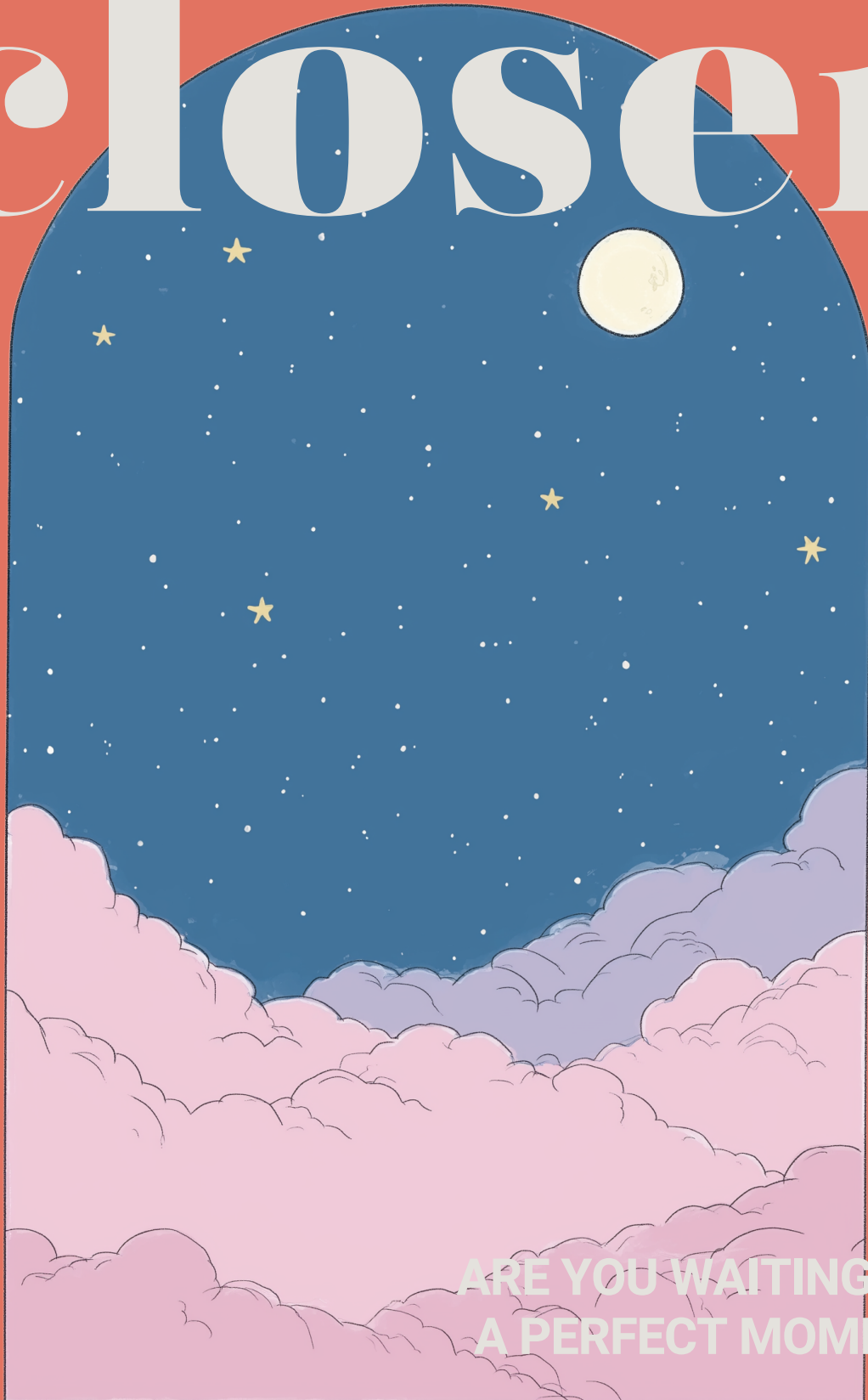


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ARE YOU WAITING FOR
A PERFECT MOMENT?

*Our moment becomes perfect
when we remember Him.*

5 June 2025



Closer

by aa

your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox

*We don't wait for the
perfect moment to
remember Him.
Our moment becomes
perfect when we
remember Him.*

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

I am writing this letter with a power outage at my home.
The electrician is here, and my sisters are also here to visit.
The cats are chasing after a table tennis ball.
My neighbour upstairs is renovating.
The home... is *far* from tranquil.

