

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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

YOUR LIFE IS
beautifully
WRITTEN BY ALLAH.
keep turning each page
WITH FAITH AND PRAYERS.

Assalamualaikum my Champions!

In Sha Allah, this week, we will welcome the blessed month of Ramadhan and truth be told, its arrival is something that has been keeping me going despite all

that is happening. Only Allah knows just how much we are all in need of some spiritual uplifting.

Something that I've been doing to prep myself for it is to think of a few specific "goals" that I'd like to do / be better at for Ramadhan. I'm all too familiar with the initial "enthusiasm" only to burn out mid-way, so I'm trying to learn how to pace myself by starting now, but by starting slowly and consistently, In Sha Allah.

What about you? **Have you thought of 1 or 2 personal intentions that you'd like to achieve this Ramadhan?** If you haven't, you should! So that we won't waste this blessed opportunity that is coming and regret thereafter for not making the most of it. :(

*This should be us, post-Ramadhan!



Coming up this week

on AA Plus!



Monday / 20 April / Woman Up! Podcast

The "Working" Woman + Her Money

Labels aside, what exactly is a "working" woman? And how do we marry "work" and "worship"? On top of that, why is it "taboo" for women to speak about money without people associating her with greed? Join us in this open and candid discussion about how we define "work", money and the "shame" that society sometimes attaches to women when it comes to career and coinage.

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IG LIVE RENDEZVOUS

22 APRIL | WED | 9 PM SG / MSIA TIME



Wednesday / 22 April / IG Live

Let's Hang Out!

I'm in dire need of some human interaction so I'm looking forward to our monthly "date" on IG Live happening this Wednesday, In Sha Allah! I hope to be able to talk to you about how all of you have been coping with the current situation, your Ramadhan plans, and perhaps do some intention settings together! I'll see you this Wednesday, In Sha Allah @ 9 PM SG / Msia time! I'll bring flowers for our date. :P

PS: [If you haven't joined us on IG, you def should!](#)



Thursday / 23 April / The Knowledge Vault

On Gratitude

This week, Ustazah Farhana will share the "secret" to a full and blessed life just from the 2nd Ayah of Surah Fatiha: ***gratitude***. Learn how gratitude is the biggest magnet for miracles, how it changes everything, and how we can be from the people of "Alhamdulillah" in our 3rd Lesson of Tafsir of Fatiha!

EEEEEEPPSSSS IM SO EXCITED!

