

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the most Gracious, the most Merciful



When one's intimate
with Allah SWT,
one will not be
intimidated by
the Dunia.

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

The past week, I've been hit with another bout of homesickness. It truly came out of nowhere (did it?) and even though I've lived away from home for almost 10 years now, it has not gotten easier.

Alhamdulillah, my sense of awareness is better now, so when I catch a whiff of it slowly sneaking in through the corners of my heart, I get

into "Save Aida from Homesickness" mode.

A big part of that battle plan includes increasing my Zikir and Selawat, which I must embarrassingly admit has been reduced to almost nothing ever since Ramadan ended. 🥺 I then remembered that [we now have a new Mixtape for the Soul out](#) (YAY!) and so the melodious voices of my fellow Champs accompanied me as I sat to do my remembrance. I repeated the mixtape over and over again, and my heart just felt...

Extremely intimate with Him.

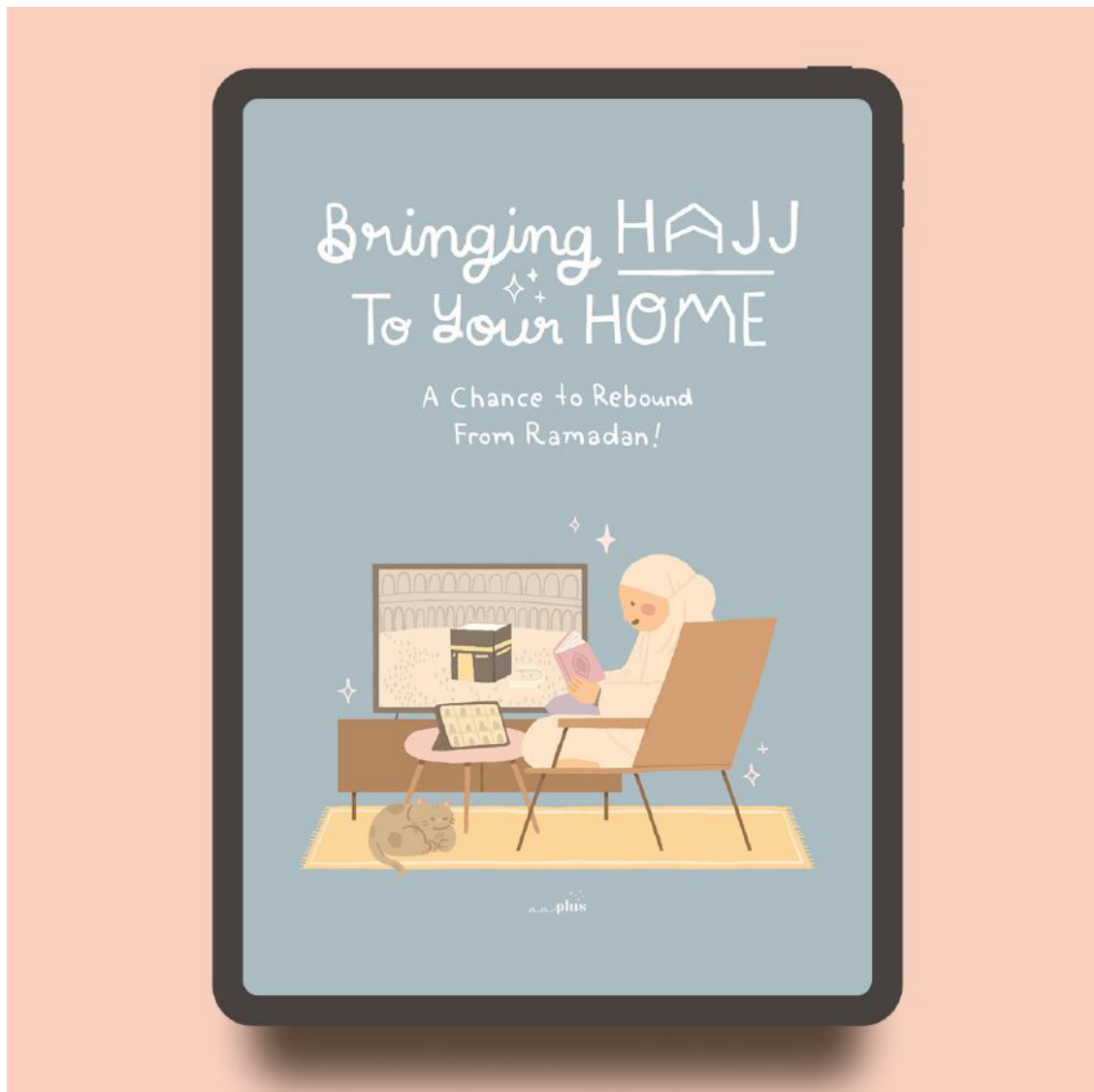
Tears pooled in the corner of my eyes, and suddenly my homesickness was replaced with a sense of Homecoming instead. ❤️

