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

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Closer

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your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox

sometimes all
YOU NEED
is a quiet place
AND TWO RAKAAT

Assalammualaikum my Champions,

I'm writing this week's edition of Closer with a bittersweet feeling in my heart. We are in the final week of Ramadhan, and I'm still trying to process everything. What about you? How are *you* feeling about it all?

One of the things I'm trying to do is to "graduate" Ramadhan with full conviction knowing that I have given my all. It may be far from perfect, my acts of worship could have been a lot more polished, but my intention is to leave Ramadhan, cleansed, recharged, re-focused, and ready to continue my purpose of striving for His sake.

So Champions, for this final lap or the final rounds of "examination" if you so will, let's all hang in there **and give even more than we usually do.** We never know if we would see Ramadhan again next year, so let's put in a little bit more effort with our Sunnah prayers, with our Tahajjud, with our Quran, with our Charity, with our Duas, with our Zikirs, so that we can truly "celebrate" Eid with joy in our hearts.

And not just the Eid that may be coming this weekend, but the "true" Eid - the Eid of the Hereafter.

Coming up this week

on AA Plus!



Monday / 18 May / Ramadhan Reminders

Last 10 Nights: To Be Free From Hellfire

Albeit the "heavy" title, Faddy and I had a super candid discussion about what we've learned on "how to be free from the Hellfire". Our conversation centred around us speaking about the concept of "taqwa", the list of 8 limbs we have to safeguard and be mindful in order to be the people of Paradise, the Hadith of the 10 Companions that were promised paradise (and why it's important to study them) and the significance of the last 10 nights! I also shared a super embarrassing personal experience that reminded me about "taqwa and sins" -

Faddy lol-ed so hard :/

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Thursday / 21 May / The Knowledge Vault

The "Ultimate" Dua

In this second last episode of Tafsir of Fatiha, Ustazah Farhana and I discussed the 6th Ayah of the Surah where Allah SWT **taught us** to make this fundamental Dua of asking Him to guide us to the "straight path". Ustazah, as usual, dissected this super beautiful Ayah where we then spoke about the structure of the Ayah (which is mindblowing!), what exactly is the "straight path", why Allah is teaching us to make this Dua at least 17 times a day, ***and so much more.***

