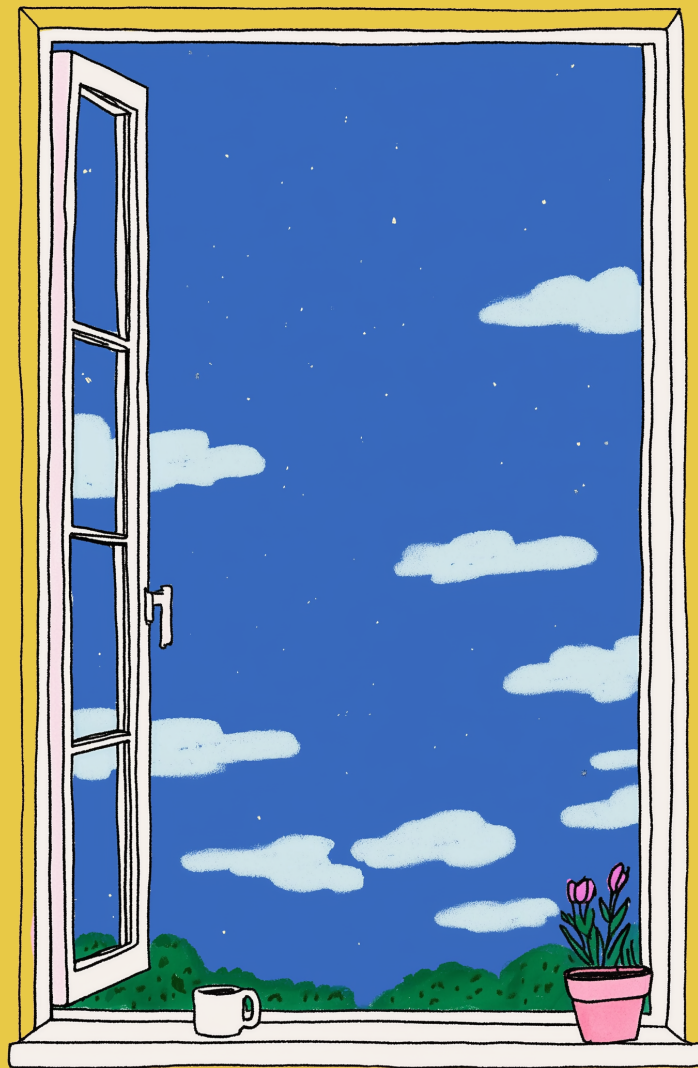


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**PRECISELY & DIVINELY PLACED:
HERE, NOT ANYWHERE ELSE.**

*Had any other condition been better for you,
Allah SWT would have placed you there.*

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by aa

your curated weekly spiritual booster delivered straight to your Inbox

*Had any other condition
been better for you
than the one in which
you are in,
Allah SWT would have
put you there.*

Assalamualaikum my Champions,

I am currently trying to quiet down the swirls of "what ifs" and "whys" that are currently stirring within my nafs. The devil happily joins in, murmuring more discontent, painting "greener pastures" that are currently beyond reach. "This can't be right," the Nafs insists, "Why can't it have been that way, not this?"

But I was taught not to fight these thoughts with anger. Rather, with the gentle and quiet power of Remembrance, of recalling Who Allah is: *Ar-Rahman*, the Most Merciful, whose Throne extends over the heavens and the earth on a foundation of compassion; *Al-Hakeem*, the All-Wise, Whose knowledge encompasses every fluttering heartbeat and unspoken dreams.

And when the tug comes - and it will come - don't clench your fists. Counter it with *Zikir* - especially with the steadying rhythm of *Alhamdulillah*.

Alhamdulillah for the breath in my lungs,
the roof over my head, the unseen blessings guarding my steps.

Champs, we are not lost.

We are not misplaced.

We are precisely and divinely placed - right here, in this exact spot, because Allah SWT, in His infinite wisdom and boundless love, chose it for us.

Breathe that in for a second.

