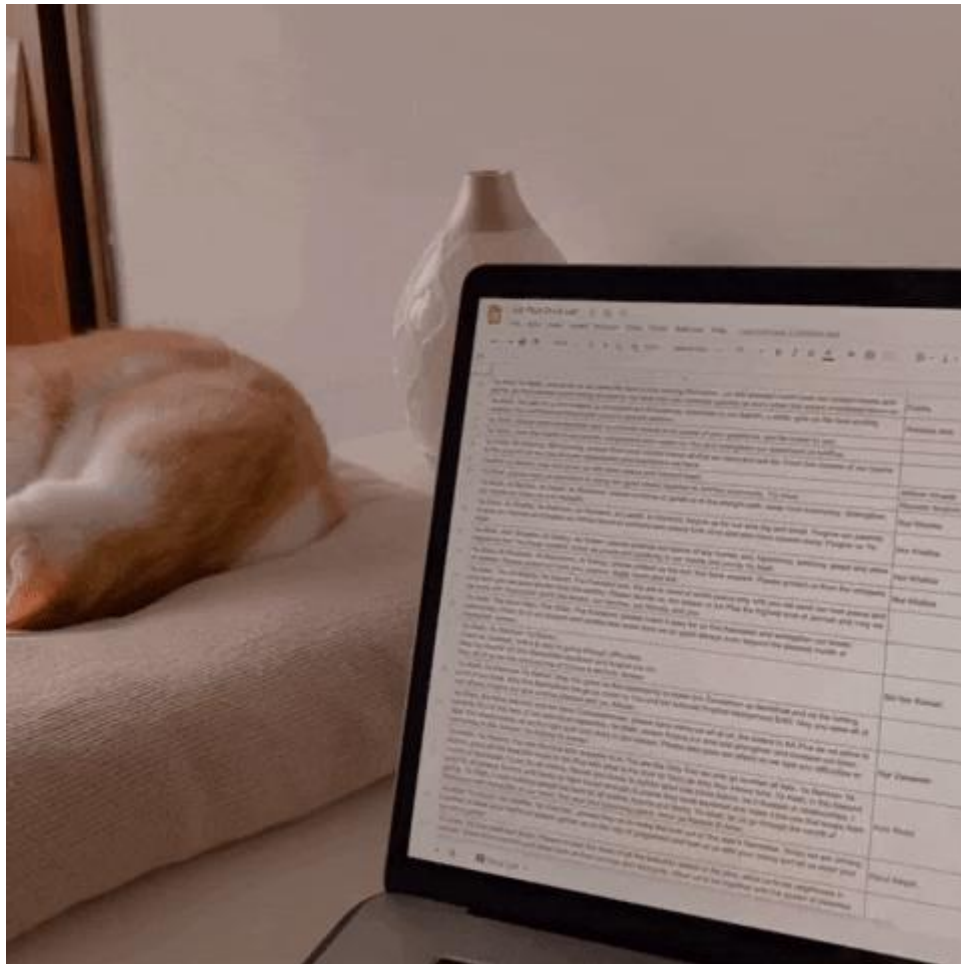
When I asked myself what do I really want to focus on this Ramadan, the answer that was inspired in my heart was to be "a grateful servant".

I've heard of the famous hadith whereby Sayyidina Aisha RA would notice that Rasulullah SAW would pray until his feet were swollen, and she asked, "why do you do this when Allah SWT has forgiven your past and future self?" And Rasulullah SAW said, **"Shall I not be a grateful servant?"** I've heard this Hadith many times, but it is only now that it "clicks" and I realised how profound and beautiful Rasulullah SAW's answer was. I want to strive to be a grateful servant this Ramadan (and beyond, In Sha Allah), so I designed

these wallpapers to remind us of Rasulullah SAW's gentle wisdom and the power of gratitude.

