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WITH HIS RAHMAH,
WE REST.

*"We receive, recover, remember
radiate & rest all in His Rahmah"*

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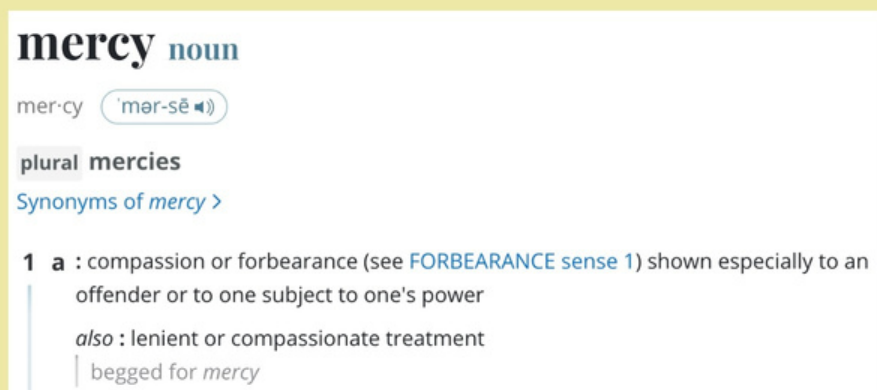
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*With His **Rahmah**,
we receive, we remember,
we recover, and we radiate.
With His Rahmah,
we return to rest.*

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

My heart always melts whenever I remember how Merciful Allah SWT is. He is **so** Merciful that He is always reminding us that He **is** ar-Rahman. Every day, when we recite the Basmala or the Fatiha, He gently guides us to remember that He is Most-Merciful because He knows just how much we forget.

I was curious to see how the dictionary defines Mercy, so I did a quick search and...



... Subhanallah, I shuddered at the definition that the dictionary gave. They defined Mercy to be **"compassion shown especially to an offender"** and that's exactly what I am - an offender, a sinner, extremely flawed.

And this repeat offender is always in need of His Mercy.

It is from His Rahmah that I receive.

And I have received so much more than I need, so much more than I deserve, and so much more than I can ever imagine.

It is from His Rahmah that I remember.

Through His constant and gentle guidance,
He has allowed me to remember my very purpose,
my true worth, and my real Destination.

It is from His Rahmah that I recover.

Without His Mercy, I would never have healed my wounds,
learned how to *seek and give* forgiveness,
or took a second chance.

It is from His Rahmah that I radiate.

For it is only through ar-Rahman that I could
experience hope, that I am able to give and
receive love, and that I can feel joy.

**And it is only through His Mercy,
that my heart could seek refuge and rest.**

Refuge from the topsy-turviness of this world,
from the expectations of His creations, and
from the anxiousness of the everyday.

Without His Mercy, I would collapse.

So I found myself asking an all-important Question...

"Ya Allah, how do I get more of your Rahmah?"

And true to His Nature, out of His Mercy, He answers:



Subhanallah. All I have to do is to listen to the Quran?

All I have to do is to choose to hear His words over the idle talk and chitter-chatters of the Dunia. To prioritise His Book over the gadgets and other worldly distractions. **To give my prime time, and not the scraps of my time, to listen to the recitation of this Blessed Quran.**

So today, and for the rest of our lives Champs, may we be drenched with His Mercy due to our prioritisation of His Book. May we be showered with His Rahmah because of our striving for His Book. May we remember that when we are listening or reciting the Quran, it is not us that is completing the Quran. **Rather, it is the Quran that completes us.** ❤️

PS: Sharing with you [our Mixtapes for the Souls](#) where you will find some of our Champs beautifully reciting some verses of the Quran. May it be a blessed companion for you today. :)

noble niyyahs



Cooking

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I intend to cook for myself and my loved ones with food that is both pure and excellent. I intend to see cooking as an **act of worship**, an opportunity to nourish the very body that will stand in prayer, and to energise the very limbs that will remember and glorify Allah SWT. **When I cook, I intend to do so from a place of Gratitude.** For I am thankful for this amanah that is my body, and to let her know that she is loved, she is safe, and that she is valued. **I cook because I choose to care.**

This is a long time coming, but... (I can't believe I'm typing this, Subhanallah) I finally see how beautiful and precious the act of cooking is. It truly is an act of healing, an act of love, and an act of service. I have told myself for the longest time that *"I don't know how to cook"*, until a very dear soul told me one day, very simply, "Kak Aida, you **do** cook and you do know how to cook!". I guess I just had to hear it from someone else. :) So here's sharing some of the intentions I try to remember to make before I switch the fire on my stove!

visual reminder



Some of you have requested that we continue our Quran Wallpapers for 2025, and I am happy to oblige! Here's next week's Visual Reminder from one of my favourite Ayahs in Surah Al-Baqarah. Champs, may we never stop striving to do **one more good deed at a time**, for no deed goes unnoticed by Al-Baseer, the All Seeing.