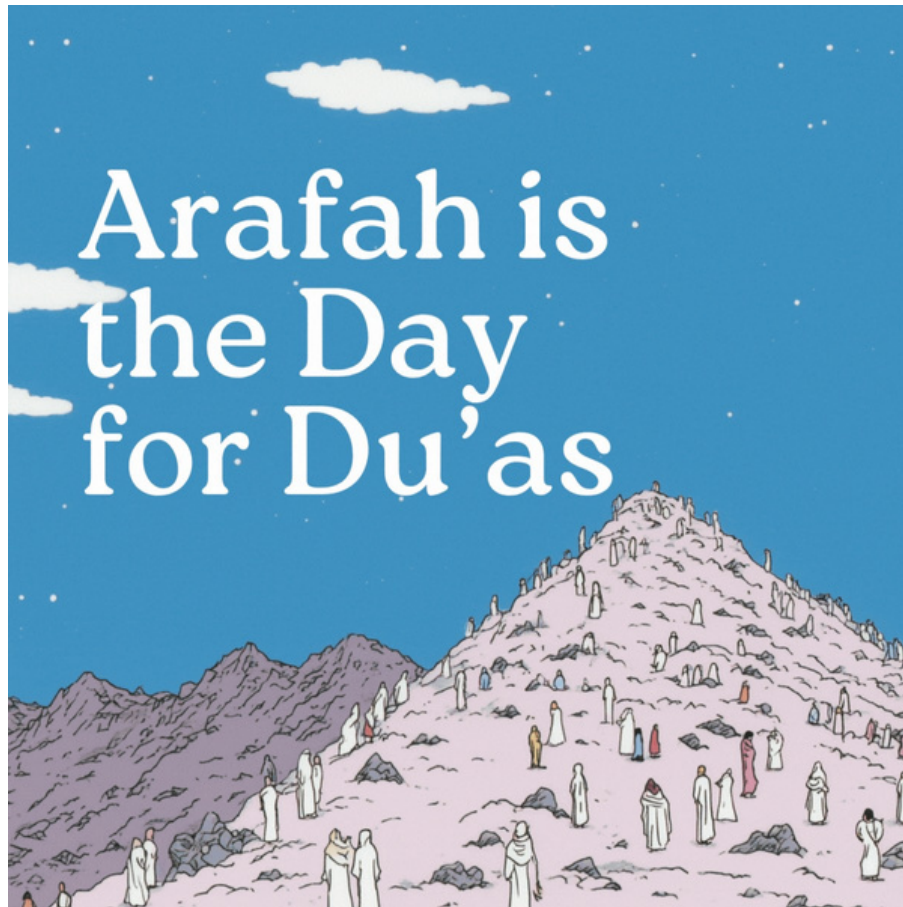
My nafs wrestled me by saying, "You need quiet! You need Nature! You need Vibesszz to Zikir. You need prayer beads! You absolutely cannot do it now!"

But I can feel Allah SWT holding my heart ever so gently, reminding me that He doesn't require a perfect moment to Remember Him.
Rather, our moments become perfect because of it! :)

So Champs, if there's one thing you can do after reading today's Closer email, let it be Zikir. Even if it's once. Don't let our Ego convince us that we have to wait to have a "perfect moment" to do it.

But if the voice in our head persists, then don't you think the Day of Arafah is THE perfect moment to be in remembrance of Him? :)

specially for Arafah



We all know we are supposed to make many, many du'as on the Day of Arafah, but what if we are stuck? Here's one of my fav Du'a tips that one of my teachers shared: look at each one of our fingers as it represents a certain category for Du'as. When you look at your Thumb, make Du'a for the your closest and dearest (parents, spouses, siblings, children etc). When you notice your Index finger, make du'as for those who have helped you on this Path, i.e., your teachers, your tahajjud buddies, your AA Plus girl gang, etc! When you move along to your middle, your ring finger, and finally to your baby finger, keep following all the Du'a prompts. I've used this "Dua-Fingers" method regularly and I absolutely love it!

[Join Arafah Zikir + Dua Call Here](#)

[Arafah Du'a List Here](#)

a beautiful du'a

لا إله إلا الله
وحده لا شريك له
له الملك وله الحمد
وهو على كل شيء قدير

None has the right to be
worshipped but You.
Alone, Who has no partner.
His is the dominion and
His is the praise,
and He is Able to do all things.

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#abeautifuldua

I've been having this Du'a on repeat as this is what Rasulallah ﷺ taught us to say during the Day of Arafah. Rasulallah ﷺ said, "The best supplication is that on the day of 'Arafa, and the best thing which I and the Prophets before me have said is, 'There is no god but God alone who has no partner; to Him belongs the dominion, to Him praise is due, and He is omnipotent'. So grateful to have this Du'a in one of our Mixtapes too, so memorising and repeating it has been easy!