**You're needed here,
needed now,
with all that you have,
and all that you don't.**

So today, when the murmurs rise, whisper *Alhamdulillah*. Repeatedly.
Lift your heart with du'a. And trust that His perfect plan is unfolding,
layer by merciful layer, toward something brighter than we can ever
dare dream.

And hold His promise close to you:

إِنَّ كَيْدِي مَتِينٌ

"Indeed, My planning is flawless." ([Quran 7:183](#))

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postcards from tangier



Champs, as part of our 6th year anniversary this year, we promised to gift you **"Postcards from Tangier: 33 Beautiful Du'as for Your Soul"** and Alhamdulillah, it is now ready to be shared! I had so much fun designing and curating not just the illustrations of some of my favourite places in Tangier, but also compiling the beautiful Du'as that I've been sharing all these years on Closer. PS: Try printing these out as they make perfect gifts for friends and family too!

[Download Postcards from Tangier Here!](#)

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The replay for our second part of Sirah: A Love Story is now up, Alhamdulillah! This Session covers Rasulullah ﷺ and the companions' journey through some of the major battles in Islam. And before you say, *"Ahh, I can't really relate to battles, I'm not a guy!"*, let me assure you that there are soooo many gem-worthy lessons in terms of Rasulullah ﷺ's leadership, the believer's firm Tawakkul, their loyalty towards one another, and how bonds of unity are formed through solidarity in difficult situations. I cannot wait to continue Part 3 with all of you but not before you catch up on the first two parts!

[Listen to the Replay Here](#)

the 114 club



A number of you have written in and personally messaged me to tell me you have missed the 114 Club, and I am pleased to share that we are bringing it back, especially since we are only 18 weeks away from

Ramadhan, In Sha Allah! For baby Champs, The 114 Club is essentially a session for us to come together to read one Juzuk of the Quran with the intention to complete it (Khatam) together. This time, we will have two sessions a week, with 3 different timings, all with the intention to cater to as many Champs as possible, In Sha Allah! So please come, regardless of your level of recitation, as the 114 Club is for all! PS: To see complete schedule of the 114 club Sessions, [click here](#). We start next Monday, 20th October, In Sha Allah! **#excited!**

Join The 114 Club Here

[Sync all 114 Club Sessions to your GCal Here](#)

a beautiful du'a

Ya Allah, whatever
goodness I pray for
myself every day,
please double it, and
triple it, and friple it
and pass it to _____,
Ameen.

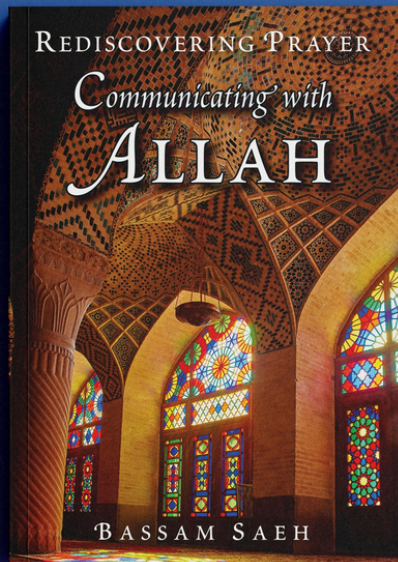
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#abeautifuldua

One of my favourite things about celebrating my birthday is receiving so many beautiful Du'as from my closest and dearest! Sharing with you one of them that made me smile incredibly wide - her Du'a had my name in it, but you can very much use the same Du'a "template" and include whoever's name you wish!

So cute, right? 😊

#aareads



I highly recommend this short but incredibly powerful book if you want to reconnect with Solah! I love it so much that I'm considering doing a Session with all of you to discuss it, especially since the theme of our next event is highly connected to the Prayer. The writer starts the book by recounting how, once upon a time, he was asked to speak at an event about Solah. When the time came, he rushed up to the podium, hurriedly and mindlessly read a few Ayahs and a couple of Hadiths that he had jotted down on a piece of paper, and then abruptly left, saying he had somewhere better to go. **#gasp** The audience was shocked and confused. After a moment, he returned to the podium and explained that his performance was no worse than the way that many of us actually pray in our daily lives. Rushing in, reciting without expression or understanding, and then rushing off again. 😞 What I love about this book is that it is filled with analogies and stories like these - again, would highly recommend!

