

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

Put your **trust** in the
Almighty, Most
Merciful, **Who sees**
you when you rise
(for prayer at night)

Quran 26:217-218

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

This is it! We are now at the last stretch of this blessed month, and as my mind was racing making plans for the last 10 Nights, Allah SWT very gently, very subtly, reminded me of something very, very important. Just as I was getting too carried away, even getting a little

overwhelmed, with a whisper in my heart saying, "Wouldn't you be too tired? Can you really sustain this?" Allah SWT allowed my eyes to land on these two Ayahs in the Quran:

*Put your trust in the Almighty, Most Merciful,
Who sees you when you rise 'for prayer at night'
([Quran 26:217-218](#))*

My heart smiled, re-assured. He said, "**Put your trust** in the Almighty, Most Merciful." Because amidst all of the plans and the rush of excitement of the last 10 Nights, I had forgotten to put my trust in Him. :(

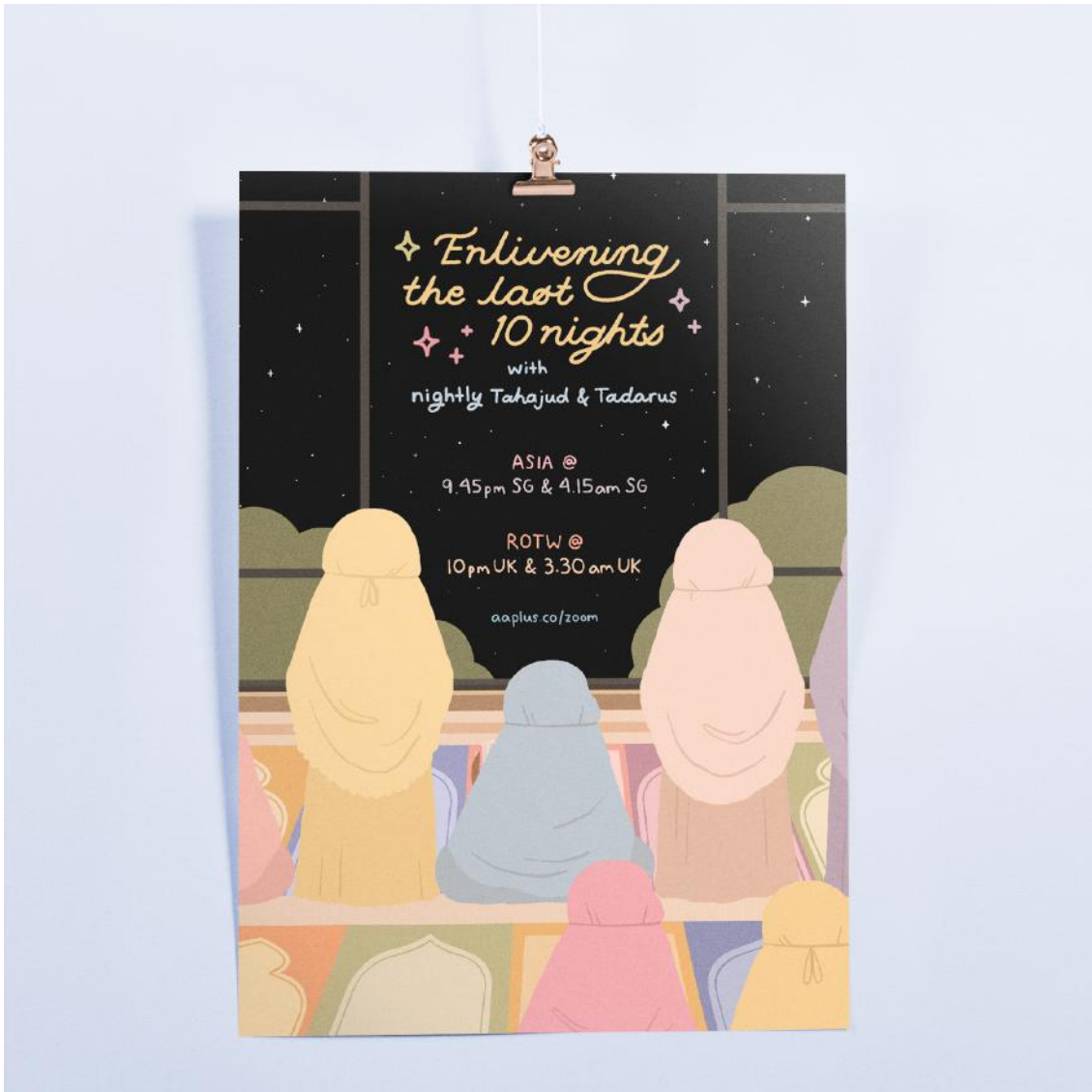
All of the fear I have about not being able to wake up, about not being able to do much worship while juggling family and work, about not doing enough, about whether any of my deeds will be accepted... He says, "**Trust Me. And I see you.**"

