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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

pray big.

EVEN WHEN YOU THINK IT'S IMPOSSIBLE.

even when you are terrified.

EVEN WHEN YOU FEEL WEAK.

Assalammualaikum my Champions,

We are entering the middle of the first 10 Days of Dhulhijjah, and I can feel this familiar "exhaustion" that has greeted me during the many mid-way marks of Ramadhan as well. But every time I am swayed to not fast, to not read another page of the Quran, to not do another Zikir, I remember one of my teachers telling me, "**Our Eid, our celebration, always comes after 10 days of Hard Work.** Eid Fitri comes right after the last 10 nights of Ramadhan, and Eid Adha comes right after the first 10 days of Dhuhijjah. So don't give up, keep up with your Ibadah. Allah sees every effort!"

So let's finish these last 10 days strong, Champs! Especially with the coming Day of Arafah (Thursday 30 July, In Sha Allah)! Like Ustazah Alima said in our last Open Session, "if you can take "leave" from work or from anything Dunia related on the Day of Arafah, do so!" It's pregnant with many blessings and Rasulullah SAW said, *'There is no day on which Allah frees people from the Fire more so than on the day of Arafah.'*" (Tirmidhi).

(PS: If you are wondering what you can do for the next few days of Dhulhijjah + the Day of Arafah, here are some suggestions: fast, wake up for Tahajjud, do your Sunnah prayers, do your Qada' prayers, do your Duha prayers, do looooots of Zikir, engage in charity, always try to be in a state of Wudhu, and lots and lots and lots and lots of Dua!!!)

Coming up this week

on AA Plus!



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Thriving, Not Surviving

Ever heard the phrase ‘survival of the fittest’? It makes it seem as though our focus should be to just get by in this modern world. But what if we shift our perspective and look towards not just surviving, but thriving? In this episode

Aida and Saphia unravel this all interesting concept. So join them as they discuss how we can move away from surviving, towards thriving and in the direction of seeking excellence, as per what our Deen encourages.

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PRAYERS FOR FOR THE DAY OF

Arafah

9TH ZULHIJJAH 1441H

BY AA PLUS CHAMPIONS

For Champions, By Champions

Our Arafah Dua List ❤️

During our last Open Session, the Champions got together to compile a Dua List that covers a wide range of categories including prayers for Akhirah, for the state of our hearts, to prayers for parents, the Ummah and even our animal-friends! <3 If you need inspiration to what to make dua for on the Day of Arafah, we hope this Dua list will get you going. Can I ask for a small request to include all of us on AA Plus + the teachers and my team too, please!

[Download Dua List Here](#)

Muslim Meme



This one is a Dhul-Hijjah special! And although we should not be making tawaf around our fridge (there's a double meaning there, champs 😊) Allah, the Most Merciful and the Most Generous, has allowed us to make duas anywhere around this world and In Sha Allah also be getting reward as if we are making dua in the plains of Arafah!

Something to Ponder

“Unanswered” Prayers:
Maybe you were only
asking for a drop,
while Allah wrote
for you an ocean.



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This is my "theory" for all of the Duas we think are not "answered" by Allah. Truly, Allah knows what is best for us, and will send it to us at a time that is most fitting, so never ever ever ever ever stop making Dua and think that He doesn't listen.

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Here's the replay of last Sunday's Open Session - we were joined by Ustazah 'Alimatunnisa, and had a blast discussing the Asmaul Husna!

[Watch Here](#)

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

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