gratitude garden

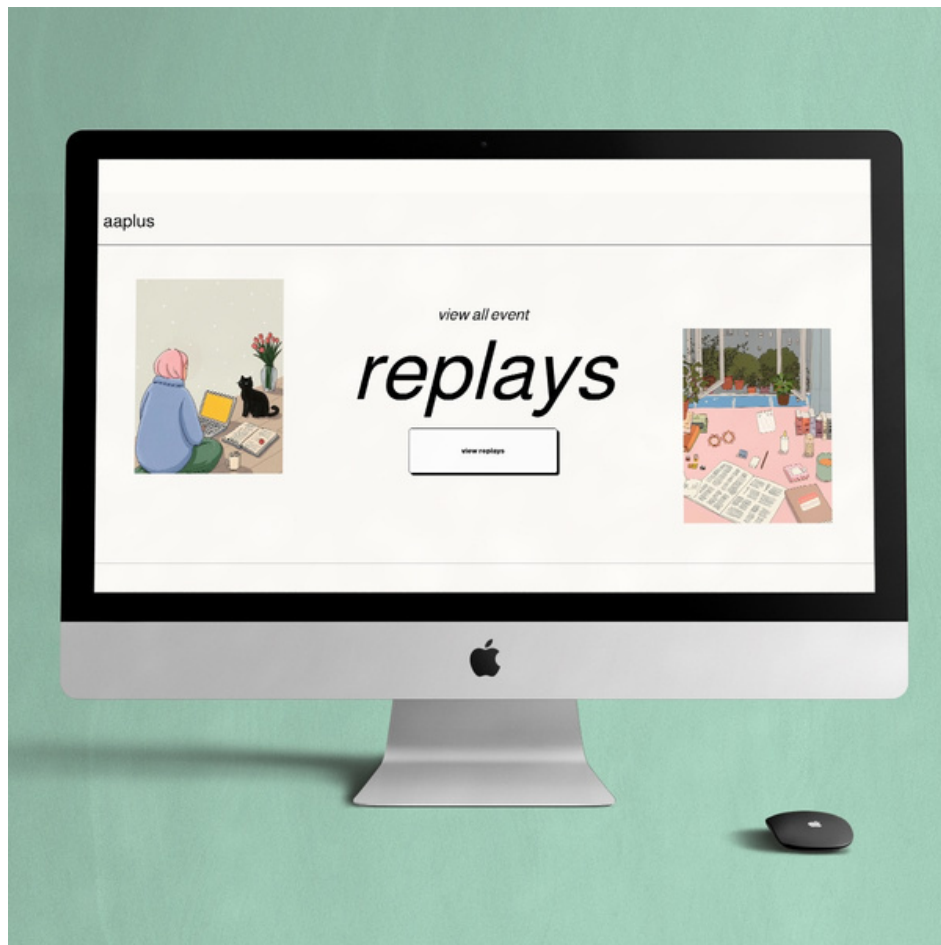


GRATEFUL FOR NEW AAPLUS EVENT!

I am extremely grateful to be working on our 4th (!!!) AA Plus Event that will focus entirely on Solah a.k.a the most important pillar of our faith! Sure, orchestrating these Sessions involves a whirlwind of details, but I'm fueled by the passion of all of you

Champs and my team, and it makes me smile knowing that through this, we can transform our Solah, and inadvertently, our lives, together, In Sha Allah! I cannot wait to share more details, but in the meantime, if there's something you REALLY want to learn about Solah, reply to this email and let me know! 🙏🌟

ps:



Champs, I am excited to share that we've featured and spotlighted our event replays on your VIP Page for easy access! If you've missed any of our recorded Sessions or want to quickly review any of our teacher-led Classes, simply head to the [VIP page](#), and you'll see all the replays with a click of a button. Have fun learning!

[Access Your VIP Page Here](#)

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