How can I not trust the One who has saved me over and over again? Who has never been distracted from loving me, providing for me, guiding me, even when I have strayed a million and one times? How can I not trust the One who knows my biggest, darkest flaws but loves me anyway? How can I not trust the One who has cared for me, who has never left me, and who has brought me out of every single hardship in my life?

So Champs, whatever your intentions are for the last 10 Nights, don't forget to put your full trust and reliance on to Him. Lean on Him for help and ask Him for all the strength and energy that you need. And even if you feel like you haven't done much for the first 20 days of Ramadan, there is still time, so trust that He can and He will help you make the best of this last stretch. We got this Champs!

May these last 10 Nights be the sweetest ones for you, may you be enveloped by His Love and Protection throughout it all, may we be chosen to witness Laylatul Qadr, may all of our deeds be accepted by Him, and may the He be pleased with us, Amin!

coming up in hotel de ramadan



Champs! Our Hotel de Ramadan will be open nightly for Tadarus and Tahajjud sessions in these last 10 Nights so if you are like me and need an accountability buddy to keep your momentum going, come for the calls! As I was writing this Closer email, I came across a beautiful

Hadith Qudsi where it mentions that Allah SWT "has supernumerary **angels who rove about seeking out gatherings in which Allah's name is being invoked**: they sit with them and fold their wings round each other, filling that which is between them and between the lowest heaven." So angels are actually looking for gatherings like ours to sit with (!!!!!!! ZOMG) and who wouldn't want to be in the company of angels, especially during these last 10 nights? ([The whole Hadith is actually beautiful, please read it](#)

[here!](#)) PS: We also created a special Zoom background for all of you to celebrate! Download it [here](#) or [here \(mirrored/flipped\)](#), and use it ok?

Join Riad Tadarus & Tahajud Penthouse Here

specially curated for you



Every night during Tadarus, we would always marvel at the beautiful

duas that the Prophets (may Allah SWT be pleased with them all) and the righteous would make, and these duas were immortalised by Allah SWT in the Quran for us to learn from and to follow! So if we want to make the best Duas during the last 10 Nights, what better duas to make than the Duas Allah SWT has chosen Himself to be included in His Blessed Quran! My team and I have compiled some of these beautiful Duas in the Quran in this PDF, so please feel free to use them, share them and distribute them as you please!

[Download The PDF Here](#)

champs collective duas



Speaking about Duas, we have opened our official **Champs Collective Dua List** for everyone to jot down their duas. We did this last year in Ramadan, and so many of you have come forward to share beautiful stories on how He granted the duas you shared on the dua list! I am very excited to do this again this year because on top of all of the beautiful duas that will be shared by you Champs, can you also imagine the number of "Amins" being recited from all over the world to your own duas? #Goosebumps! And for every dua we recite for each other, the angels will also say, "[And for you the same](#)". ❤️ So it's a win-win-win! We have divided the list into "Duas for All" and "Personal Duas", so feel free to add as many Duas as you want. You are also welcome to put your name down or remain anonymous. :)

Add Your Duas Here!

The checklist

Checklist for The Last 10 Nights

1



Seek His Help & Trust Him

Before anything else, make sincere duas & seek His Help in making these last 10 nights count. And then trust that He got your back!

