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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

Don't be afraid to pray
big. You have a Rabb
Who created the Heavens
and the Earth simply by
saying "Be", and it is.

Assalammualaikum my Champions,

I was thinking about my relationship with **Duas** (prayers) as of late,

and boy, what a journey it's been! For the longest time, I used to think that I could only pray to Allah SWT and ask Him for help if I had been "good". My assumption was if I hadn't been "behaving", then surely Allah SWT wouldn't listen to me, and He would even "punish" me.

This **fear-based mentality** crippled me, so much so that I thought I was not worthy enough to pray.

Until I learned more and more about [the Names and attributes of Allah SWT](#), that He is extremely Generous (*al-Karim*), Most Forgiving (*al-Ghaffur*), Most Kind (*ar-Rauf*), and Most Compassionate (*ar-Rahman*). Once this became clearer and clearer to me, I started making duas more regularly until **prayers became dear to me.**

Through His Gentle Mercy, I realised that I should pray harder and even more when I am **a mess** or **in a mess**. That prayers are not just reserved for Prophets, saints and good-doers, but for anyone who calls upon Allah SWT. As He promised in the [Quran](#), **"Call upon Me, I will respond to you." In His Loving Kindness, Allah SWT did not put any "conditions" or "criteria" when it comes to Dua.** So when I am not making Dua, I am actually just "stealing" from myself.

The second "mistake" I used to make when it came to Duas was that I placed human limitations on Allah SWT's Greatness. I would hesitate and second guess myself when I make certain Duas, thinking, "Can this really happen? Isn't this too far-fetched?".

But Allah SWT reassured me when He says in the Quran, ["When He decrees a matter, He simply tells it, "Be!" And it is!"](#).

This Ayah truly fascinated me so I read through all 8 verses where **"Kun! Faya Kun"** was mentioned in the Quran, and it hits me that **Allah SWT is truly a Miracle-Maker!** He used "Kun Faya Kun" when He talks about [the creation of the Heavens and Earth](#), about [the miraculous conception of Prophet Isa AS](#), about [the creation of Prophet Adam AS from dust](#), and if He did this simply by saying "Be!" and it is, **then why am I not praying big?**

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Champs, today I would like to urge you to do one thing and one thing only: **make Dua your ally**. Pray consistently, pray big, and most of all pray knowing that you are asking from a Merciful, Compassionate, limitless, and Most Powerful Rabb. And then see how your life transforms in leaps and bounds! ❤️❤️❤️

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I've got to be honest; this is a session that I need for myself. Whenever I find my faith dipping, I know it's because I've been too preoccupied with the Dunia, and my soul needs its quality rest with the Divine. And one of the best ways to do that is through Tahajud, a prayer that Rasulullah ﷺ held on to throughout his blessed life. On top of that, I am also in need of Ustazah Huraidah's gentle, but firm advices so I am definitely prioritizing this Call - I hope you guys will too! ❤️

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a beautiful dua

Ya Allah,
please don't let
me take this
gift of dua
for granted.

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Imagine if you were given the phone number of any of the world's leaders and the ability to ask them for anything you want. That's kinda cool, but there isn't any guarantee that they actually **can** give you the things you asked for. Dua, on the other hand, is like having a "direct communication line" to Allah SWT, the Lord of the Worlds, the Most Powerful, and the All-Mighty. Not only does He understand your needs perfectly, but He is also the only One who can give you **more** than what you can ever imagine! This is the blessing of Dua and I pray may we never take this gift of making it for granted, Amin.