Coming Thursday

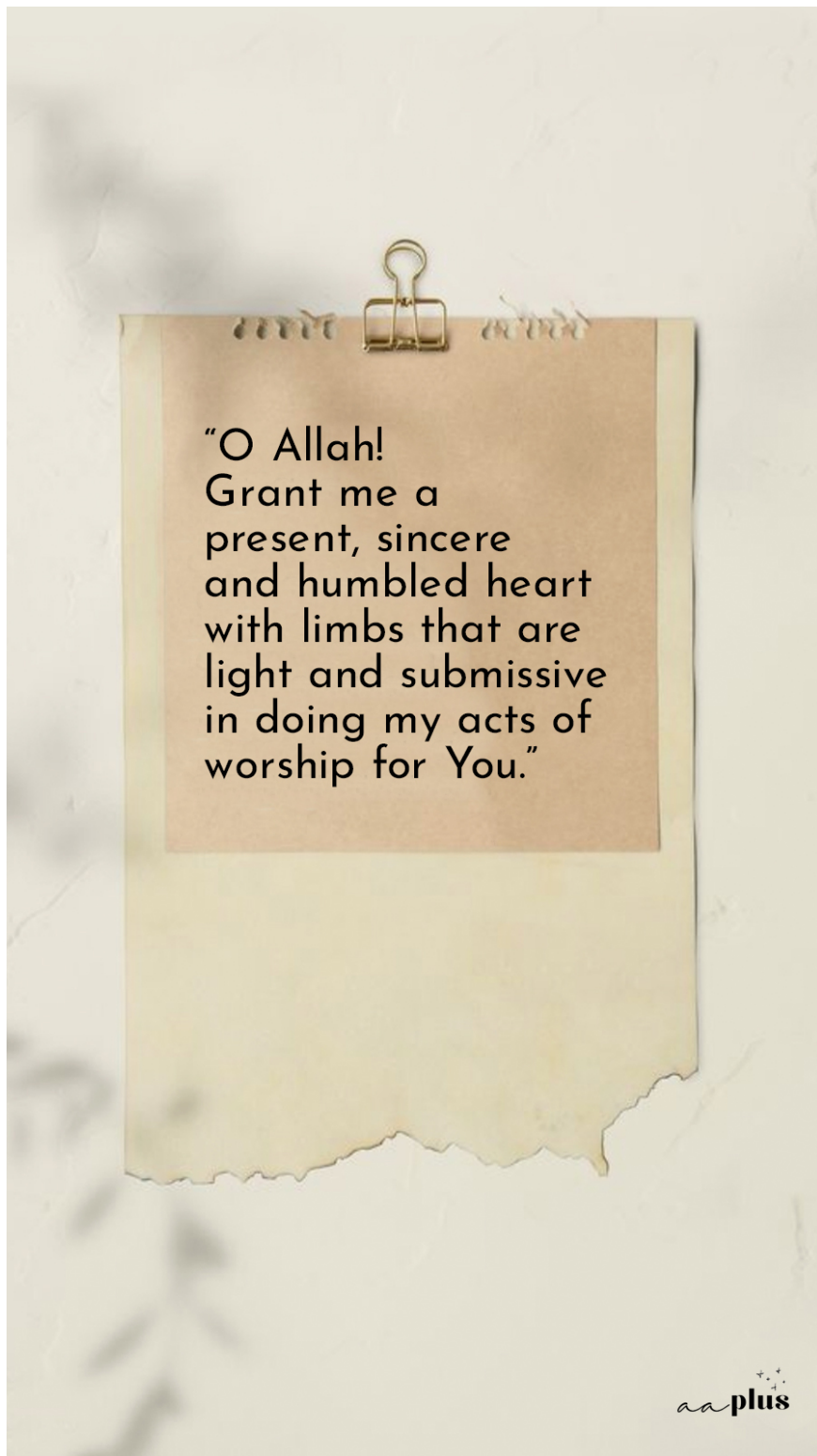
Intentions for the week



"To Silence The Ego"

This will be a hard one, but I've been reading this beautiful book called "[Meeting With Mountains](#)" where the acclaimed British photographer Peter Sanders has travelled the earth to capture images of the saints of Islam, and this line by Shaykh Hamza Yusuf in its preface has impacted me so much. He wrote, "the men and women pictured in this book... (have accomplished an) inward achievements of **overcoming the ego** and understanding humanity's true purpose: **to know, love, and serve the divine**". Even though I've not met any of the blessed individuals in the book, I am incredibly drawn to their "light" mainly because it's obvious how there is no "I", nor "ego" nor "the Self" in their striving for Allah. Whereas for me..... #sigh #lotsofreflectiontodo

a beautiful Dua



"O Allah!
Grant me a
present, sincere
and humbled heart
with limbs that are
light and submissive
in doing my acts of
worship for You."

aa plus

With Ramadhan just around the corner, I'm praying for all of us to fight any form of distraction and laziness that might hinder us to pull closer to Him.

Your visual reminder



The inspiration behind this week's wallpaper is the following Hadith:
The Messenger of Allah, peace and blessings be upon him, said:

مَنْ يُحْرِمَ الرَّقِّقَ يُحْرِمَ الْخَيْرَ

He who is deprived of kindness is deprived of goodness.

I pray that this visual reminder will inspire us all to keep on softening our hard hearts by exercising kindness and following the Sunnah of Rasulallah SAW, who himself is the epitome of kindness and gentleness. <3

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Muslim Meme

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

When I was a kid while offering Duaa I thought, if there's a gap in between my hands, my Duaa will Leak from there

OK admit it, who else thought this way too? ☐☐

Something to Ponder

Fear the sins that you
commit in secret because
the witness of those sins
is the Judge Himself.

