

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*

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IS NOT A TEMPORARY INCREASE  
*of religious practice, but*  
A GLIMPSE OF WHAT WE ARE  
*capable of doing every day*

Assalammualaikum my Champions!

I hope you are all well this Monday, In Sha Allah. Ramadhan is **finally** here, Alhamdulillah, and it feels like I'm embracing my best friend whom I've not met for a long time once again! ❤️

This year, Ramadhan is truly special. We may not be able to pray in the Mosques, visit our extended family for Iftar, or pray Terawih as a community, but Allah SWT's Mercy and Love can never be "quarantined", "cancelled" or "postponed". He has still given us many more blessings that we should not forget - He took away most forms of distractions and entertainment, bazaars are closed, we now have the luxury of time to be at home to do **more** deeds of worship as we bond with our families - I truly believe this Ramadhan can be our best one yet, In Sha Allah!

Before we get on with Closer, let me share with you this one thing that I've realised just a few days ago: **being in worship is a privilege, not a chore.** If you find yourself on the prayer mat today, if you find yourself being able to fast, being able to read the Quran, or being able to do **any** form of Ibadah, be extremely, extremely grateful that Allah has chosen **you.**



The next time if you find yourself delaying to do an act of worship, tell yourself that He can take that blessing away, at any time, whenever He wills. So take action. N O W! (This is a reminder first and foremost to myself!)

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*Coming up this week*

*on AA Plus!*



Monday / 27 April / Woman Up! Podcast

## On "Active" Patience

How many times have you been told to bear with patience but not know what ***exactly*** patience entails? Is it passive reception, persevering with conviction, or a submissive lack of action? This illusive concept of "patience" is unravelled within this episode as Saphia and I share thoughts on *our* understanding of what is "sabr" in the Islamic context.

PS: This is the last episode for Woman Up! before we take a break and make space for ***Ramadhan Reminders*** in May, In Sha Allah.

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Thursday / 30 April / The Knowledge Vault

## Meanings Behind ar-Rahman + ar-Rahim

Subhan'Allah, we've already reached the halfway mark of Tafsir of Fatiha! I'm feeling both sad and excited at the same time. In our 4th lesson, Ustazah Farhana and I will delve deeper on the meanings of "ar-Rahman" and "ar-Rahim", the 2 often repeated Names of Allah SWT. Disclaimer: prepare tissues. So much feeeeeelssss on this one.

