

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

15 July 2021



Closer

by aa

your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox

once a day,
ASK YOURSELF,
“what have i taken
FOR GRANTED?”

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

I was in the taxi home a few days ago when my eyes caught sight of an elderly man pushing a trolley filled with cardboard boxes he probably

hardworkingly collected that day. He was wiping the sweat off his forehead using the sleeves of his shirt, and there was something about his tired gait that pulled at my heartstrings.

A few steps ahead of him was a young woman that was dressed in a beautiful summery dress. But her bright dress was in complete contrast to her state of heart as she was screaming and crying on the phone - obvious that she was in a fight with the person on the other line. Everybody on the street stared and was pointing disapprovingly at her. I wish I could give her a hug, or simply made everybody disappear for a moment so she can safely feel what she feel within her own privacy.

As the taxi I was in gently rolled to a stop at the traffic light, I noticed a young man desperately trying to get hold of a cab. Tangier in the Summer is infamously known to be absolutely full and crowded (we have the best beaches here, apparently, so other Moroccans from other parts of the country would flock here when the weather is nice) and it is absolutely difficult to ever find a taxi at this time of the year. (There is no such thing as Uber here)

But here I am, sitting comfortably in my regular taxi (Uncle Said is my man, he's the ONLY one K trust to drive me around for the past 3 years. He practically is like my bodyguard 😂), seeking shade from the sweltering sun, on my way home after having a nice lunch with my husband, excited to get back home to continue working on something I love (i.e YOU GUYS, AA PLUS!).

I'm sure Allah SWT wanted me to witness all those scenes earlier to teach me a very profound lesson, which is that at any given moment, there are at least a million and one blessings that He is providing for us, but we can be oblivious to it, and unfortunately, take them for granted. He made me see all of that earlier because He wanted me to realise how blessed I am.

Champs, how many things have we taken for granted?

Probably a lot.

And how many things have we actually said Alhamdulillah for?

Probably a little. :(

So let's make it a practice to ask ourselves every day, **"What have I taken for granted today so that I can praise and thank Him for it?"**

I'll start: the internet that I have, the chair that I am sitting on, the very oxygen that I am inhaling, the sight that I have, the fingers that I use to type this email...

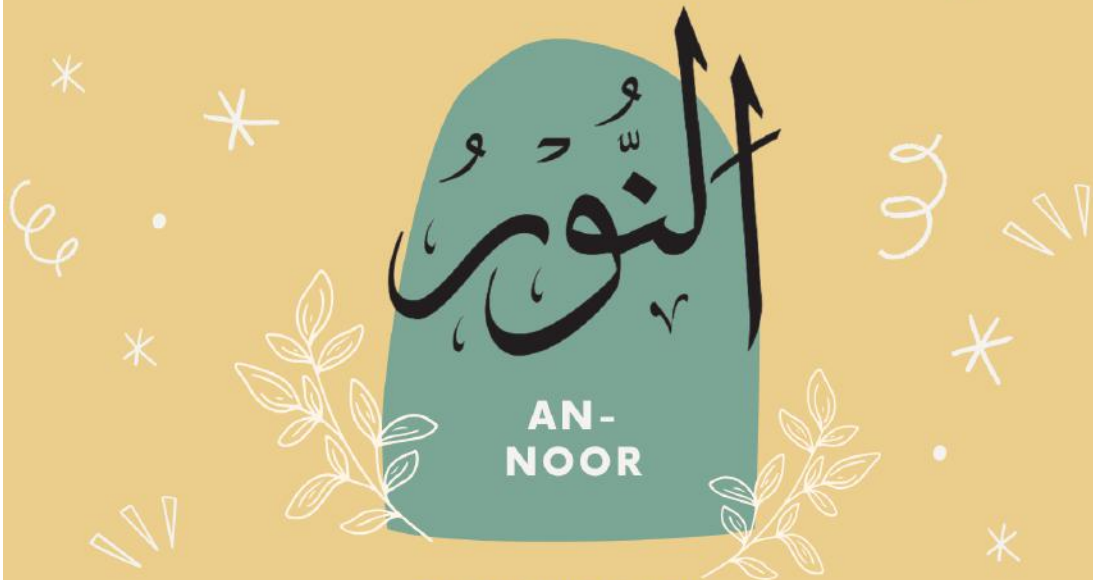
So many little, and big things that He has given, and will continue to give us - let's not take any of it for granted, Champs.

Before it's too late.

This week on aa plus

tku presents

Allah's Beautiful Names



THE ONE WHOSE LIGHT
ILLUMINATES HEARTS

**EPISODE
DETAILS:**

Main Series:
Allah's Beautiful
Names

Duration:
47 min 05 sec

Genre:
Tranquility,
Peaceful,
Illuminating

2 QUOTES FROM THE EPISODE:

- If we want the Noor of Allah SWT to enter our lives, we need to remove the layers of darkness that blindfold our eyes and hearts.
- Just like the light from the Sun is reflected on the moon, the Light of Allah SWT will be reflected to our hearts when we pray.