- Ali ibn Abi Talib R.A



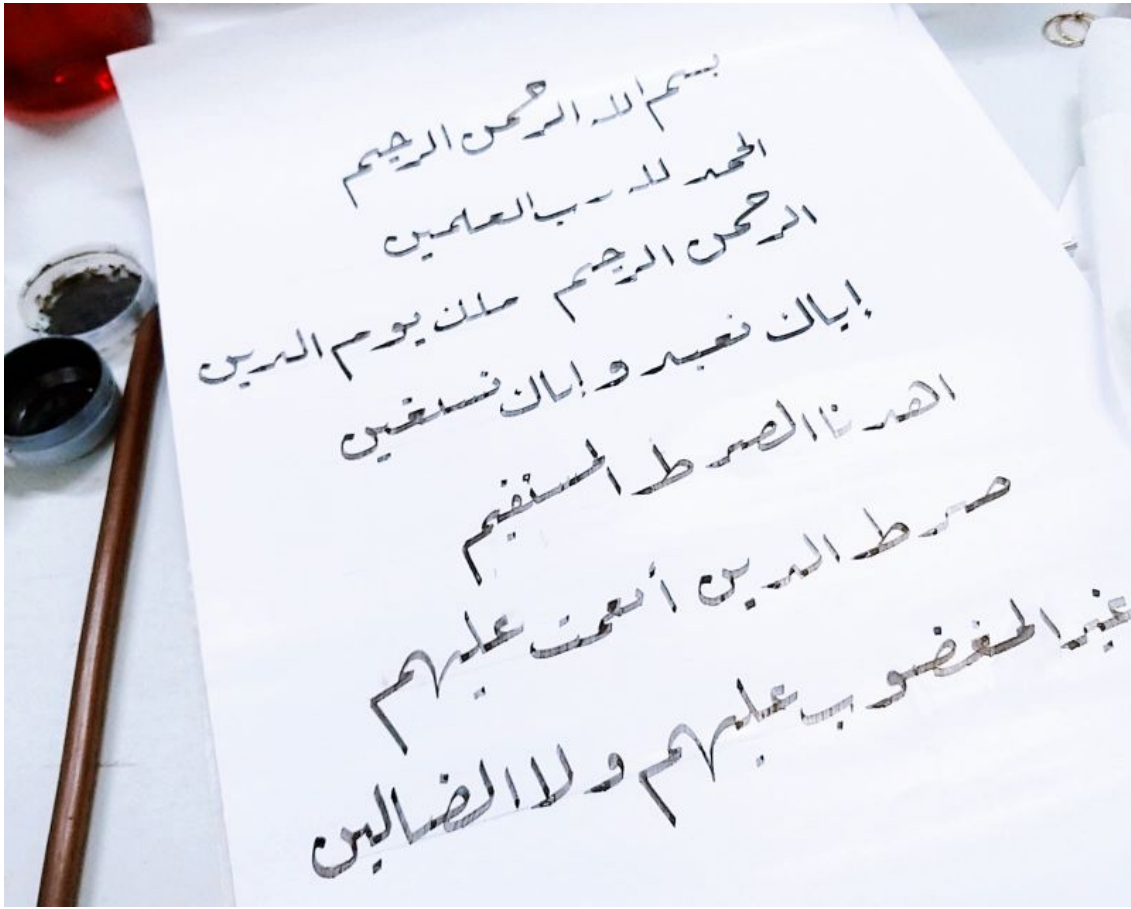
#goosebumps

Community Spotlight

(highlighting an AA Plus Champion!)



For this week's Community Spotlight, I'm so proud to introduce to you guys Aiiiiiiii <3 <3 <3 She is one of the sweetest soul I've ever met, Ma Sha Allah, and is always super, super selfless in everything she does. She is also a mighty talented calligrapher and water-colourist ([check out her IG!](#)) and she even generously did an art print for everyone who attended one of our AA Plus Open Sessions. Sighhhh, such a sweetheart, this one!



PS: this is Aini's first attempt (!!!) at doing a calligraphy of Surah Fatiha! Ma Sha Allah! I just had to share it with you since we are learning of the Tafsir together.

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

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