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

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your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox

And so We have made you **an upright community** so that you may be **witnesses over humanity** and that the Messenger may be a witness over you.

Quran 2:143

Assalammualaikum my Champions,

I pray you are all easing slowly into your Ramadan Routine and that

your soul is brimming with joy with the arrival of our blessed guest! I always hold on to the wise words of one of my teachers, "**Ramadan is a Marathon. So pace yourself, and don't forget to smell the flowers.**" I can't help but chuckle, "*Smell the flowers???????*" 😂😂😂😂

But I have now come to understand how important this aspect of our Ramadan experience is: **to be mindful and present enough that we are witnessing the sweetness of this month!**

Because my full name means "*The Little Witness*", there is a special spot in my heart for the act of always trying to be a witness to His Greatness. Furthermore, Allah SWT mentions that He has made us an upright community so that we may be witnesses over humanity ([Quran 2:143](#)) (!!!) - can you imagine the honour, the responsibility, and the gravity of this task?? To be a witness to (and In Sha Allah, **not** against) one another? Imagine having to stand in front of Allah SWT, on the Day of Judgement, having to testify, and bear witness. It's giving me chills just thinking about it, Subhanallah!

Speaking of witnessing, I wanted to share with you a short list of just some of the beautiful things I have witnessed in the early days of this blessed month:

1) Ayahs of Quran & Hadith being shared! In abundance!

[Everywhere!](#) 🥰

2) Our Zoom Calls being fuuuuuuuullllll, despite all of us fighting to stay awake LOL! 🥰

3) My sister calling me her "*Terawih Diary*" because she sends me photos of my family back home, praying Terawih, nightly. 🥰

4) Homes being lit at 3am in the morning 🥰

5) Beautiful Du'as as greetings towards one another 🥰

6) Being full of energy even with 3 hours of sleep 🥰 *

(Check with me next week to see if this stays true 😂)

7) The Du'as we make without any thought being answered!

(EG: Ya Allah, can you please get my cat to sit on my lap, Amin)