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Champs, how intimate are you currently with Your Creator? Do you run back to Him over and over again, or have you been distant? I pray that whatever state we are currently in right now, may we come back and return to Him again and again, **for when we are intimate with Him, we won't be so easily disheartened, discouraged, or disappointed by the Dunia.**

There is truly nothing the King of this entire Universe cannot solve, make easy, or fix right.

get excited for



Speaking about increasing our intimacy with Allah SWT, one of the best ways to do that is to increase in doing the deeds that are most pleasing to Him. And what better opportunity to do this than the first 10 days of Dhul-Hijjah! This blessed month is coming up real soon, In Sha Allah, and we cannot let this chance pass us by!! Rasulullah ﷺ said "There are no days during which the righteous action is **so pleasing to Allah** than these days (i.e. the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah)" ([Bukhari](#)) I know I am not the only one who has felt a dip in my spirituality as compared to Ramadan, so I'm beyond grateful that Allah SWT, in His Generosity and in His Wisdom is gift-ing us these 10 days. I'm excited to share with you the programme we have lined up on AA Plus for these 10 days, so be sure to check your Inbox this Thursday (AA Plus Day!) for all the low-down, In Sha Allah!

Look out for AA Plus Day Email this Thursday!

a beautiful dua

Ya Allah, allow me to
run back to You
whenever my
thoughts and
emotions wage war
against myself, for
You are as-Salam, the
source of all Peace.

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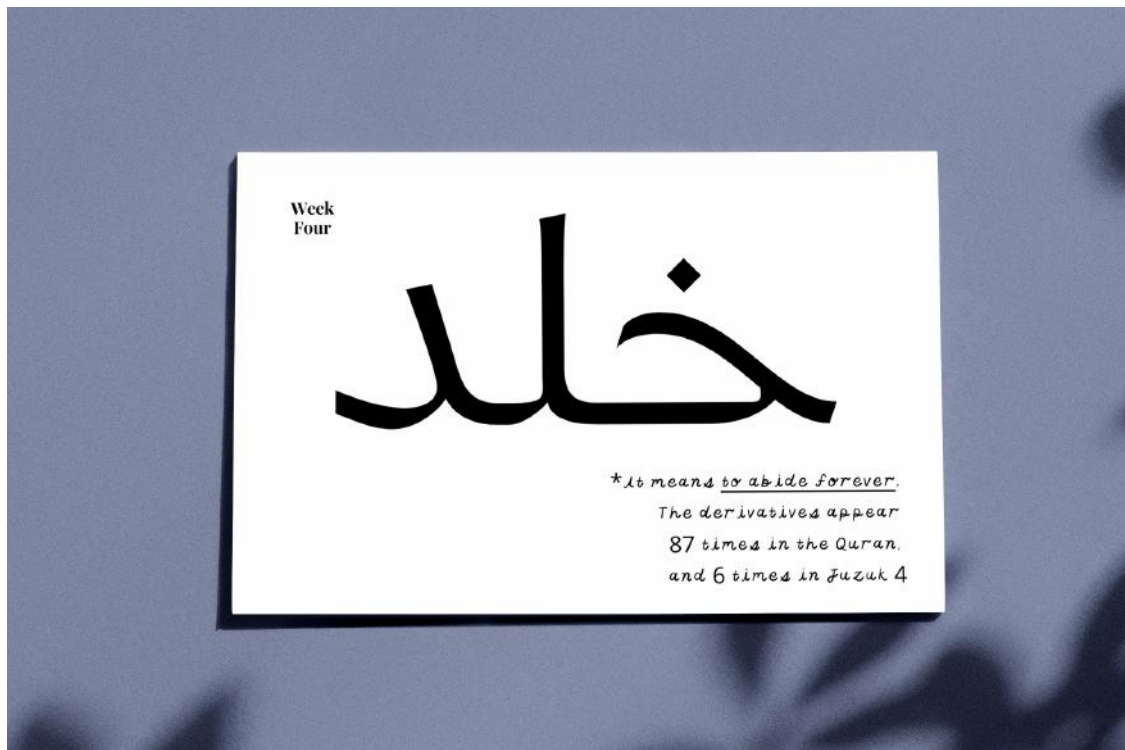
[#abeautifuldua](https://twitter.com/abeautifuldua)