STUDY DATE ROTW:

Thu, 9PM UK
(to start with recitation
of Surah al-Kahf)

STUDY DATE ASIA:

Fri, 8PM SG
(to start with recitation
of Surah Yasin)

aaplus.co/beautifulnames

In this illuminating episode, we will learn about how An-Nur can guide us out of our own darkness onto a path that shines brightly from His Light. Ustazah 'Alima discussed how **and** where we can attain this Light, so that we are always recharging our "Spiritual Battery" in order to see more clearly and always performing high-quality worship. On that note, how's your spiritual battery doing, Champ? Whether you need a boost, or a refill, tune in to this lesson to get your dose of Noor!

[Listen to the Episode Here](#)

[Read PDF Notes Here](#)

[Join Study Date Here](#)

a beautiful Dua

Ya Allah,
heal me from this
sadness that is
silently consuming
my heart.

When words fail me, which is often, I would just sit on the prayer mat (or at times, just under my blanket) and make this Dua. Sometimes, we have no clue why we are feeling low, or why we feel extremely alone, but Allah SWT knows and Allah SWT can heal any illness of the heart. Nothing beats repeating this prayer over and over again, whilst having a good cry - because just like that, He would make the weight that's been burdening my shoulders, suddenly disappear.

share with Allah



I've thought about the numerous times where Allah SWT would perfectly arrange things in my life so that certain doors that were not good for me would remain close, despite my stubbornness to keep it open, and doors that were important for me would stay open despite my inattentiveness and lack of action. The difficult bit is knowing which "door" is which - and only Allah SWT can grant us the clarity and wisdom to discern between the two. If you are struggling to close a stubborn door (e.g. ending an additcion) or hesitating to open a potentially good door (e.g. taking up a new course / hobby), share it with Him, for only He knows where each "door" will lead you to.

Majestic Masjids



This week, we are "travelling" to China where our Champ, Mandy Lee, shared about why the Great Mosque of Xi'an holds a special place in her heart. Her story gave me goosebumps:

"The Great Mosque of Xi'an - guided me 'home' to Allah. My soul searching journey for Allah had begun years prior to my first visit to this mosque, but it was here where everything fell into place. It was on a Blessed Friday afternoon, I was standing by the main prayer hall waiting for my Muslim friend, what I witnessed next had cracked an opening in my heart and I could almost feel Allah pouring His light within me. I witnessed native Chinese Muslims, people of my own "kind" - coming together with broad smiles in anticipation to offer their prayers. That eye-opening heartfelt experience had kindled my interest in Islam to a deeper depth. With every visit to this mosque I felt less of a stranger - coming closer to 'home'. Shukr Alhamdulillah 2 years later, I took my Shahadah with the Imam from this majestic

mosque in the presence of all of my uni friends!”

*PS: If you have your own special, personal stories with a Mosque anywhere in the world, do share them with me so I can feature it on Closer!

Your visual reminder



I wanted to design a wallpaper that I can use for this blessed, best 10 Days of the Year, and [especially with the game we are playing](#), I needed

a virtual reminder that can motivate me to always seize the opportunity to do good. So here's a little something for you Champs - I pray it will be of use to you. (Think of it as your Internet Mom quietly cheering, *no wait, nagging?*, you to always strive for His sake.)

[Download Wallpaper Here](#)

Muslim Meme

Mehnaaz

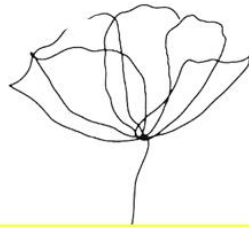
@mehnaaaaz

showed my dad a christian dior bag I wanted and he asked if they had anything in muslim dior

Not me thinking, "I would love to see a Muslim Dior!
Do they have anything in pastel?"

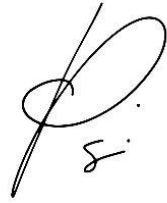
Something to Ponder

You might not get
it right all the time,
but if you stay close
to Him, He will make
it all right, all the time.



A few days ago, I was reminiscing on my teenage years, and how awful I must have been to my parents. I remember the disappointed look on my mother's face when my teacher told her that "Aida has been distracted lately. She has so much potential, but she's been mixing with bad influence and can get into serious trouble." But my mother never gave up on me, not once, not ever, and throughout that really confusing period in my life, she made sure she stayed close to me, and I to her. So even though I made many mistakes then, due to her love and prayers, I turned out all right, Alhamdulillah 😂😂. Now imagine staying close to Allah SWT, the One who loves us more than anyone will ever love us - how can we **not** be more than alright? When we have the Lord of the Worlds on our side, how can we **not** be on the right side? So yes, we are flawed and messed up and broken and make

countless mistakes, but when we hold on to Him, and rely on the Perfect One, everything will be alright eventually, In Sha Allah.



ending it with His Words

Quran 5:6

It is not Allah's Will to burden you, but to purify you and complete His favour upon you, so perhaps you will be grateful.

More Wudhu

More Gratitude

*(We discussed this beautiful Ayah on Wudhu during Tadarus this week. ❤️
If you want some soul therapy, come join us @ [our weekly Quran Tadarus!](#))*

With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer.

fin
X
a.

Copyright © 2021 The AA Team, All rights reserved.
Because you signed up to become an AA Plus member.

Our mailing address is:

The AA Team
Rue Idriss
Tangier 90 000
Morocco

[Add us to your address book](#)

This email was sent to << Test Email Address >>
[why did I get this?](#) [unsubscribe from this list](#) [update subscription preferences](#)
The AA Team · Rue Idriss · Tangier 90 000 · Morocco