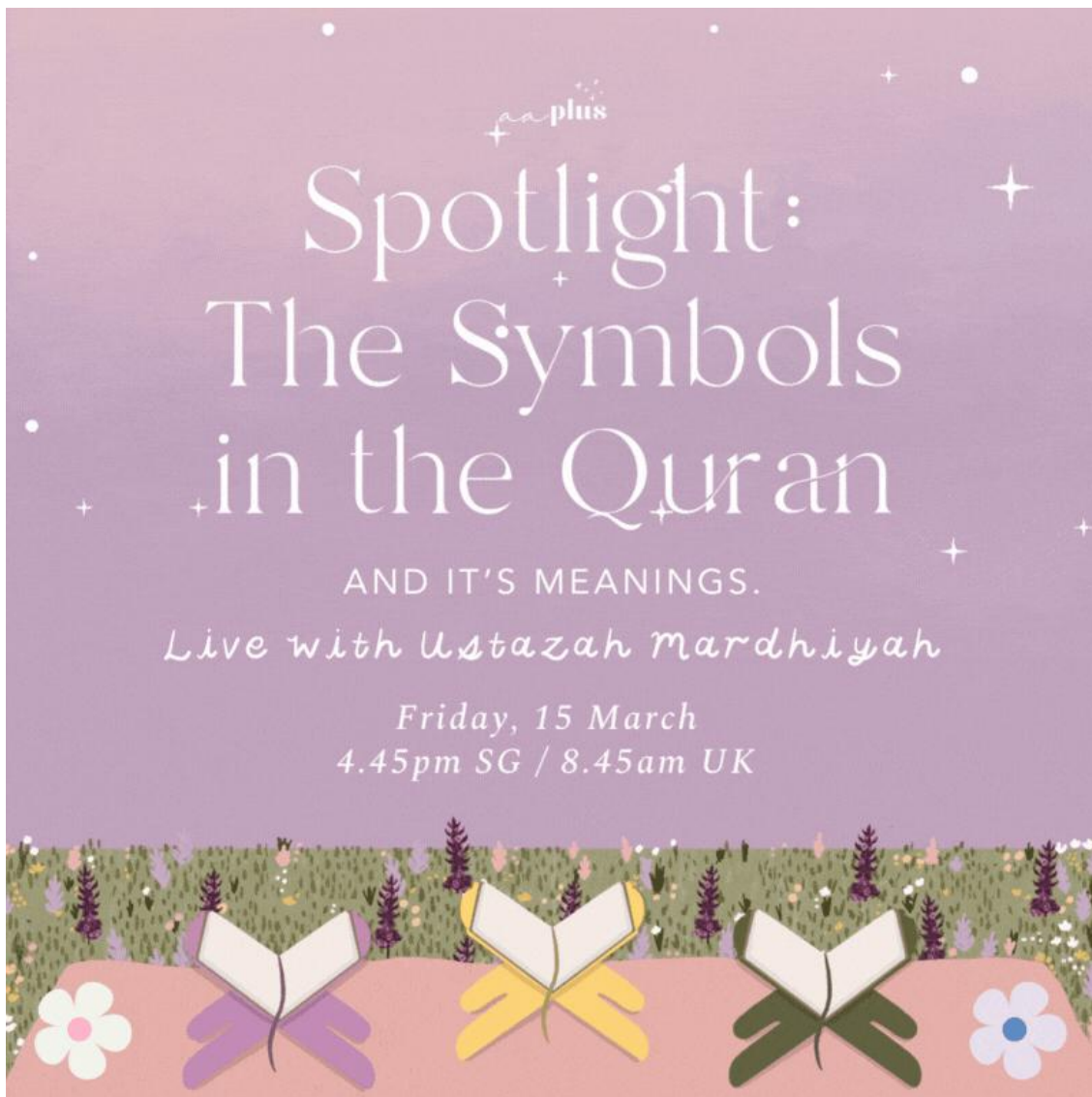
8) Our [Quran PDF](#) going "Viral": 🥰

What about you, Champs? Have you stopped to "smell the flowers" during these first few foundational days of Ramadan? I hope you have!

Praying for all of us to continue to be a witness in this blessed month, **a witness to the sweetness of being in worship, a witness to the sacrifices of our closest and dearest, a witness to hope, a witness to guidance, a witness to sincere effort, and a witness to many moments of love, peace, ease and gentleness.**

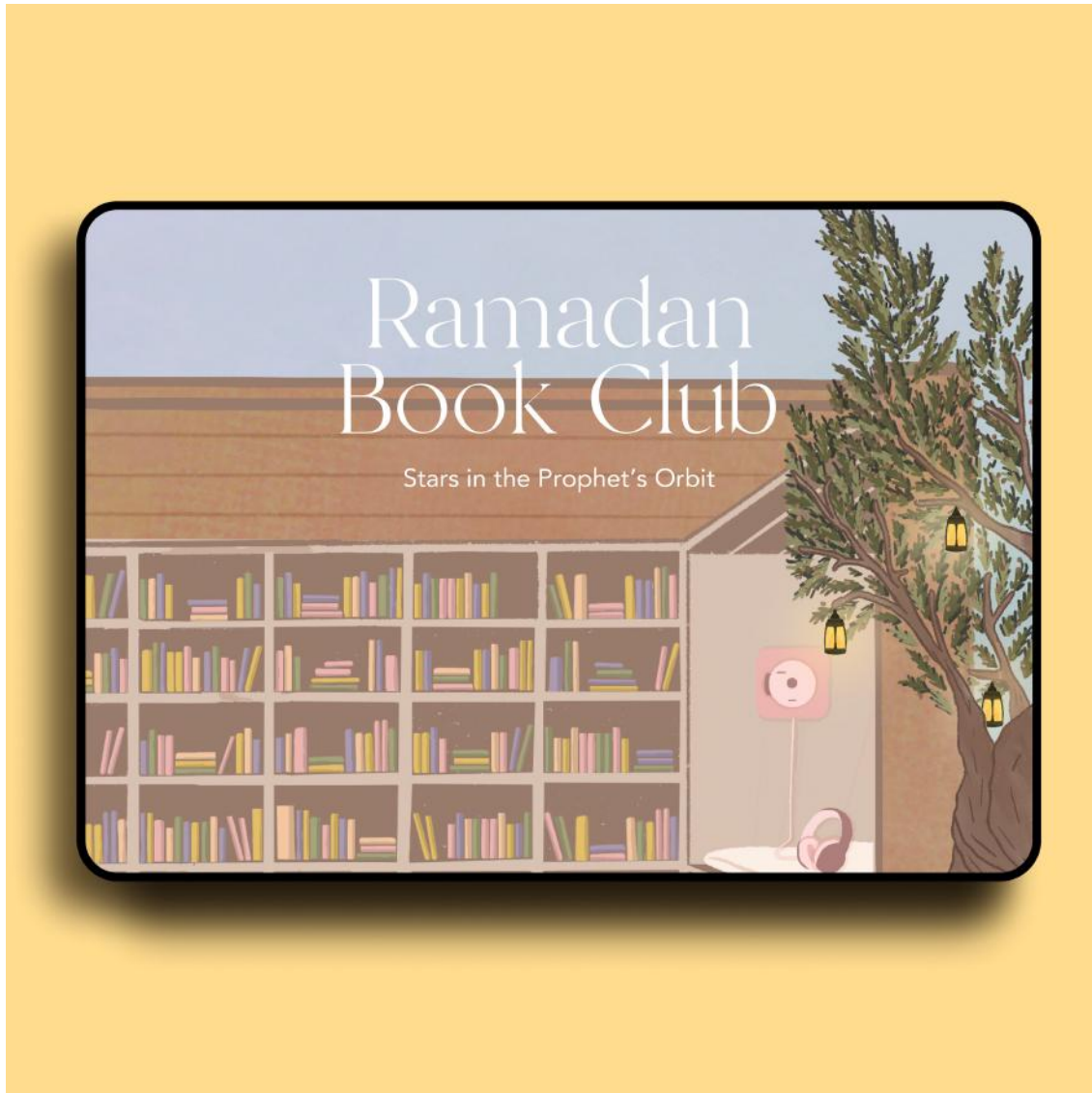
And may we help each other to strive on His Path so that we never have to testify against one another :(Amin.