[As-Salam](#) has been my go-to Name lately, as I have been in desperate need of calmness and peace in my heart. I think the worst thing that can happen when my emotions are all over the place is when I am

blinded by this sense of arrogance, thinking stubbornly that I can fix myself when I am truly weak without His Help. But as soon as I admit to Him that I need Him, that I am nothing without His Guidance and Love, **my heart steadies**. Tell me again Champs, why oh why are we always so hesitant in asking for His Help? 🙏

Listen to the podcast episode of as-Salam here!

word of the week



OK Confession: This is one of my favourite words in the Quran because whenever Allah SWT mentions Jannah, this word is usually right around the corner! Which is why it is no surprise that it is also one of the common words in the Quran. ❤️ I cannot wait to discuss more

about this word (and of course, about PARADISE!) with my
Neighbours in Jannah, aka you guys, during Tadarus Circle this week,
In Sha Allah!

[Join Us For Tadarus Circle Here!](#)

*PS: This will be our last Tadarus Circle for the month. Join us for
some healing + therapeutic one-on-one time with His Blessed Book this week?*

Asia Tadarus: Monday, 27 Jun, 9pm SG
([Add to your GCal here for a reminder](#))

ROTW Tadarus: Tuesday, 28 Jun, 9pm UK
([Add to your GCal here for a reminder](#))

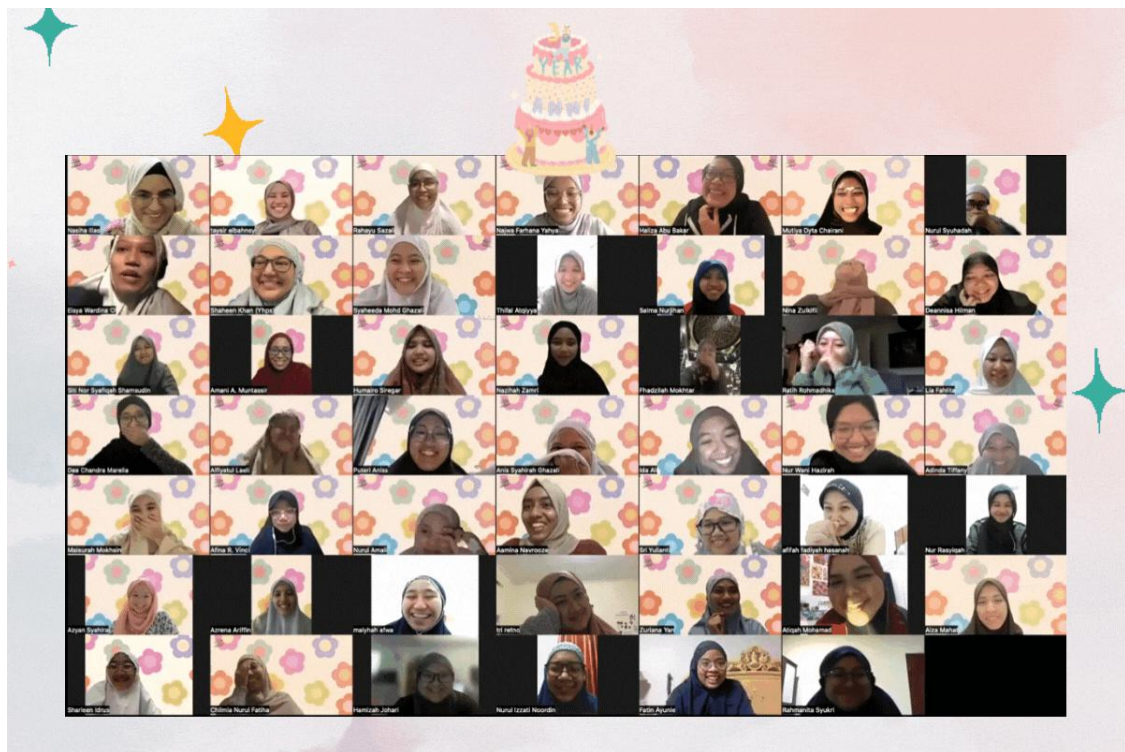
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If there was one Sunnah that I have always wanted to be better at, it's being able to have a connection with, and be in service to, my neighbours. Back when I was living with my parents in Singapore, this was easier to do because I spoke our language and we all share a common love for food! But here in Morocco, I neither speak the language fluently nor cook the cuisine! Which was why I would frequently make a prayer for Allah SWT to "matchmake" me with a nice family as our neighbour, as I really wanted to follow this Sunnah