Listen to this Dua on Repeat on our Mixtape for the Soul

gratitude garden



GRATEFUL FOR PICKING UP NEW HOBBIES

A few days ago, one of my sisters suggested we play table tennis using the dining table in my home. At first, I was against it, as we had no equipment to play with, but my sister suggested using my books as a makeshift net, and that's how it all began! This taught me that I should always be open to trying new things using what I already have, and not use the excuse of "but I don't have XYZ" to not give it a try.

a blessed language

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عَرَفَة

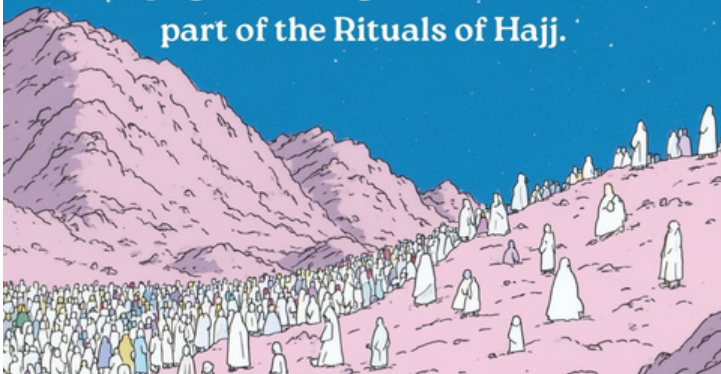
[Arafah]

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The Day of Arafah falls on the 9th day of Dzul Hijjah, one of the most sacred days from this sacred month. But *what* is Arafah and *why* is it called as such?

3/10

Arafah refers to the vast open plain located about 25 km south-east of Mecca. On the 9th of Dzul Hijjah, the pilgrims will gather here as part of the Rituals of Hajj.



4/10

Rasulullah ﷺ said:

وَوَقَفْتُ هَاهُنَا
وَعَرَفَةُ كُلُّهَا مَوْقِفٌ

"I have stayed here (near these rocks), and the whole of Arafah is a place for stay."

Muslim

5/10

As to why the
field is called
Arafah, there
are several
opinions!



6/10

first opinion

تَعَارَفَا بِهَا

ta - arafah - bi ha

It is where Nabi Adam A.S
and Sayidatina Hawa met
and got to know each
other (تَعَارَفَا بِهَا).

7/10

second opinion

عَرَفْتُ

araf-tu

It is where Jibreel AS taught
Prophet Ibrahim AS about
the ibadah of Hajj. When he
was asked: "Have you
known? (عَرَفْتُ؟)", Prophet
Ibrahim AS replied:
I have known (عَرَفْتُ).

8/10

third opinion

يَعْتَرِفُ

ya'tarif

It is where every pilgrim,
on the 9th of Dzul Hijjah,
will stand and admit
(يَعْتَرِفُ) their sins to
Allah SWT.

9/10

fourth opinion

العَرْف

al-arf

It is because the
Mount gives off a
nice scent (العَرْف).

10/10

*What is one thing we can
do on the Day of Arafah?*

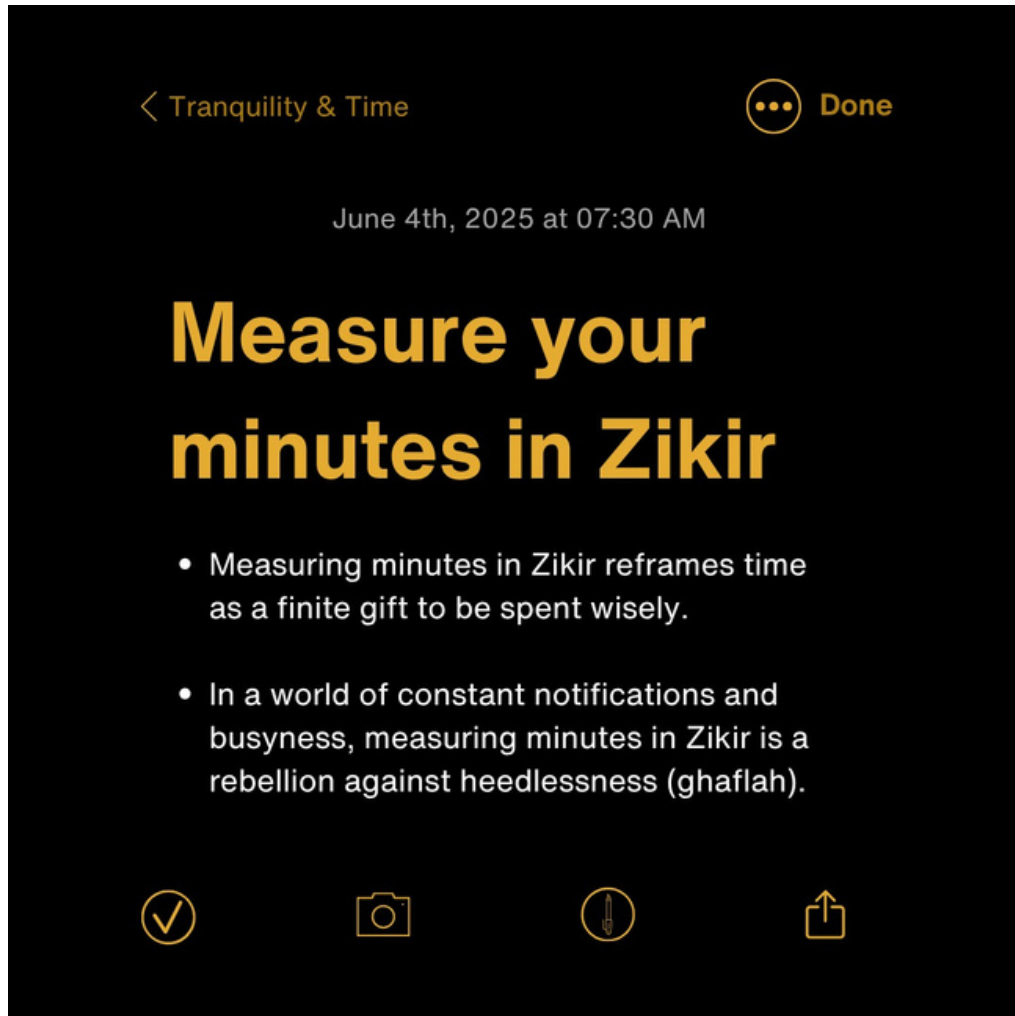
We fast!
(Only for those not on Hajj)

