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If you are hesitating to pray, know that Allah SWT is easier to talk to than anyone you know.

Assalammualaikum my Champions, (And a special, special welcome to our new Baby Champs! 66) If there is a superpower that I wish to have, it is to be able to communicate in every single language in the Universe, including, no, *especially*. Cat Language. I envy anyone who picks up languages easily, because having lived in Morocco for almost 10 years, I am ashamed to say I'm still not fluent in Moroccan Arabic I'. This is sometimes a problem because I'll meet the most adorable Moroccan grandmothers or children (my two soft spots) and I'd wish to have a proper conversation with them, but I can't.

This has happened on more than one occasion, and it was becoming rather frustrating until I remembered that **Allah SWT is not only the Owner of all languages, but He is also the Possessor of all hearts**, so as I was struggling to speak to my elderly neighbour about how delicious her cooking was, I made a dua (in Malay nonetheless >> !) for Allah SWT to make her understand my intentions, and I think she did because in between my string of broken Arabic, she smiled and gave me the biggest of hugs!

I realised there and then that "Subhanallahhhhh, speaking to humans may be hard, but speaking to Allah SWT is incredibly easy! And He understands perfectly! And He gets it immediately! And He then relays it to the other party so smoothly too! Ma Sha Allah!"

So Champs, here is a reminder to always speak to Him. We can ask for His Help, express our gratitude, tell Him about what's on our minds, or simply about what's going on during our day. Let's speak to Him not just in our prayers, or in the mosques or on our prayer mats, but speak to Him also during 3AM car rides, or at the gym, in coffee shops, at the parking lot, between the supermarket aisles, while waiting for the bus, while daydreaming, while trying to stay awake in the middle of a draggy meeting, at the end of a meal... Truly, the list is endless! May we never hesitate to speak to Him, constantly, longingly, and endearingly. Because He truly is the easiest to talk to. 💙

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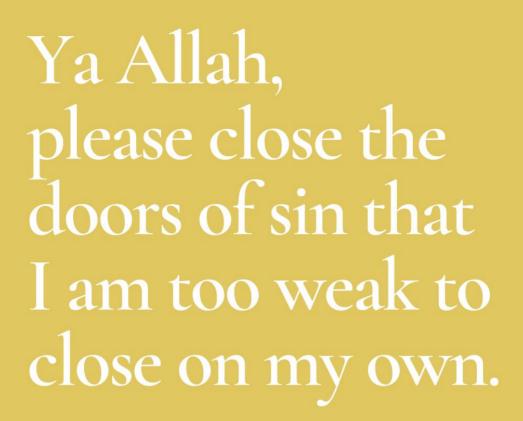


I'm having withdrawal symptoms since there is no Tadarus nor Study Date calls this week, so I'm really looking forward to hanging out with all of you this Sunday for our special Tea Party, In Sha Allah! This month, we are honouring our superheroes: our Mom Champs! As my team was preparing for this event, we've been able to hear the most beautiful stories from some of our Mom Champs, and I cannot wait for all of you to get inspired by it. Everyone's invited, and Baby Champs, here's a VVVIP invitation for you to come to your very first AA Plus event! Soooo excited to see everyone, so please pencil it in!



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Our ego won't admit this but we truly are weak when it comes to fighting our vices and addictions which is why I've learned that it's actually part of Allah SWT's perfect and immense love for us that He closes certain doors that we ourselves won't close. May Allah SWT increase us in our discipline and our perseverance to always do things that only please Him, following His path, and not the path of our Nafs.

#WMPTM



Summer is still swinging in Morocco, and sometimes, when the heat gets too much, I start missing the rain. And rain always reminds me of our beloved Rasulullah is Anas Bin Malik RA reported, "Whilst we were with the Messenger of Allah is rain fell upon us. The Messenger then exposed part of his garment so that rain fell on his body. When we asked him why he did so, he replied, "Because it has just come from the exalted Lord". (Muslim) Just thinking about this scene makes me smile the widest! So Champs, if you are like me, and you love standing in the rain, know that our beloved Rasulullah is did the same! And I pray that through our love for rain, may it link us hand in hand with our Rasulullah is? PS: The next time you see rain, promise me you'll send a Selawat to Rasulullah is and also make dua for all of us on AA

Plus? I promise I'll do the same, In Sha Allah! 🎔

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OMG I lol-ed at this tweet. The timing couldn't have been more perfect because I just finished washing a whole bunch of dishes! And it was the kind of "washing-sessions" where you walked away from the sink with a huge patch of water staining your t-shirt / blouse / top because there were just too many dishes to be cleaned! My "favourite" dirty dishes are the ones with oil and grease - I always feel like I'm going into battle trying to clean those! Sut yes Champs, in Jannah, we don't have to worry about any of these! May Allah SWT allow us to be neighbours with each other in the highest of Paradise, where we'll exchange the most delicious food, but without the trouble of washing any dishes! 😂

to ponder



If there is one thing that we foolishly think we have, it's "control". The moment we truly understand that we have absolutely no control and that <u>only</u> Allah SWT has absolute control - with our relationships, our work, our money, our health, our future <u>our everything</u> - is the

moment we realise that we should never, and could never, stop

praying. Because although we have no control, we have

prayers, and there is power in persistent prayer. Whatever is occupying your mind and your heart right now, bring it to Him through prayers. Because He is al-Jabbar, the One who fixes everything and anything, so no matter how broken, how hopeless, how bleak everything may seem to be, He can fix it all! (Pro-Tip: Listen to the second lesson of our TKV series, 'Allah's Beautiful Names' on al-Jabbar to be inspired - this Name easily became my favourite after the lesson that I simply couldn't stop using it in all of my duas!)

PS:



Asia Tadarus: Monday, 29 August, 9pm SG / 8pm WIB <u>or</u> ROTW Tadarus: Tuesday, 30 August, 9pm UK / 4pm ET

Our beloved Tadarus Circles will resume next week In Sha Allah! We will be reciting Juzuk 7 together, and I'm looking forward to having my "spiritual shower" with all of you then! Baby Champs, our **Tadarus Circles** are where we all come together to recite and reflect on a Juzuk of the Quran. No matter where you are in your Quran journey, the Tadarus Circles will always have something for you, and your soul will always come out of it feeling so, so full! I mean, how can it not? We are reading His Blessed words! So come and join us, whether to read together, or simply to just listen in to the recitation and reflection - this blessed gathering awaits your presence! ♥♥



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With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer!

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