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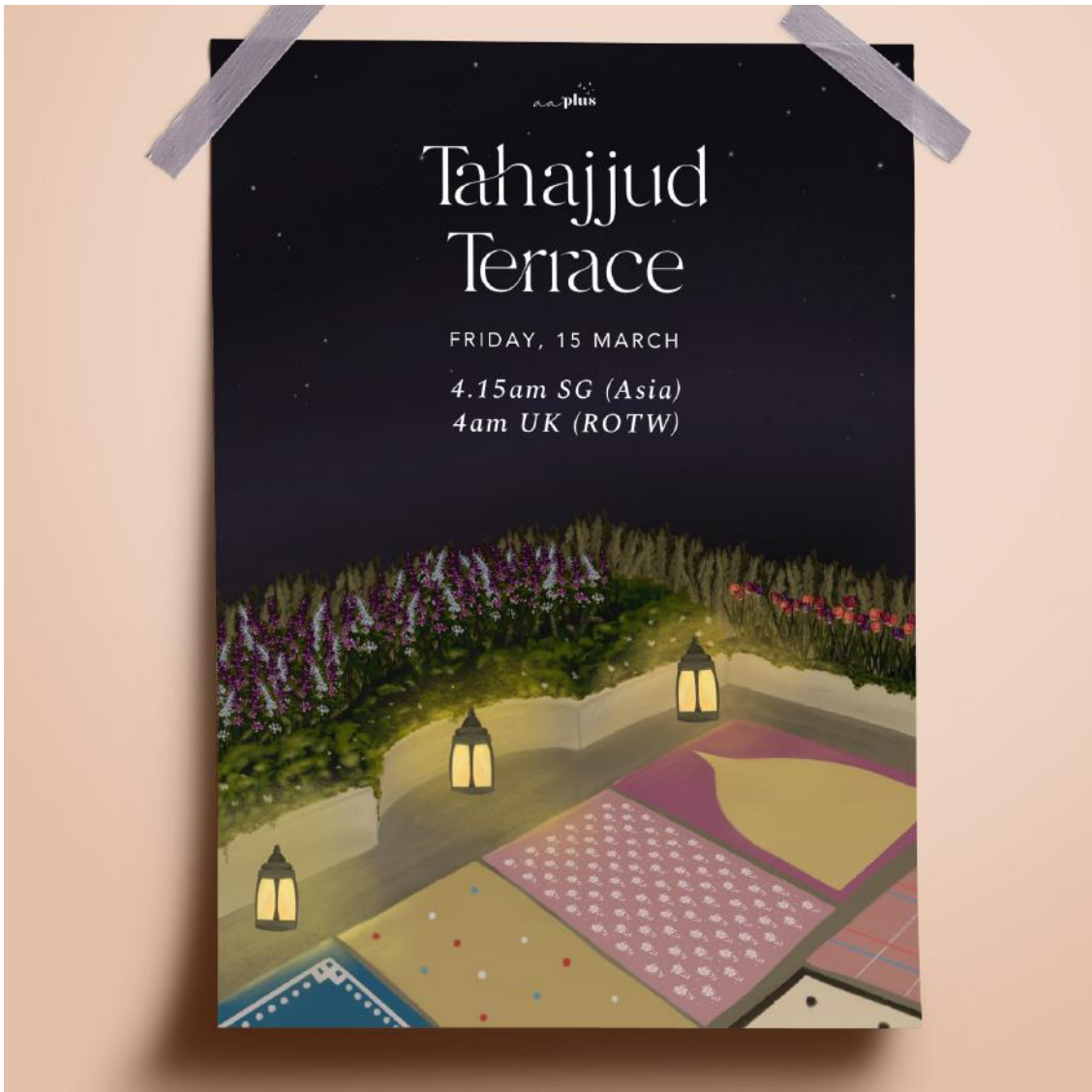
Our Ramadan program, Barakah Blooms, is in full swing and I cannot wait to hang out with all of you on Friday, 15/3, for our very first Live Session with our Teachers. We are starting this segment off with a super-useful session with Ustazah Mardhiyah, focusing on the meanings and significance of the different symbols used in the Quran! This will definitely "level up" our relationship with the blessed book, In Sha Allah, so come and learn - it's only 45 minutes short. PS: Ustazah studied at Al-Fath University in Damascus, Syria, in the Faculty of Usuluddin, with a specialization in Tafseer and Ulum Quran, so I cannot wait to learn from her on a topic that is so dear to her heart!

