

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
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*

MAY THAT TINY VOICE  
*inside you that says*  
“DON'T FORGET ALLAH”  
*bloom beyond ramadan*

PS: This will be the last Closer email before my team and I take a 2 weeks break for Eid. The next Closer email will be in your Inbox on the 27th of May, In Sha Allah!

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

Subhanallah, we are already reaching the end of this blessed month and writing this down makes it a lot more real. Coming into Ramadan this year, I made some firm intentions and Alhamdulillah, through His Generosity and Help, have achieved most of them. But besides being extremely grateful about being able to achieve "the big goals", it's the small, tiny changes that I've noticed in my day to day that makes my heart melt in awe of my Rabb.

For the sake of keeping it sacred and private, I'll just share one of these "tiny, but powerful" shifts I've been blessed to experience. As you all know, we live right beside my in-laws, Mama and Baba. To get to their home, I'd probably take about 20 steps or less, and I go over to them almost every single day, not just to break fast with them, but to pray Isyak and then Tarawih in congregation.

One evening, as I was making my way to their home in my prayer garment, something in my heart whispered, "This feels like going to the Masjid, Aida! Don't dismiss these steps you are taking as nothing significant. Make dua with every step!" And so I did. I prayed for whatever it is that my heart felt at that particular moment - sometimes I pray for love and gentleness, other days I pray for ease and abundance, and so on and so forth.

I enjoy making these duas as I take my steps towards Mama and Baba's home so much, and it kind of reminded me of when I was a little girl playing the whole "*the floor is lava*" game (I'm sure I'm not the only one who did that!). Just a few days ago as I was doing it, I smiled realising that, Ma Sha Allah, every time I go over to their home, Allah SWT is reminding me that I can do at least three acts of worship at once: visiting Mama and Baba, praying in Jemaah, and making dua with every step I take towards them. How generous is my Rabb!

**I pray that may Allah SWT allow all of us to experience these tiny but powerful moments in our day to day where He inspires us to do good beyond the 'conventional worship' so that we don't forget that He is always with us. And may these gentle reminders inside us that whisper "don't forget Allah" bloom even beyond Ramadan, Amin!**

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*This week on aa plus*

## episode 4

### THE DUA TO MAKE WHEN YOUR HEART TREMBLES

The prayer made by a small (but strong) group  
of believers in the story of David & Goliath

I was very excited when Ustazah Farhana and I were recording this episode because it's on a Dua based around the story of David and Goliath - which to be completely honest, I had no idea what the story was about! 😂 But I've come across these two names, "David" and "Goliath" so many times that I am extremely curious to know what the Quran says about them and how it inspired this beautiful Dua that one makes when one's heart trembles. Ustazah Farhana really came through with this episode, and I can now proudly say that I know a little bit about David and Goliath beyond the "Hollywood" garb.

**[Listen to the Lesson Here](#)**

[Read PDF Notes Here](#)

Join our study date!



**Zoom Study Date Ramadan Timings:**

Asia: Saturdays | 2.30 PM SG / MS

**ROTW: Saturdays | 5.00 PM UK / 11 AM CST**

**(we will be starting 30 mins later than usual for ROTW)**

*\*don't have to prepare anything prior as we'll  
be listening to the Class together!\**

**[Link to Zoom Call Here](#)**

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# a beautiful Dua



As per our tradition, I'd like to invite all of you to come together to recite our Collective Dua List after our Tadarus sessions this week (date and timings are on the poster above.) I remember the first one we did on the day of Arafah, and how we all cried together (well I def was ugly-crying) and how beautiful it was being together with all of you as we recite the Duas we've written together. On top of reciting the Duas on [this list](#), I'll also be taking some of the beautiful Duas you ladies have been adding [here](#).

**Our Ramadan Dua List PDF**

share with Allah



There's always that tiny bit of anxiety that we might not be able stay consistent with the acts of worship that we've been able to do this Ramadan. But what better way to manage these worries than to speak to the One who made it easy for us to do our amal in the first place? Confide in Him and put your trust in Allah that He can open any doors

of ease for you so that you may continue to do acts that are beloved to Him! **"Be, and it is!"** - anything & everything is easy for Him!

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*Muslim Meme*

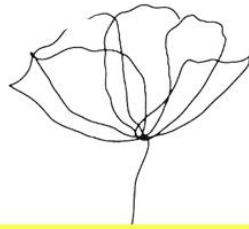


The relatability of this Meme to my life is on another level 🤔🤔🤔🤔  
(Also, me when washing dishes)

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*Something to Ponder*

When you call upon  
Allah, the One who  
Owns the entire Universe  
is listening to you like  
you are the *centre* of it.



If I had to find the words to use to describe that feeling of finally being heard and understood, then the words would be "coming home". I still remember that first moment when I experienced what it was like to come "Home", to return to the One who loves me most: I was on my prayer mat, alone in the privacy of my room back in Singapore. It was quiet, and the world was still fast asleep, and I was just... crying. To Him. I uttered no words, but I felt heard. My lips did not move, but the heaviness in my heart was lifted. It was the first time in my entire existence that I felt close to Him, and it happened because I made that first move to call onto Him. Allah SWT says several times in the [Quran](#), "Call upon Me, I will answer", and one of the Champs shared in our Tadarus session that the linguistic of this Ayah alludes to the fact that His response **is immediate**. There is no delay, nor lag in His reply towards us. Imagine being so worthy, so loved, and so special that whenever you call, He will answer. Sometimes I wonder, "What then are you waiting for? Why haven't you asked, when He's ready to give?"



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*a special note*

*Eid Mubarak,*

CHAMPS!

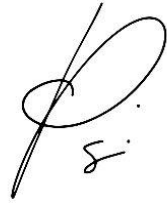
May Allah SWT accept all of our deeds, purify our hearts, elevate our ranks, and may we reunite in the highest level of Jannah with Rasulullah SAW; i.e the biggest Eid of all! Please forgive my team and I for all of the times when any of our efforts fall short. We love you, fillah.



Champs, from the bottom of my heart, thank you for making this Ramadan a truly blessed and special one for my team and I. Thank you for being with me on my journey of falling in love with the Quran through our nightly Tadarus Sessions, thank you for teaching me how beautiful and powerful making Duas are through our collective Dua List, and thank you for being so thoughtful, accommodating and oh-so-patient with your gentle correspondences with us this blessed month. You are truly one of the biggest blessings in my life, and I'll never be able to express my gratitude other than by making dua for every single one of you in my prayers. I pray you will have a joyous Eid with your loved ones this year, and I can't wait to spend the rest of 2021 with all of you as we continue to learn and fall in love deeper with

the Deen. May Allah SWT bless this community, and may we all be neighbours in Jannah, Amin!

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ending it with His Words

### Quran 28:77

Seek the reward of the Hereafter by means of what Allah has granted you, without forgetting your share of this world. And be good to others as Allah has been good to you.

Seek Hereafter

Be Good to Others

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*With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.*

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