



RAMADAN MAGAZINE

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يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed to you as it was prescribed to those before you, that you may learn piety and righteousness" 2:183





A Word from the Imam ... Ramadan Mubarak!

1441/2020

Dear respected brothers and sisters,

Assalamu alaikum wa rahmat Allahi wa Barakatuh:

We ask Allah (swt) that you receive this AIC Ramadan Booklet” in the best of health and in high Islamic spirit. We ask Him (swt) to accept our fasting, prayers and good deeds. Ramadan is few days set by Allah (swt) for us as a great chance to attain righteousness. Though, it needs some effort and sacrifice to reach that divine goal and rejoice the success of this world and the hereafter.

We are grateful to Allah (swt) for making us "as one body, if any limb of it should complain, the rest of the body is called upon by restlessness and fever."

We are most grateful to Allah for making us amongst those who are witnessing this blessed month of Ramadan. Our community has grown and the opportunities for further success are abundant. We are very optimistic and ready to renew our commitment to this Deen. We pray that Ramadan will allow us to strengthen our resolve to pursue these opportunities and accomplish our community goals and aspirations.

We Ask Allah (swt) to grace us with his mercy and guide us to fast Ramadan in the best way. We ask Him to bless our community, unite our hearts, and make us among those who receive His forgiveness and redemption from the Fire.

*Remember those who are less fortunate, suffering and oppressed ...
Make sincere and constant Dua for them in this blessed Month of Ramadan*

Jazakum Allah Khair and once more, Ramadan Mubarak!

فضل شهر رمضان

: قال الله تعالى

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَمَن شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ وَمَن كَانَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَىٰ سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَاكُم وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ { (185) سورة البقرة

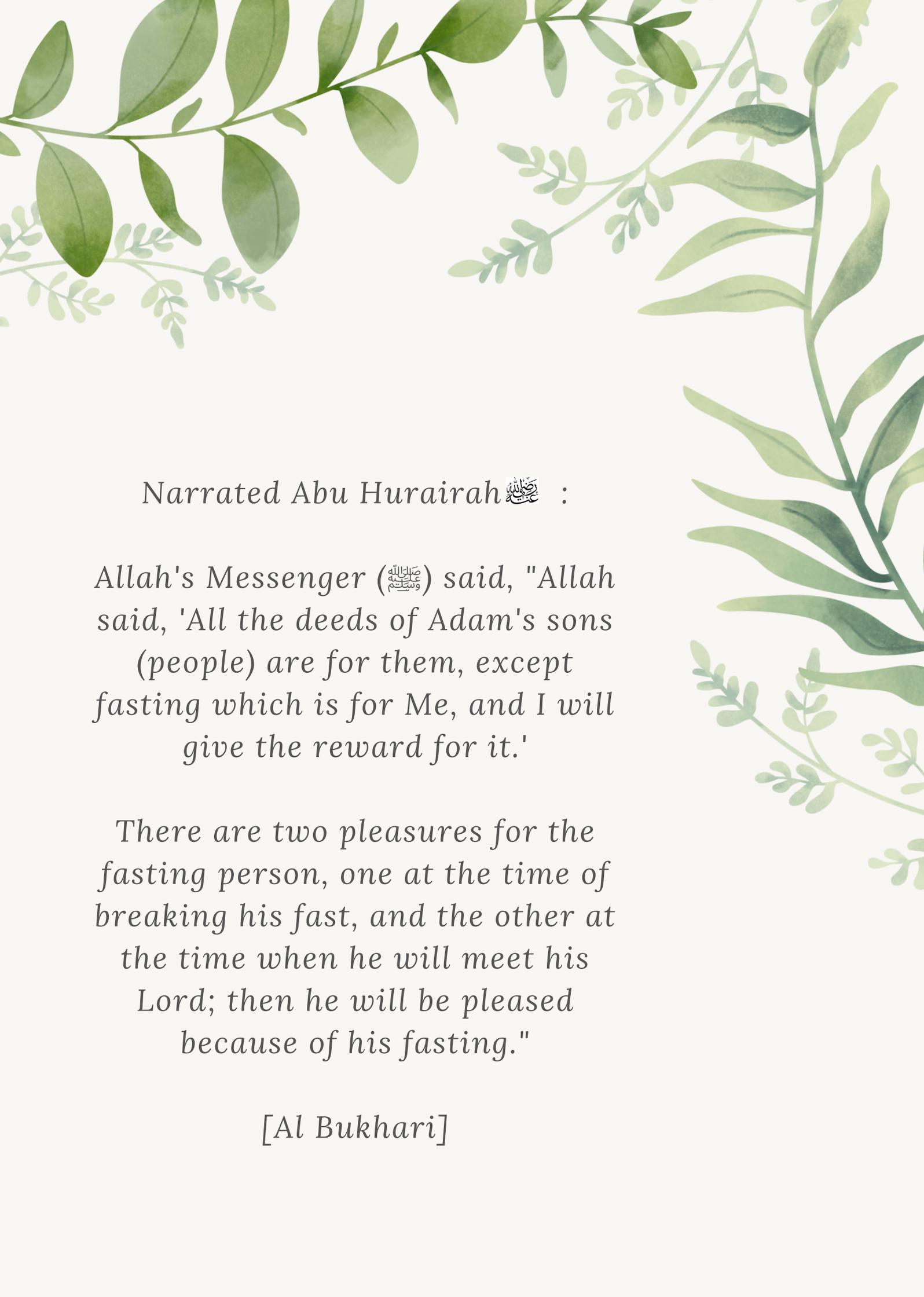
فضل الله تعالى شهر رمضان على كثير من الشهور و جعله أفضل شهور العام ففرض فيه الصيام و أنزل فيه القرآن و فية ينزل القدر و تغفر الذنوب و يعتق الله عز و جل من يريد من النار و فية تصفد الشياطين و هو شهر البركة و شهر الأرحام ، و فية ليلة هى خير من ألف شهر و فيه قال صلى الله عليه وسلم : الصوم جنة، فإذا كان يوم صوم أحدكم فلا يرفث ولا يصخب، فإن سابه أحد . أو قاتله فليقل: إني امرؤ صائم)) :: رواه البخاري ومسلم