Coming Thursday

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# Intentions for the week



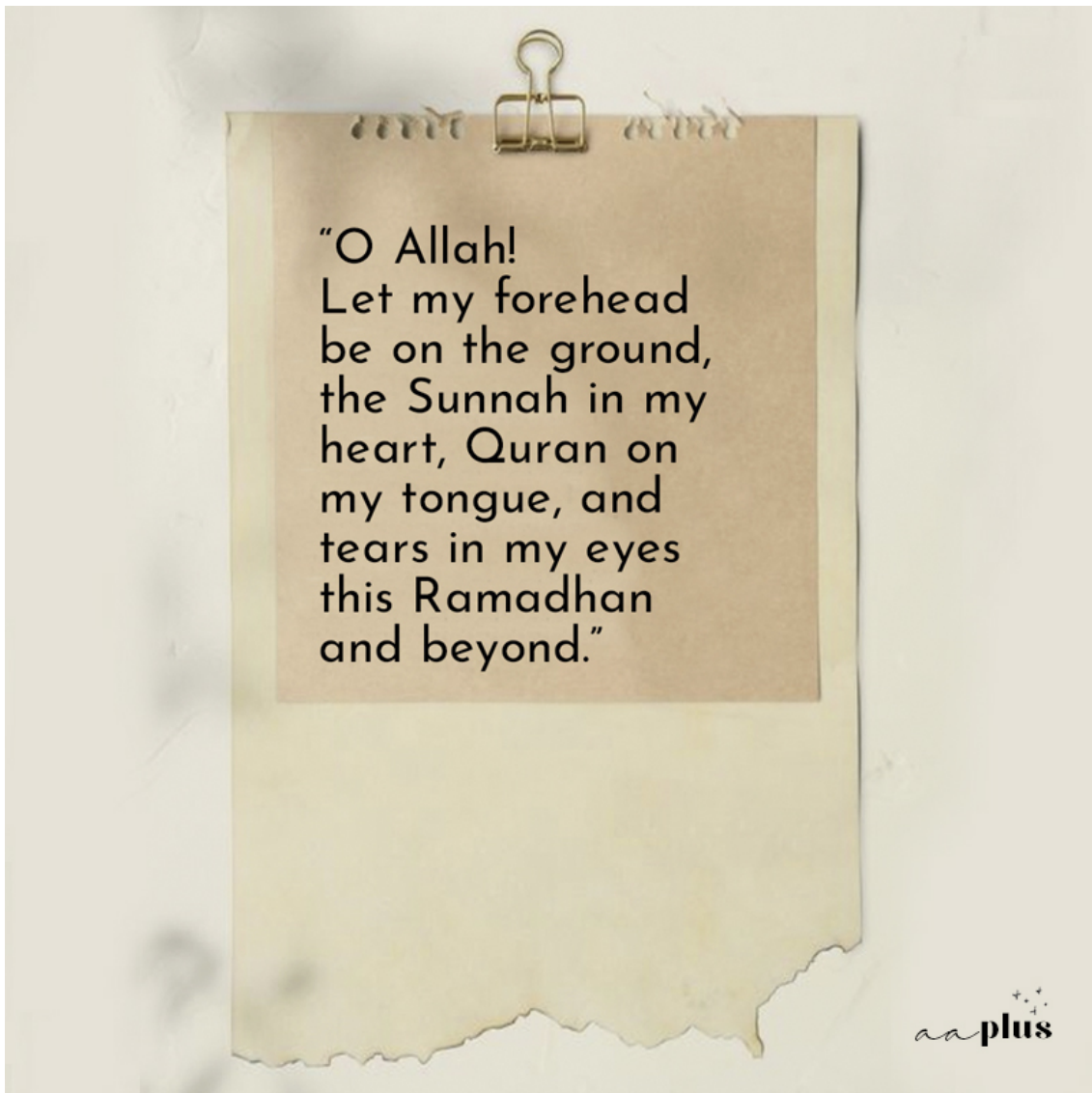
## "To Break Bad Habits"

I believe Ramadhan is the perfect time to **break** bad habits, and not just put them on a pause. It's easier to "add" new, good habits during this blessed month, but if we really want to come out of this better and closer to Him, we should also work on breaking our bad ones too. This is easier said than done, of course, but think about this: if we can slowly reduce doing the bad habit day after day, In Sha Allah, by the end of this "30 day spiritual programme" that Allah SWT has designed for us, we can be off it altogether, In Sha Allah! PS: The

hint to my bad habit that I'm trying to significantly reduce is in the photo above! 😞