[Download Wallpapers Here](#)

a beautiful Dua



If you haven't had time to check out our collective Dua list for this Ramadan, you are missing out. There's so many beautiful Duas on that list and my heart is bursting at how generous and sincere you are in your Duas! May Allah SWT grant them all, Amin!

Read + Add Duas Here

share with Allah

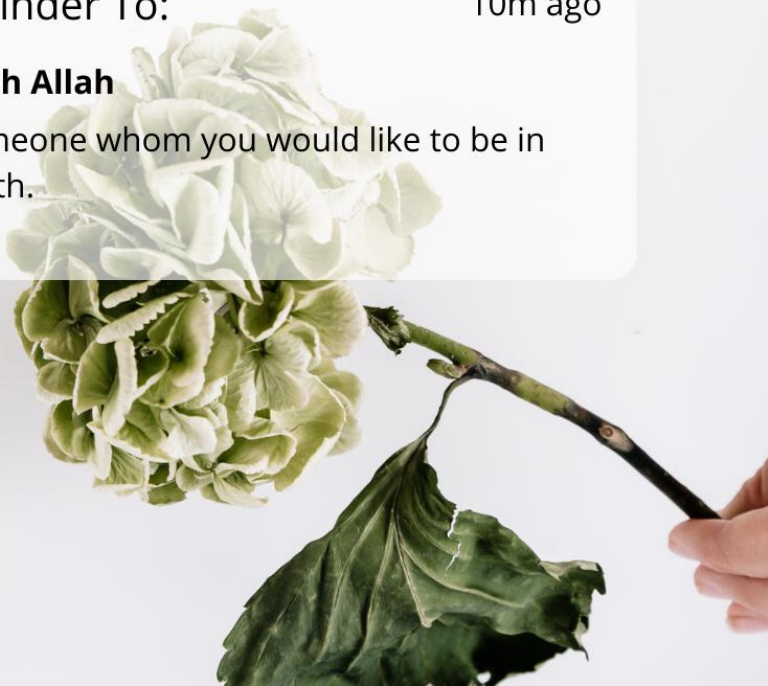


Reminder To:

10m ago

Share with Allah

about someone whom you would like to be in Jannah with.



One of my intentions / dreams is to bring all of you with me and tell

Allah SWT on the Day of Judgement, "Ya Allah, these are my Sisters that were with me in the Dunia as we strive our best, collectively, to pull closer to You and fall in love with You and Your Prophet, Rasulullah SAW! Please let us be neighbours in Jannah!"

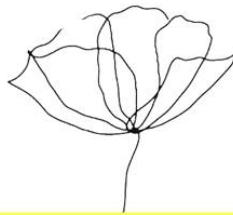
Muslim Meme



Gurllllllll..... I have all 4! What about you? How many do you have?

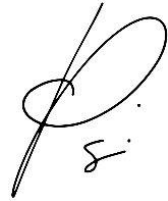
Something to Ponder

Allah SWT
protect and provide,
appreciate and accept,
hear and answer,
love, heal *and* forgive.
How then, have we
shown gratitude?



Everything that Allah SWT has commanded us to do is always good for us - these include prayers, reading the Quran, giving to charity, and so on and so forth. The one thing that took me a while to figure out is how then would my "Alhamdulillah" and / or my gratitude towards Allah SWT be "good for me"? And then I realised that, "OMG Aida. Sit down a minute. Allah SWT doesn't need our gratitude as He is the Most High, and is free of all need. But it is us who need to show gratitude because when we express it, we are then made aware of the blessings we have. We would realise that we have more than enough. And the best part is that the one who shows gratitude is also

the one who is guaranteed "more", as Allah SWT promised in the Quran, "if you are grateful, I will **certainly** give you more." Champs, may we always be from the people of Shukur.



ending it with His Words

Quran 3:8

"Our Lord!
Do not let our hearts deviate
after you have guided us."

Grateful for
His Guidance

Protect Heart
from Disobedience

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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