For “it expiates the sins
of the preceding year
and the coming year.”

Muslim

In honour of Arafah, Ustazah Maghfirah dived deeper into the different opinions of why Arafah, **is named as so!** Read on, Champs - the 4th opinion as to why it is named as such was especially cute and it made me smile!

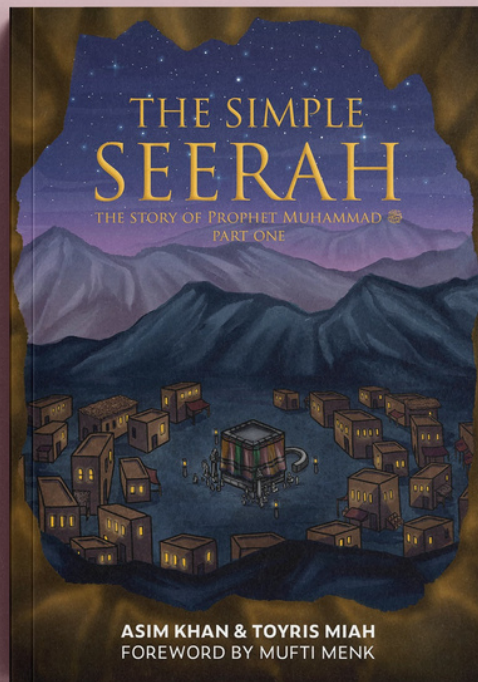
tranquility & time



With our [3x a day Zikir Calls](#) for DhulHijjah, I have been measuring my minutes in Zikir and have seen how time has expanded for me, Alhamdulillah! By embedding Zikir or litanies of Remembrance into our minutes, we can transform fleeting moments into eternal rewards.

Now, when I am contemplating whether I should be spending 10 minutes on my phone, I remind myself that the equivalent of that is the ability to call on His Name 1000 times, Subhanallah! Other examples of measuring my minutes in Zikir include: 1000 times of La illaha Illallah (~40 mins) to clean and vacuum the living room, 300 times of Istighfar (~10 mins) to boil an egg, and so on and so forth!

#areads



If anyone asks me to recommend a book of Sirah, this will be it. This book, Ma Sha Allah, is simple to understand and follow, but incredibly engaging! I believe the book has been written with the youth in mind and I love how the author draws us in by starting these three-part book series with the **death** of our beloved Rasulullah ﷺ! If you haven't get the chance to read it, don't buy (!!!) but try to borrow the book from someone else first! :)

mindset shift

ARAFAH IS
NOT JUST
A PLACE.
IT'S A
REALITY
WE ENTER.

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Champs, even if we are not standing on the plain of Arafah, we can still stand spiritually with our fellow pilgrims. So bare it all, ask from Him, and be truthful to the Gentle and Compassionate One. Spend in silent gratitude with Him and let Him hold your heart as this is the Day to sincerely respond to His Call with "Labbayk'Allah humma Labbayk"!

I am here, Allah, I am here. 🙏

ps:



Alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah, alhamdulillah Champs! Another round of Quran Khitma completed, and this time round, just in time for Arafah. May Allah SWT accept every single huruf that we recite for His sake and make His Book the most dearest thing to us always.

And with that, Champs, my team and I would like to take this opportunity to wish all of you an Eid Adha Mubarak, may it be a joyous celebration for you with all of your loved ones, Amin :)

FIN.
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