Coming Thursday

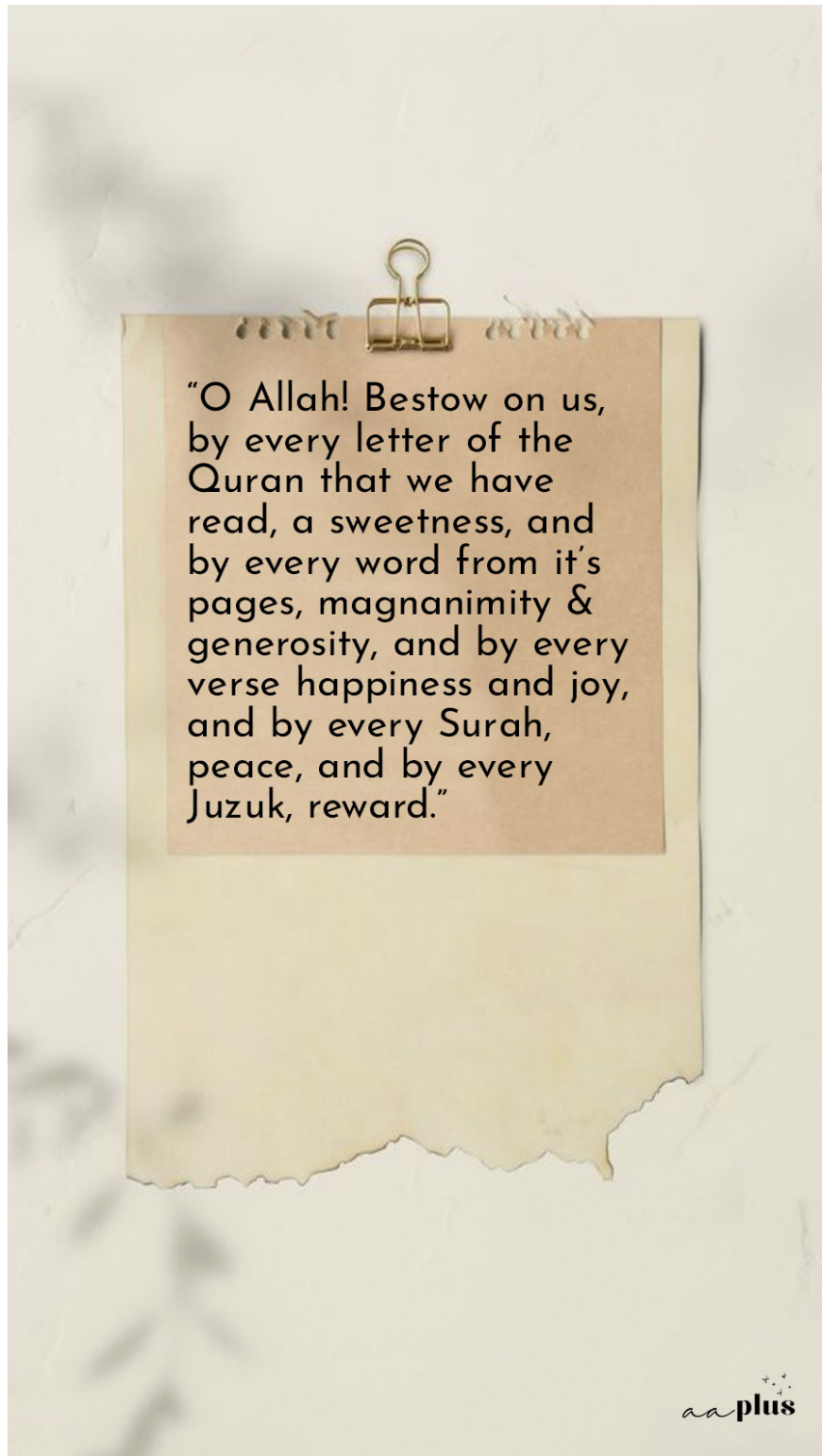
Intentions for the week



"Just a little bit more"

I've been feeling the sweetness of **struggling** a little bit more during these last 10 nights just so I can spend a bit more time doing things that my Beloved loves. I'm telling myself that sacrificing a little bit of sleep and rest is worth it because Allah SWT has allowed me to be in the company of a very special, very honourable "guest" - and **just** for a month, this blessed guest is here to help me change myself to be the best version I can be. I keep reminding myself, "Allah sees every single striving", so I pray that for every time I get weary, lazy, or "content" that I've done enough, I'll tell myself, "just a little bit more, Aida."

a beautiful Dua



I'm sharing with you one of my favourite Dua that I love to make in Ramadhan, especially when we are all striving to read more Quran in this blessed month. It's taken from a longer, extremely beautiful Dua by Sh. Muhammad Jebril of Cairo, Egypt, which he recited at the completion of his recitation of the Quran in Ramadan 1410/1990. I will always cry, no, **weep** whenever I hear the full Dua. It's 35 minutes long, but it is one the most comprehensive, most beautiful

Dua that I've ever come across, and it's a Dua I go back to especially during the last 10 nights. If you are looking to re-connect with Him in the midst of the night, and to cry to soften your heart, listen and recite this Dua. <3

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Muslim Meme

(coz I'm the Queen of Memes :P)



I'm the guy on the right when I'm super exhausted, tell me I'm not the only one!

Something to Ponder

You chased the Dunia,
when it was meant as
punishment for Adam.

- Hasan al-Basri



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I pray that when we are too busy mindlessly pursuing this world, we will be reminded that our original Home is Jannah, and we will be at a huge loss if we traded something so honourable and pure, with something lowly & corrupt.

and with that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

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