in case you missed it



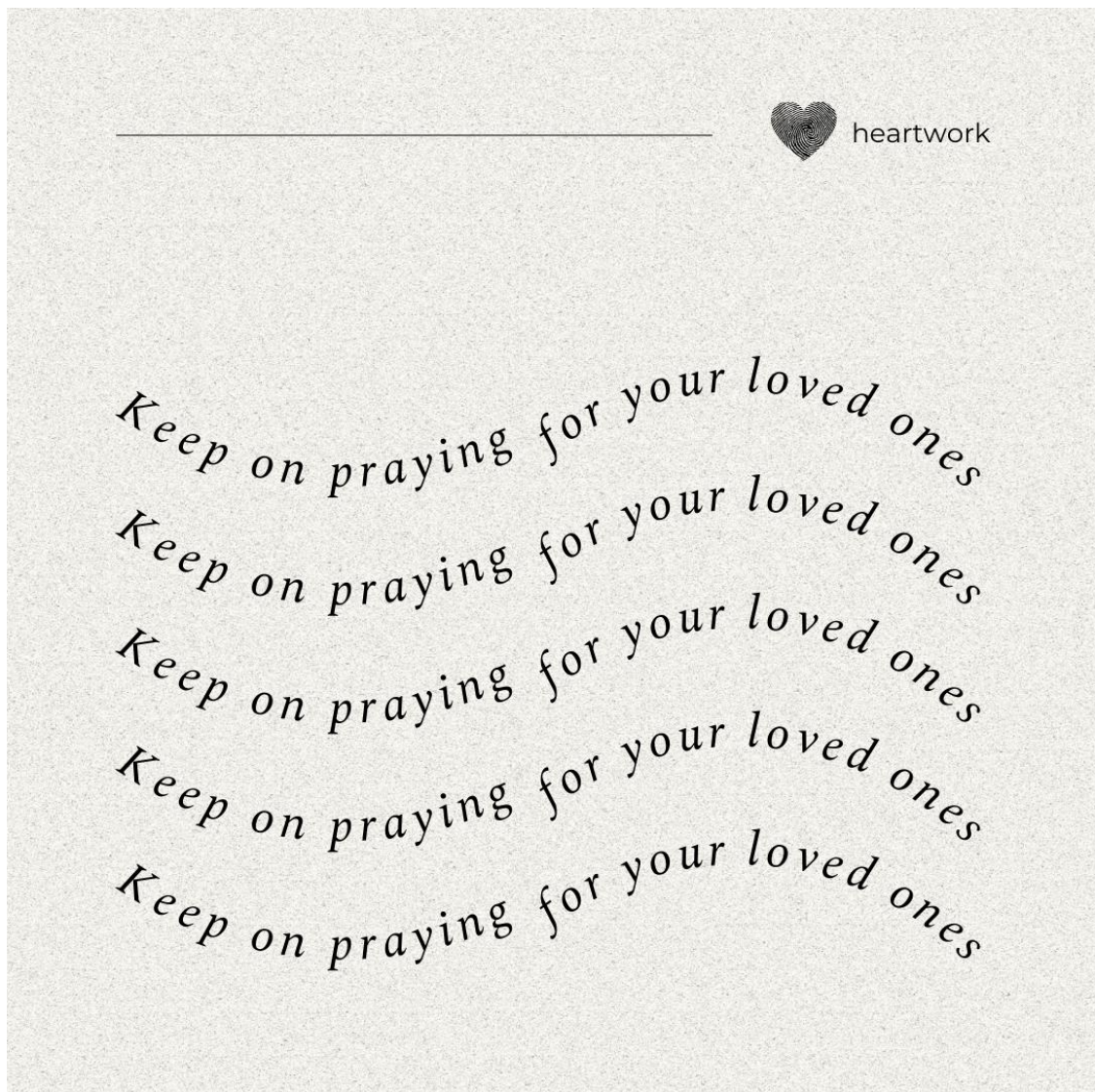
Earlier this week, we hosted our very first Champs-led Seerah Party on the Blessed Battles of Badr and Uhud, and it was a mighty success, Alhamdulillah! The Champs who were able to make it live shared how much the stories of these battles have moved them immensely, with one saying, "I cried buckets when listening to the stories of Badr, but especially of Uhud. At first, I thought that there was nothing much to attain from these battles, and I had to even drag myself to join the live

session, but as it turns out, it touched my soul so much. I was literally drenched in tears and snot!" 😭😭😭 If you missed it, fret not, the playback and the PDF slides are both up and live on our site!

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heartwork that heals



I believe with utmost certainty that one of the biggest reasons I am who I am today is because of the prayers my loved ones have relentlessly made for me. When I was struggling with my faith, it was them who would pray for me, sometimes to my knowledge, but many times too, in private. Their sincere prayers have greatly softened my hard heart, which is why I am a strong advocate for praying for your loved ones. Never give up on them, never stop praying for them, and most importantly, never impose a "deadline" as to when "change" should occur because the only One who can move and turn hearts is Allah SWT. Our job is simply to love, to pray and to trust that Allah SWT loves our loved ones even more than we ever will, so He surely has a beautiful plan for them too, In Sha Allah. :)

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Speaking about Duas, I've been working on my Dua List so I can go all out during Ramadan! 😂😂😂 If you haven't already, you should definitely start thinking about it too and as our teachers have advised us - remember to make even **more** duas for our Akhirah than for our Dunia! I also think it's super beautiful that [the Ayah in the Quran](#) where Allah SWT says "When My servants ask you O Prophet about Me: **I am truly near. I respond to one's prayer when they call upon me**" is nestled in between the two Ayahs that speaks about Ramadan. Scholars hold a strong opinion that because of this, it indicates the merits of making Duas in the blessed month. :)

to ponder



I was first asked this question a few years ago by a concerned friend, and it left such an impact on me that I still think about it today. I used to plan so much that I fooled myself into thinking that if I were to plan everything from A-Z, then I am in control. But time and time again, Allah SWT has humbled me and taught me that I simply am not. And truth be told, Alhamdulillah, I am not in control because if I were, my entire life would be in disarray! 😂 I am not saying that we should not plan at all, but how are our prayers in comparison? Because when

we pray, we are relying on, and asking completely from Allah SWT,
whereas when we plan, we might rely only on our desires and our ego.

*I hope you guys have enjoyed this week's Closer. If there's anything I can help you
with at all, please don't hesitate to write back! PS: I hope to see you on our
Sunday [date](#) In Sha Allah. ❤️*

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