[Join Live Session Here](#)



We had such a FUN Book Club Session this week, discussing the book, *Stars in the Prophet's Orbit*, which highlights some of the blessed companions of Rasulullah ﷺ. Of course we started with my #1 girl crush, our Ummi Khadijah RA, and we also got to know a little bit about Sayidatina Umm Ruman RA - the wife to Sayidina Abu Bakr RA, mother to Sayidatina Aisha RA and the mother in law to Rasulullah ﷺ (!!!). Many of the Champs who attended requested the slides, so here it is, Bismillah! PS: Our Book Club is on every Wednesdays this Ramadan, at 4.45pm SG / MY, 8.45am UK, In Sha Allah. PPS: You **don't** have to buy, read or have the book to join. Just come!

[Read the PDF Slides Here](#)



A gentle reminder that Tahajjud Terrace will open its doors on Friday, 15 March, at 4.15am SG for Asia Tahajjud and 4am UK for ROTW Tahajjud, In Sha Allah! Join us for a good-for-your-soul session of Zikirs and Du'as in this blessed hour in this blessed month!

[Join Tahajjud Terrace Here](#)

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zoom backgrounds



Sharing our Zoom Background for this Ramadan again in case you have missed it! It's super cute to see everyone with their different backgrounds - it makes me believe for a moment that we are all in the same space, breathing the same air hehehe!

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a beautiful dua

Ya Allah,
make this
Ramadan a
turning point
for me.

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#abeautifuldua

I have been reading all of your (anonymous) Du'as that you have been writing and submitting to for our [Collective Du'a List](#) daily, saying *Amin* to all of them, and wanted to share one prayer that I instantaneously was drawn to. "Ya Allah, make this Ramadan a turning point for me" - so concise but immensely pregnant with hope, Ma Sha Allah. Champs, may this Ramadan be the springboard that we all need to bounce back up, and soar higher in our path back to Him.

quran affirmations

**Allah
wants to
lighten
your load.**

Surah an-Nisa

Ayah 28

*And Allāh wants to lighten
for you [your difficulties];
and mankind was
created weak.*

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One of our Champs, Farhanah, reflected on this beautiful Ayah last night during [ROTW Quran Meadow](#) and I cannot help but now take this verse as my Ramadan Affirmation: "Allah SWT **wants** to lighten my difficulties, so run to Him!" There's no need to put on any false bravado with Him, and pretend we are somebody we are not. In our exhaustion, in our tiredness and in all of our weaknesses, Ya Allah, we are seeking Your Shelter, for You have promised to lighten our loads, and only You can remove the burden we are carrying.