[Download Wallpaper Here](#)

a blessed language

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الْقُرْآنُ

[Quran]

Mentioned 70 times in the Quran

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opinion #1

root word:

ق ر أ

meaning:

to *read* or to *learn*.

synonymous to قِرَاءَة
which means *recitation*.

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إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا جَمْعَهُ وَقُرْآنَهُ
فَإِذَا قَرَأْنَاهُ فَاتَّبِعْ قُرْآنَهُ

Indeed, upon Us is its collection and
its *recitation*. So when We have recited it
[through Jibreel], then follow its *recitation*.

Quran 75:17-18

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opinion #2

*Not derived from
any word, but
solely the Name
of the Book of
Allah SWT that
was revealed
to Rasulullah ﷺ*

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ
هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ

Ramadan is the month in which the Quran was revealed as a guide for humanity with clear proofs of guidance and the decisive authority.

Quran 2:185

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*The scholars
said that this
also shows how
the Verses of
Allah SWT
will always be
recited by people.*

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PS:

5 other Names of Al-Quran:

الفرقان
(25:1)

The Criterion:
to differentiate between right and wrong.

الذكر
(21:50)

The Reminder:
For all the advices it contains to remind us about the realities of this life and the next.

الكتاب
(2:2)

The Book:
For it has been written and recorded down.

التنزيل
(26:192)

The Revelation:
For it was brought down from the skies and revealed to the Prophet ﷺ

النور
(64:8)

The Light:
For it is guidance.

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One of my intentions for 2025 (and 2024, and 2023, and *you get the picture* 😂) is to learn Arabic, so imagine my sheer delight when Ustazah Maghfirah agreed to do this new Closer segment with us where she will break down common and often repeated words in the Quran for us to understand them better, Ma Sha Allah! I love the first word Ustazah chose - "Quran"! How apt, right? Make sure you read through all 7 slides for the break down of it's meaning and I am looking forward to learning this blessed language with all of you in our future Closer edition, In Sha Allah!

road to ramadhan

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DAYS
till ramadhan

"Ya Allah, bless us in Rejab and Sha'ban and let us reach Ramadan."

aa plus

I have been enjoying our Tuesdays and Wednesdays Quran Sessions so much because it is so inspiring to see some of you ladies coming into the call, braving yourself to recite a page or to reflect on an Ayah. I love how we are all courageously vulnerable in coming to the Quran with our imperfect selves. :) No matter how tired or out of sorts I was that day, I always come out of these Quran Sessions with you ladies feeling nothing but Sakinah (tranquillity). So if you have time, even for 5 minutes, come rest with us with the Quran. It'd be lovely to have you!

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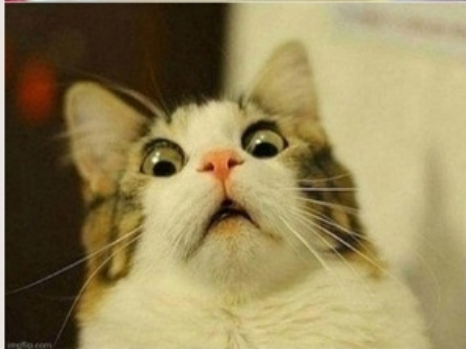
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When you realise
you still have 2 hours
before your Fajr
alarm goes off,
so you go back to
sleep.



When you wake up
again, but it's now **2
minutes before
sunrise.**

I remember one of our teachers saying, "If you find yourself waking up ***before*** your alarm rings for Fajr, that's Allah inviting you to Tahajjud Himself. Don't refuse that invitation!"

to ponder



I am a sucker for all of those "before and after" videos where people share their journey to achieving their goals. Just today, I saw a lady who started her weight-loss journey in 2021, losing about 70 kg just by doing exercises on her electric bicycle. 4 years of her journey were squeezed into a mere 30 seconds Video, but what was obvious was her sheer determination. She never gave up. Every time I watch videos or hear success stories like these, I ask myself this question: "Don't you want to see what happens if you don't give up, too?"

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