2



Set Sincere Intentions

Don't make the rookie mistake of not setting your intentions! Because Allah SWT will reward you just for setting sincere intentions!

3



Have A Tahajjud Routine Ready

The last thing you want is to be aimless after successfully waking up for Tahajjud, so have a routine ready. Unsure? Join us nightly on "Tahajjud Penthouse"!

4



Protect Your Mornings

Preparation for Tahajjud starts from your day! Guard your mornings: refrain from doing anything that displeases Him & stay away from distractions.

5



Dress Up & Clean Up

You are about to meet Your Beloved, so ensure that you are dressed for the occasion! Tidy up your space as well as angels will be your visitors during the last 10 nights!

6



Increase In Your Gratitude

If you manage to wake up even for 5 minutes to remember Him, thank Him for He has allowed you to do so! Increase in your gratitude, and see how He'll give you even more!

I am a huge believer that chasing anything is a bad idea (I would rather be late than run after a bus at a bus stop 😂) but the one thing that I hope all of us will try to do within our own capacity, is to chase after the last 10 nights of Ramadan. Rasulullah SAW himself "would exert himself in devotion during the last 10 nights to a greater extent than at any other time" ([Muslim](#)) so let's give it all we've got. Here's a checklist to help us prep for it, with point #1 being the most important!

your visual reminder



To celebrate the last 10 nights, I wanted a wallpaper that represents the mise en scene of a special Tahajud moment. My ideal Tahajud routine is sitting on the floor on my prayer mat, reading my favourite duas from His Blessed Book, while waiting to start a Zoom Call on my iPad with you Champs so that we can continue to be in remembrance of Him together. I'll have a Dua list on standby on my right, a hot cup of honey lemon on my left, and a sleeping Khair on my lap. The room will smell of the Bukhoor Mama gifted us, and the stars who are also glorifying Allah in their own way, will twinkle bright! I hope this cute little illustration will encourage all of you to think about your ideal Tahajud moments too, and to get excited for it!

[Download Wallpaper Here](#)

Muslim Meme



my sleep is really coming in instalments this Ramadan. 3 hours here, 3 hours there

I felt this a million percent but smiled when I remember that Allah's reward ain't coming in instalments though! 😂😂😂😂 In His Generosity, every single one of our efforts that we do for Him, big or small, In Sha Allah, will be rewarded in abundance! His reward will come in droves, non-stop and it will be pouring! 🤔🤔

Something to Ponder

Champs.

Before you chose
God, He has
already chosen
you, provided for
you, and prepared
you for this.

There were many moments in my life where, in my smallness, my heart will whisper, "*Ya Allah, I can't*" but He, with all of His Grace, will carry me *through* with absolute care and love, reminding me gently that although I cannot, **He absolutely can.** And out of all the things He can do, my dear Champs, is **He has chosen you.** Over and over again, He chose you. For every new day that He has allowed you to be alive, He chose you. And not only did He choose you, but He will continue to provide for you, in ways you cannot even imagine. And He will prepare you, mould you, refine you, uplift you, guide you and He will never stop doing that until you become the best version of yourself. So you have to play your part and choose Him too. Choose to trust Him, to lean and rely on Him. Choose to praise Him, to be in constant remembrance of Him. And most of all, choose to love Him. Because, He loves you, and will continue to love you, even on days when you cannot even love yourself.

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The AA x Nisa Ramadan Charity Drive is a project that holds a very special place in my heart. By Allah's will, and with Mama and Baba's immense dedication, we have helped a number of elderlies, widows and single mothers who are vulnerable, unable to work nor support themselves for the past 4 years through it. ([Here's the last "report Baba sent me with all of the stats!"](#)) This year, we intend to continue supporting these honoured servants of Allah, so we need your help! If you would like to contribute to this cause in these last 10 nights, you can simply head on over to aaxnisa.co and donate. No amount is too small, and all amount is welcome! **PS: The elderlies in our program always make the most heartfelt duas for the people**

who give, I wish I could record all of it and play them for you! They are absolutely precious!

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With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer. Love you all, for His sake.

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