وقال أيضا صلى الله عليه وسلم : ((من قام رمضان إيمانا واحتسابا غفر له ما تقدم من ذنبه)) :: رواه البخاري ومسلم :: و كان صلى الله عليه و سلم أجود الناس ، وكان أجود ما يكون في رمضان ، كان أجود ((بالخير من الريح المرسلة)) :: متفق عليه :: ، وقال صلى الله عليه وسلم : ((أفضل الصدقة في رمضان

فهذا يبين لنا مدى فضل هذا الشهر الكريم و كيف يتقبل فيه الله عز و جل جميع الطاعات و الخيرات و يأمر الناس بصله الارحام فقد فرض الله عز و جل الصيام فيه لعدة اسباب منها زيارة الرحم و الشعور بالفقر إلى الله عز و جل و الشعور بعزة العبادة و لذتها ، كما أن الرسول صلى الله عليه و سلم كان يعتكف العشر الأخير من رمضان و قال الذى لا ينطق عن الهوى صلى الله عليه و سلم ((عمرة في رمضان تعدل حجة)) :: أخرجه البخاري .

فما اعظم هذا الشهر و ما اعظم العبادة فيه ، و عن النبي صلى الله عليه و سلم انه قال لما حضر رمضان ((قد جاءكم شهر مبارك افترض عليكم صيامه تفتح فيه ابواب الجنة و تغلق فيه أبواب الجحيم و تغل فيه ، :: الشياطين ، فية ليلة خير من ألف شهر ، من حرم خيرها فقد حرم)) :: رواه أحمد و النسائي و البيهقي

و عن النبي صلى الله عليه و سلم قال ((الصلوات الخمس و الجمعة إلى الجمعة و رمضان إلى رمضان مكفرات لما بينهن إذا اجتنبت الكبائر)) :: رواه مسلم :: ، و عن ابى سعيد الخدرى رضى الله عنه قال : قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم ((من صام رمضان و عرف حدوده و تحفظ مما كان ينبغى ان يتحفظ منة ، كفر ما قبله)) :: رواه أحمد :: و عن ابى هريرة رضى الله عنه قال : قال رسول الله صلى الله عليه و سلم ((من صام رمضان إيمانا و إحسابا غفر له ما تقدم من ذنبه)) :: رواه أحمد و أصحاب السنن .



