

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

wrap yourself in patience

AND PRAYER, AND HOLD ON

to these words: verily,

WITH HARDSHIP COMES EASE.

Assalamualaikum my Champions!

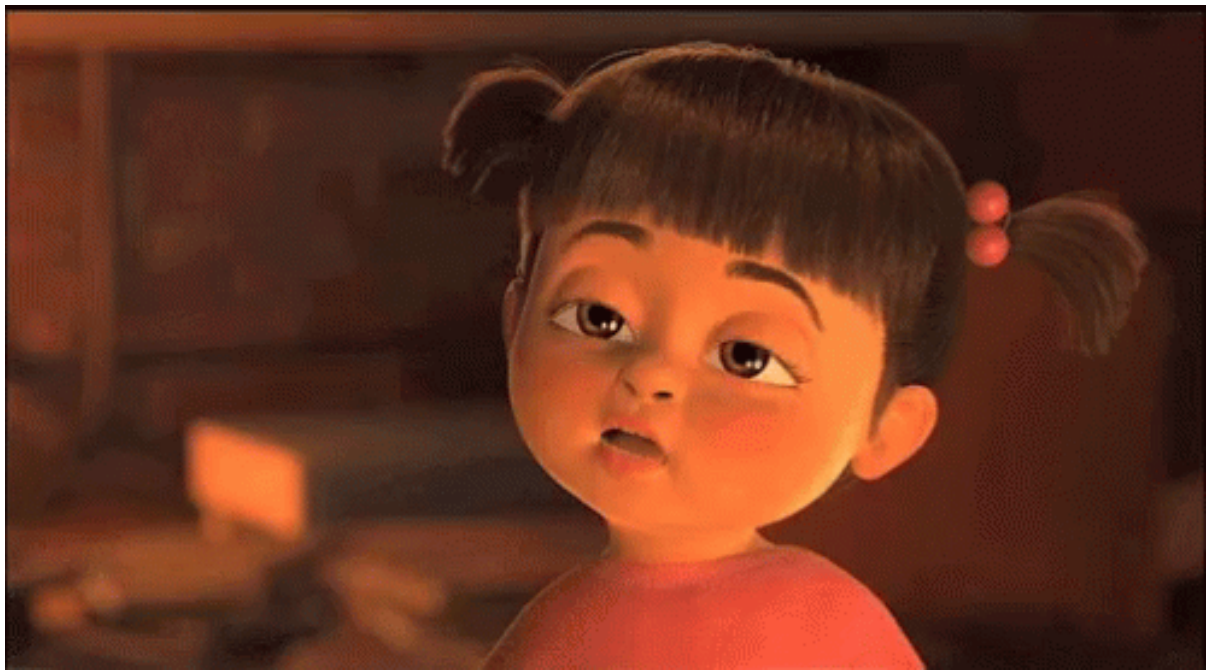
Have you ever sat quietly, just staring into the blue sky, and wondered, "**how Merciful is Allah towards us?**" Today is one of those days.

I'm reminded of a beautiful story about a man who was in a coma for a few

weeks. and while he was in the hospital, **he was plugged into numerous machines just to help his eyes blink.** Nothing else was wrong with him, other than the fact that he wasn't able to blink.

When he recovered, he kept on crying. He said, "all these years, I have been going against God, filling up my time with nonsense, chasing after things that were trivial, looking at things that were foul and indecent, and despite straying away from Him, He has continued to bless me with **so much. He could have taken away more than just not letting me blink, but He didn't. He reminded me of His Presence and His Love towards me ever so subtly.**"

So the next time we forget the very Purpose and Reason why we are here, **blink.**



It's by Allah's Will that we are still here, and that means our work for His Sake, whatever that "work" is, is not yet quite done. :)

#onwardschampions!

Coming up this week

on AA Plus!



Monday / 11 May / Ramadhan Reminders

On His Forgiveness

In this episode, Fadhilah and I get all sappy and emotional (as we should!) over Allah's Love and His Generosity in forgiving us, especially during this second portion of Ramadhan. We spoke about the dangers of making our sins "bigger" than God when we think that He can't forgive us, and how we should never tire of seeking Repentance, as Allah's Door of Forgiveness will never close as long as we're alive.

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Thursday / 14 May / The Knowledge Vault

The Ayah That Guides

I was extremely excited for Ustazah Farhana to do the Tafsir for this Ayah, because I've always held on to it whenever I'm at a loss. In this 5th Verse of Surah Fatiha, Allah is teaching us how and where and to Whom we should be asking for guidance and help - Him, and Him alone. (After this lesson, reciting the Fatiha was never the same for me. Reciting this Ayah after learning its meaning always helps "add" the Khusyuk in.)