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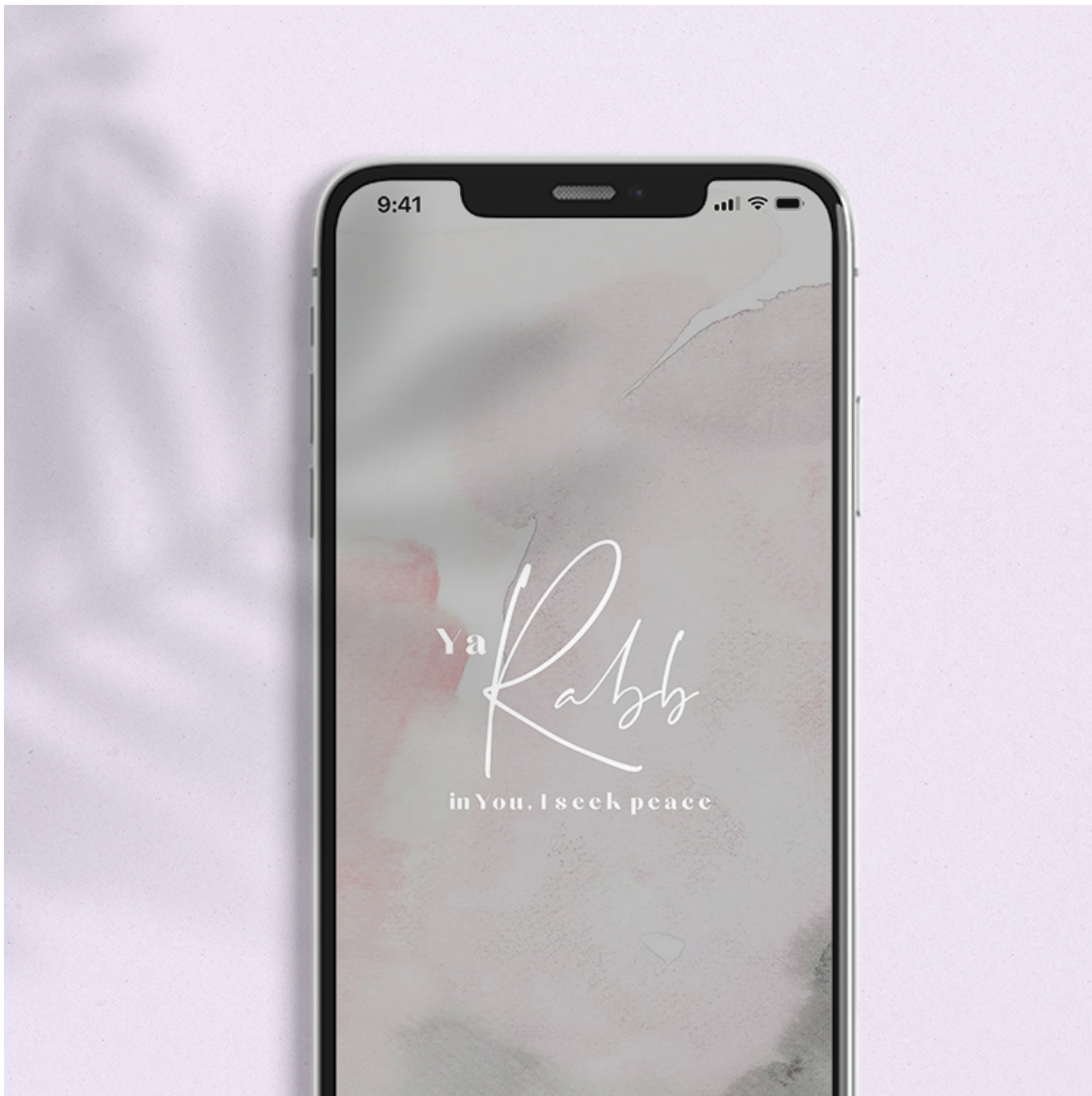
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I wish this for every single one of us, my dear champions. <3

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*Your visual reminder*



The inspiration behind this week's wallpaper is from our [last Lesson of Tafsir of Surah Fatiha](#) where Ustazah Farhana shared about the meaning of the word "**Rabb**". It has a meaning of "King", "the Nurturer", "the One that Cares" and indicates a form of "closeness" as well as it being a term of endearment <3 I pray that may our "Rabb" envelope us with His Love and Mercy, always.

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Muslim Meme

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

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@fmlbruv



Do u ever mention someone in ur prayers then u feel bad for not mentioning other people then suddenly ur including the whole population

OMG IT'S ME, FAM. ☐☐

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*Something to Ponder*

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In Ramadhan,  
the angel on our left  
should be on vacation,  
while the angel on our right  
should be working overtime.



I thought about this after watching a very beautiful Video by Sheikh Omar Suleiman - if you have 5 minutes, [please watch this Video](#). In Sha Allah, it will make you re-think about how you view sins. ❤️

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*Community Spotlight*

*(highlighting an AA Plus Champion!)*



For this week's Community Spotlight, I'm so proud to introduce to you guys [Natasya](#)! <3 <3 <3 I first met her at our Open Session for AA Plus, and I was immediately drawn to her energy and her personality. Although she had a difficult past, her determination and perseverance to be the best version of herself have been such a huge inspiration for me. She recently quit her job to pursue her BA in Psychology & her passion to help those who are struggling with their mental health and her goal to help the rehabilitation of ex-inmates have inspired me tremendously. Natasya is a true example of how the beginning doesn't matter as much as the ending and I pray that may we all have the most beautiful ending, one that is filled with Allah's Pleasure and Redha. <3

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

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