Narrated Abu Hurairah رضي الله عنه :

Allah's Messenger (صلى الله عليه وسلم) said, "Allah said, 'All the deeds of Adam's sons (people) are for them, except fasting which is for Me, and I will give the reward for it.'

There are two pleasures for the fasting person, one at the time of breaking his fast, and the other at the time when he will meet his Lord; then he will be pleased because of his fasting."

[Al Bukhari]

RAMADAN AGENDA

Activities Schedule



- Daily lecture and Quran recitation at 9:30pm -
Link to join:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/836111717?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/836111717?pwd=TGZpVUUyYbFpZVGI2dWVlVzJ3TEpMdz09)
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- Ramdan trivia with gifts during lecture time
- Quran memorization competition for age groups up to 15 years and above
- Special youth time – Islamic Research Project
- Special kids program – Saturday and Sunday at 12 noon
- A recorded [morning adhkar](#), [night adhkar](#) and [lftar dua](#)
- Intensive program during last ten days of Ramdan
- Special program for Laylatul Qadr
- Fajr Halaqa' - Four days a week (Mon, Wed, Fri, Sat) at 5:30am covering the rules of tajweed and lessons from verses of the Quran - Link to join:
[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/717116220?](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/717116220?pwd=NXZzQ3lHUm9ZbS94NXVVRGZlWHhTQT09)
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- Qiyam Al-Layl (Night prayer) during last 10 days - Listen to Qiyam Al-Layal prayers, with recitation of three pages.
- Fatwa hotline - for any questions from Fajr to Magreb, contact (216)258-1962
- Individual who wants to review Quran can reach Sheikh directly at (216)258-1962

Our theme for this Blessed Month of Ramadan: **Live the Quran**

هل لديك شعاراً رمضانياً ؟

فكل مسلم يجب أن يكون لديه شعار في العبادة ،نأخذ كمثال موسى عليه السلام فقد كان شعاره "العبادي"وعجلت إليك ربي لترضى .
ضع شعاراً عبادياً تحفيزياً لك برمضان مثل (رمضاني (الأفضل) أو (سأعبدك يارب كما لم أعبدك من قبل

فهذا الشعار يساعدنا على إبقاء الدوافع بداخلنا لزيادة إنتاج صومنا وذلك من خلال خمسة أعمال وهي كفالة أرملة أو يتيم،ملازمة أوراد الحمد والشكر بعد كل طعام وشراب،تبني شخص ومساعدته،إصلاح بين متشاحنين،أو إفطار صائم

لاحظ أن جميع هذه الأعمال سهلة جدا ولكن صعوبتها تأتي على حسب رغبة الإنسان وقوة دافعه على العطاء

لنخطط معاً لرمضان مختلف لهذه السنه ومن يدري لعله آخر رمضان في حياتنا كم من أناس كانوا معنا في رمضان الماضي والان تحت التراب .

اللهم ارحم أمواتنا وأموات المسلمين
اللهم يالله يا حي يا قيوم يا بديع السموات والأرض يا ذا الجلال والأكرام بارك لنا في ما تبقى من شعبان و بلغنا رمضان اللهم آمين .



PROPHET'S RAMADAN KHUTBA

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Assalamu'Alaikum

The following khutba was delivered by Prophet Muhammad (s) on the eve of Ramadan. It is short but concise, informative and educational. It provides instructional models to Muslims to be followed and to be practised in their daily lives; especially during the month of Ramadan. Due to its importance and because it was spoken by the Prophet Muhammad (s) himself on a notable occasion, the meaning of the khutba was translated and included for all of us to develop a greater understanding behind the true meaning of Ramadan.

