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Our most profound prayers hardly reach our lips; they are made with our entire being

Assalammualaikum my Champions,

Today marks a special day for me as I turn 35, Alhamdulillah! As I

reflect on the innumerable blessings that Allah SWT has showered upon me, the one gift that is dearest to me is the prayer. This is huge for me to say because, at one point in my life, I struggled with both the Solah and making Duas that I almost gave up on it altogether.

(Disclaimer: I still do till today, but the struggle is a whole lot sweeter now, Alhamdulillah)

Fast forward to the present, I now cannot imagine my life without it, and I believe this is partly possible because other people in my life prayed and made secret (and not so secret) duas for me. Which got me thinking about **how powerful and "contagious" prayers**are! Every single prayer we make, big or small, with a loud proclamation or a tiny whisper, for ourselves or for others, Allah SWT always hears. And when He hears, He fully understands, and He never forgets.

The sweetest kind of prayers that I've felt in my life are actually the ones where I have said nothing. No words, just silence and tears. And when that happens, I shake with my entire being because it's at this moment that I realise I am Home.

As my body enters the 35th year of being in this world, only Allah SWT knows the real "age" of my Soul (Ruh). But one thing I know for sure is that the Soul is truly happiest when it is closest to Allah SWT. And so, in honour of another year of being His slave, I would like to renew my relationship with my prayers and allow my Soul to constantly come Home. I'm not quite sure how I would do that yet though, but I know it will definitely have to begin with a sincere prayer. :)

a beautiful dua

Ya Allah, reunite me with everyone who has prayed for me in secret, in the highest of Jannah.

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One of the things I am super excited to do when I get to enter Jannah (AMIN X 1 MILLION!) is to thank every single person who has made dua for me, especially the ones in secret, and give them a biiiiiiggggg warmmm hug! I can't wait to meet them, hang out with them, check out their awesome pawsome Jannah outfits and be with Rasulullah together! The best part is we will never have to part since Jannah is forever - gosh, I can go on and on just imagining about this! (And the real Jannah will still be better!!!) If this is

something you'd like to do as well, perhaps you can make this Dua as frequently as I do too! #spreadtheduagoodnessaround!

a visual reminder



Bringing back one of my favourite AA Plus wallpapers in line with my renewed birthday intention! May Allah SWT choose all of us to be from the people of Prayer - those who would protect it, cherish it, honour it, and make it their highlight of their day, Amin!

muslim meme



This meme can't get any real-**er** now that I am 35! Alhamdulillah for all the memory foam / padded prayer mats! Who else has one?

to ponder



When I think about secrets, the first thing I would associate with it would be all of the journals I used to write in, especially those I had when I was 10, you know the ones with the cute little locks on them? However, now that I think about secrets, my heart would melt thinking about how Allah SWT is the One who is the best secret-keeper as it is He alone who has kept most, if not all, of my flaws and my weaknesses a secret to the world. And because of that Kindness He has bestowed on me, I am able to still keep the

company of all of the beautiful souls in my life and I am able to still face the world with a sense of dignity. Every single good thought that people have of us is only possible because Allah SWT has kept our sins a secret. Doesn't this make you feel closer to Him a whole lot more? And I've learned that one of the best ways to continue having this intimacy with Allah SWT is to simply keep some things a secret - just between you and Him. Truly, love and worship really does grow stronger in secret soil.

fyi:



Champs, we are almost at the halfway mark of October and it's still not too late to catch up on the last *Study Date* (I cried after this one!) or the *beautiful event we had with Ustazah Huraidah* (felt extremely uplifted after this one!). Take this as a sign or a gentle encouragement to simply take the first step of pressing the play button.

Just pick one that your heart needs or is pulled towards, and see how your heart softens and transforms, In Sha Allah! I promise it'll be fun!

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With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer!

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