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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

*“there are no days in which
THE WORSHIP OF ALLAH IS
as beloved to him as in the
TEN DAYS OF DHUL - H I J J A .”*

- RASULULLAH SAW (TIRMIDHI)

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

This week, In Sha Allah, we will be welcoming the blessed month of **Dhul-Hijjah**. As per the Hadith above, the first 10 days of this month is truly superior and virtuous ([so much so that Allah SWT](#)

[swears by it in Surah al-Fajr](#)) and as believers, we should be eagerly anticipating for it just like we would the arrival of Ramadhan! But I have to be honest... For the longest time, I've been nonchalant about this beautiful month and boy, how tremendously have I lost! **#deepregret**

But I've learned my lesson, and this year, I'm inviting you (!!!) to seize this blessed opportunity to increase in our good deeds in the first 10 Days of Dhul-Hijjah, **together!** It will start In Sha Allah on Wednesday, (22/7) and we have some activities planned for these 10 days (including our Collective Khatam Quran!), so please [follow us on IG](#) if you haven't already ok?

Coming up this week

on AA Plus!



Monday / 20 July / Woman Up! S2

Are you a friend or a stranger to yourself?

This was a fun-turned-super-deep episode! It centred around this all-important question of whether we are a friend or a foe to ourselves, and as we dissect this topic, Saphia and I touched upon struggling with the Nafs and striving in discomfort to ultimately unravel **how knowledge of the Self is perhaps the master key which will allow us to reach closeness to Allah.** # 🤔 🤔 🤔

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Wednesday / 22 July / Weekly Challenge

Our Monthly Collective Khatam Quran ❤️

Last month, we all came together to finish reading the Quran and so many of you wanted this to be a monthly thing, so in conjunction with the blessed month of Dhul-Hijjah, we will attempt to do our **2nd Khatam** together, In Sha Allah! Go ahead and sign up with your names on the Google Sheet next to the page number you want to read and then once you've read your part, just highlight your column in green! (More instructions on the Google Sheet.)

[Sign Up Here To Finish Reading The Quran Together](#)

Intentions for the week



To Be A "Pilgrim"

Unfortunately, Hajj has been cancelled this year because of COVID, but! This should not stop us from being a "pilgrim" in our own right.

This week, In Sha Allah, I will intend to immerse myself in doing as many acts of worship as I can for His sake, especially fasting, reading the Quran, learning about the history of Prophet Ibrahim AS ([here's a lecture by Sheikh Omar Suleiman on the topic](#)) and just striving to be more mindful and God-conscious. Allah is truly al-Hakim (the Wise) - He knew how badly we all need these special days of Dhul-Hijjah to motivate us to go back to our "Ramadhan Routine" so He gifted us these 10 Days to remind us to increase our worship. May we all soak in the goodness of Dhul-Hijjah and use this opportunity to draw closer to Him through increasing our Ibadah, Amin!

Your visual reminder



This week's beautiful wallpaper is especially illustrated by our fellow Champion, [Sister N!](#) Choosing the quote "**Let His Rahmah sustains you**", I pray may this Visual Reminder constantly soothe and re-assures us!

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Something to Ponder

If Allah doesn't like it,
why would you think
it will bring you
happiness?



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Everything that Allah wills for us to do is for our own good and everything He forbids us to do is also for our own good. Which is why whenever we stubbornly go against His commands, we can never feel happiness, peace and lightness in our hearts.

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One of our Champs, Arifah B., suggested that we have our AA Plus schedules on Google Cal and we thought, "OMG GREAT IDEA!" This feature is especially useful for those of you who are not living in Singapore / Malaysia as Google Cal converts all the timings for our Study Dates + Open Sessions to **your own local time zone!**

Sync AA Plus Schedule on Your Google Cal.

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

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