Coming Thursday

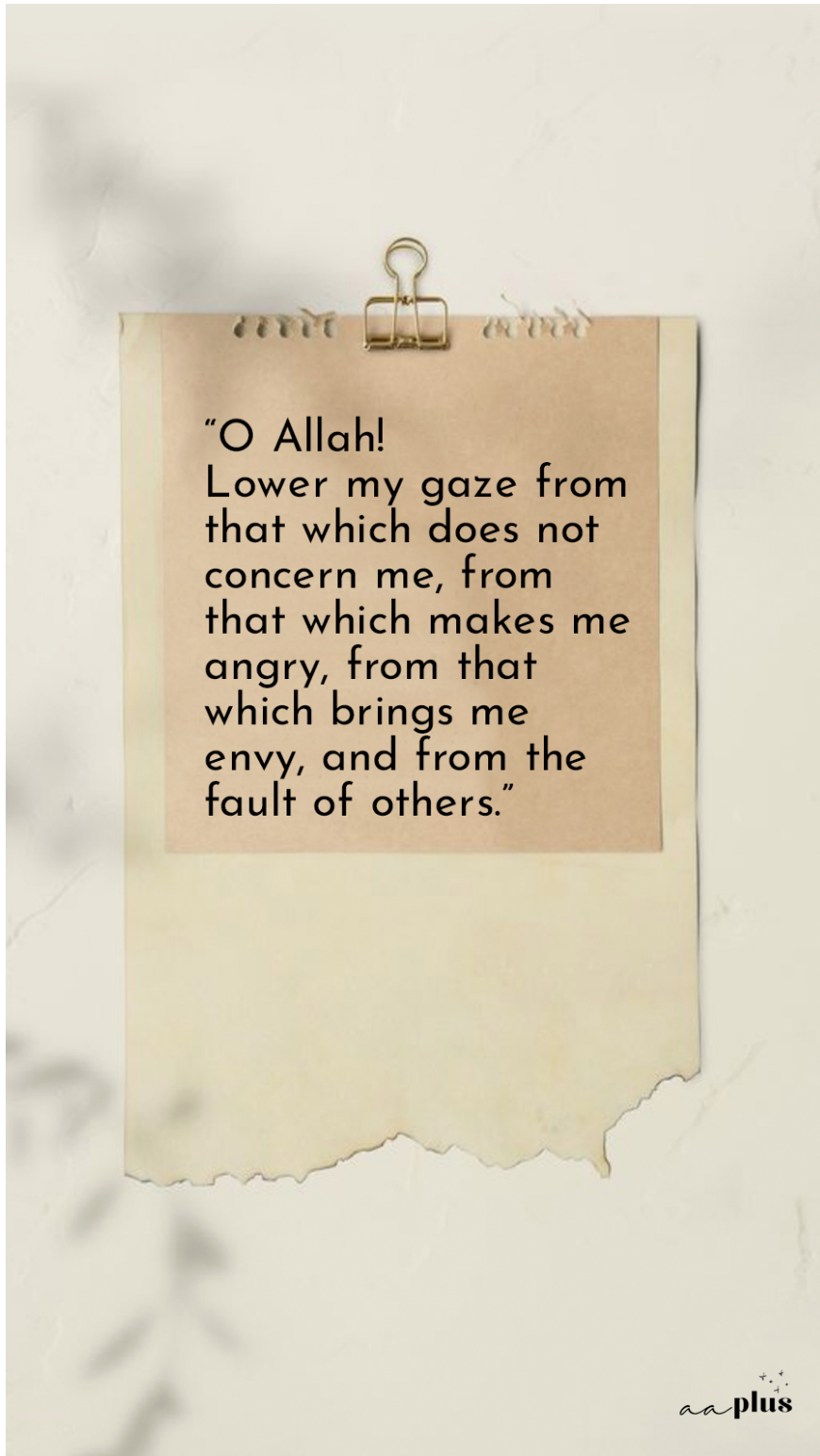
Intentions for the week



"Small, Shaky Steps Forward Still Count"

Coming into the final laps of Ramadhan, and we may feel a little tired. Our enthusiasm for Zikirs may have lost its zeal, Terawih gets heavier to do, and we may stutter and stumble even more with every recitation of the Quran, but tell ourselves, He sees every single thing that we do for Him. Everything. Even if we may have fallen asleep while doing the Zikir, even if we did not quite finish the Surah, even if we only have done 2 Rakaa' of Terawih - Allah sees every single effort and struggle of ours. Push forth, my Champions. **Trust me, an act of worship that is done imperfectly, but sincerely, is still a million times better than an act of worship that was never done at all.**

a beautiful Dua



My Ustazah once told me the more closer we are to Him, the further we should be from busying ourselves with things that does not concern us. I'm making this Dua often so that I get to work on my shortcomings, and not anyone else's.

Muslim Meme

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

Khadijah & Catijah praying



Ma Sha Allah, #sis-purr

Something to Ponder

When you are all alone
in your grave, the only
companion you will have
is your acts of worship.
Do you want to be
lonely then?



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May our graves be wide, and full of light because we did not give up in striving for Him. Let's fight our lethargy, laziness, and excuses in this world so we can "rest" with delight in the next, Amin!

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

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