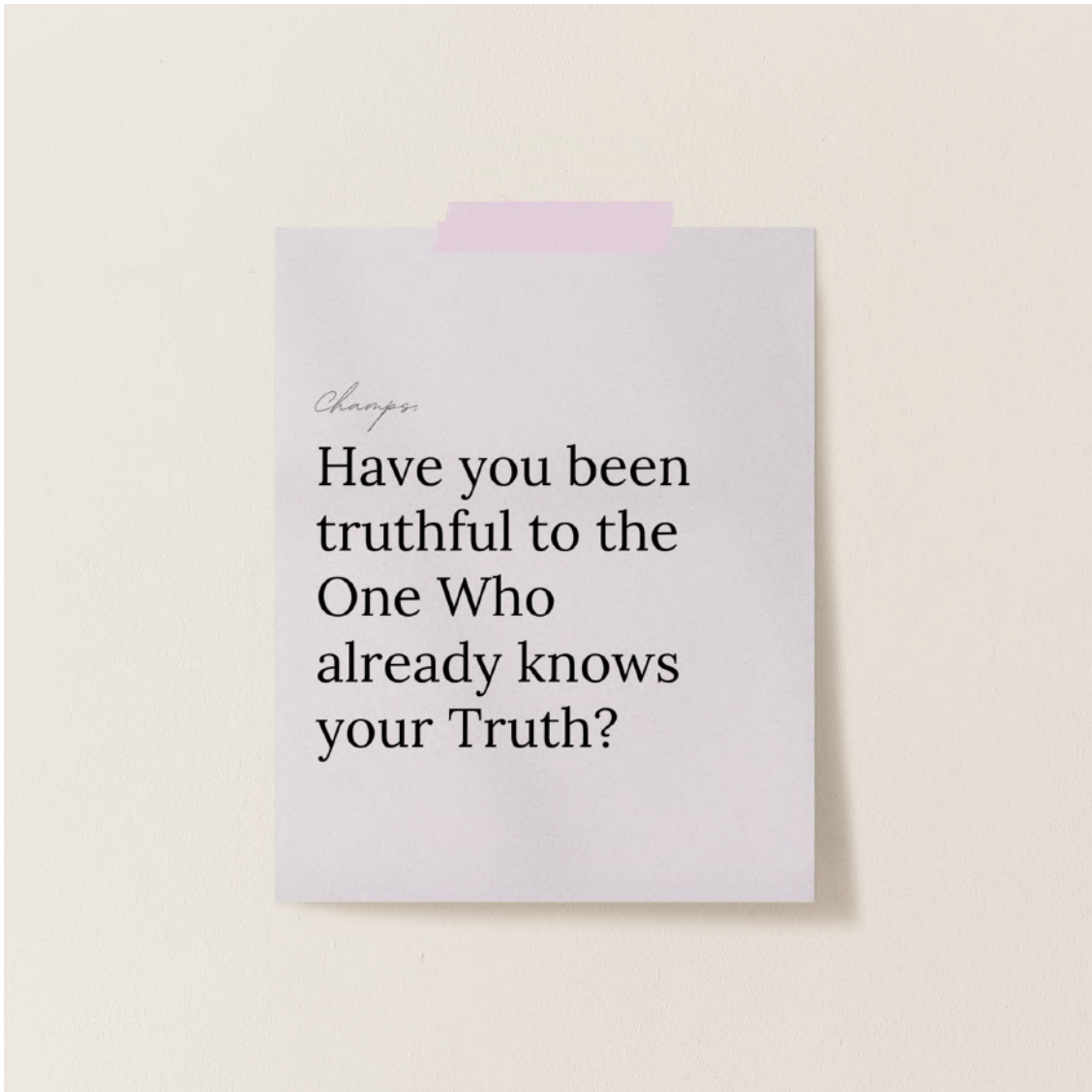
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Can't think of a better duo to help us
be a better version of ourselves for His sake!

to ponder



When Ustazah Samah shared with us last year in one of our Sunday Sessions that Terawih shares the same root word as "rest" and "relaxation", my mindset on this beautiful Sunnah prayer immediately changed. This year, as usual, my Terawih "buddy" is Mama, and as we have chosen to pray at home, I am truly enjoying our "rest and relaxation" cosy time together. Because we are not in a rush, I find myself making very honest Du'as in the Sujoods of my Terawih prayers, and that has honestly allowed me to process both my thoughts and emotions to Him. Now, I look forward to resting with Him,

sharing with Him my deepest concerns, fears and worries, and thereafter feeling extremely relieved and light post-Terawih. Champs, have you been making Honest Du'as to al-Haqq this Ramadan?

ps:



ROTW Champs, do take note.

We are meeting 15 minutes earlier from tonight onwards!

*And with that, Champs, I pray that you have slowly, gently and gracefully eased into your Ramadan Routine; and if not, all is Khair (good)! A reminder that Worship doesn't need to be ideal, just **sincere**. ❤️*

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