of our beloved Prophet ﷺ! Alhamdulillah, this prayer of mine has since been answered when I discovered my 6th-floor neighbour is a Canadian-Moroccan family! We've been having weekly Surah al-Kahf + Dinner dates now and every time I take the stairs to their home, it makes me smile knowing that I am now following the footsteps of our beloved Rasulullah ﷺ! How about you Champs? Are you guys close to your neighbours? Share with me your neighbour-stories!

in case you missed it



I HAD SO MUCH FUNNNNNNN DURING OUT PARTAYYY! We "travelled" to Sudan, Nigeria, Moyette, and Brunei and "ate good food" and played some games and of course, had some heart-to-heart discussions as well! It was everything that I could hope for and more

for our 3rd Anniversary. If you missed it, don't fret! Click below for the playback and get ready to smile wideeeeeee!

Catch The Playback of 3rd Anni Party Here!

muslim meme



This is def the kind of thing my Dad would say! 😂😂 In fact, I

remember him pulling my husband to one side the day before we got married, telling him to be "careful of Aida because she can get pretty stubborn and will always want her way!" 😞

to ponder



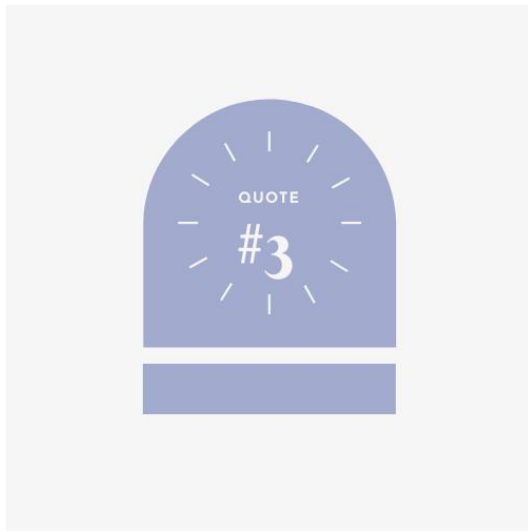
When we were reciting Surah Yasin together during our 3rd Anniversary Party, it hit me that someday, you and I will leave this world for the next, and that this Surah will be read for us instead. And it was at that moment, as I looked at every single beautiful face of the

Champs who were present during the call, that I made the prayer for all of us on AA Plus to be reunited in the highest of Jannah. Being a part of this diverse community has made me realise that even though we may come from different parts of the world, our "forever citizenship" will all be the same, In Sha Allah, because it will be Jannah. ❤️ And I hope that we can always be there for each other as we continue to journey on this Path, for His sake. It gets pretty lonely if we try to do this on our own, but together, it gets lovely. So thank you, my fellow future-Jannah citizens, for being here with me!

P.S.:

(Choose a colour to reveal your quote of the week!)





With that, I hope you guys have enjoyed Closer!

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