It was narrated by Salman the Persian (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Messenger of Allah (s) delivered a khutba on the last day of Sha'ban (on the eve of Ramadan). The Prophet (s) said: "O you people! A great and a blessed month has arrived for you. A month therein a night which is better than one thousand months. The fasting during this month is an obligation (Fareedah), and the extra prayers during its nights are voluntary. Anyone who comes closer to Allah through a good deed during this month is as if he performed an obligatory duty (Fareedah) during times other than Ramadan, and he who fulfils an obligatory duty in it will be like one who fulfils seventy obligatory duties in another month. It is the month of patience, and, the reward of patience is Paradise. It is the month of visiting of the poor, the sick and the needy so as to share their sorrows. It is the month where the nourishment, the sustenance and the income of the believing Muslim increase and they are blessed."

"Anyone who invites others to break their fast at Iftar will be provided with forgiveness of his sins and be saved from hell, and will receive reward equal to the fasting person without reducing his own reward in any respect."

Some of the followers of the Prophet (s) said: "Not all of us may find food

to share with one so that he could break his fast." The Prophet said: "Allah will reward you even if you help the fasting Muslim to break his fast with a date, a sip of water, or a drink of milk . . . it is a month: its beginning is Mercy (Rahmah), and its middle part is Forgiveness (Maghfirah) and its last part is freedom from hellfire. Anyone who helps a slave to be freed, Allah will forgive him and free him from Hell. Increase in yourselves four characteristics: two by which you will please your Lord, and two others by which you cannot live without.

The first two qualities to please Allah, are to bear witness that there is no one worthy of worship except Allah, and to ask forgiveness from Allah. However, the other two things that you cannot live without are: to ask Allah for Paradise and to ask Him to protect you from Hellfire.

"It is the month of patience and the reward of patience is paradise"

Anyone who gives water to a Muslim at Iftar, Allah will give him water during the Day of Judgment from the fountain of the Prophet Muhammad (s) which will make him not feel thirsty till he enters Paradise."

Dear brothers and sisters in Islam, in bringing this khutba to your attention, we hope and pray to Almighty Allah that we will benefit from it and we will act according to the teachings of Muhammad (s). May Allah help us to live and follow this example so that Allah and His Messenger will be pleased with us all.

Ameen.

حَيْرَ الْكَافِرِ مَا قُلَّ وَكَوَلَّ

"We hear and we obey." And those are the successful. And whoever obeys Allah and His Messenger and fears Allah and is conscious of Him — it is those who are the attainers. (24:51-52)

When it all starts to makes sense

SUCCESS is constantly being re-defined by others. We are bombarded by images, messages and social cues. Theories and training on what to do, what not to do, what to say, what not to say, what to think and what not to think. A confusing time when you have no central point to refer back to. No directions, no instruction manual, no explanations of why things happen or examples of how to handle situations. Like a ship in the ocean being thrown about by waves and drawn along by undercurrents.

In a time when there is so much chatter, so much talk. Become quiet, listen and reflect.

What does Allah ﷻ our creator, tell us about success? What does He tell us about our purpose, our tests and our final destination? Who did He send us as an example to follow?

We are so easily influenced; a whole industry has been built to understand how this happens, how your emotions and behaviour can be manipulated for good and bad. Emotions that are exploited to make you desire or repel an object or an action. So how do we maintain control of ourselves and reduce our vulnerability?

Understand and humble yourself to recognise your own weaknesses. You will feel unsure unless you are taking your knowledge

from a source that is without doubt. We have been blessed with guidance through the Qur'an and the authentic Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ. We have been blessed with scholars who are able to help us clarify our understanding and provide advice on situations when we are in confusion.

The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, "When Allah ﷻ wishes good for someone, He bestows upon him the understanding of Deen." [Al-Bukhari, Muslim]

Re-framing is a technique used in behavioural therapy to consider a situation from a different perspective. Are we viewing our life, and the situations around us from an Islamic perspective? The schemas (thoughts) that you have and the values you live by, where have they originated from, who taught you them? You will not know they are correct unless you seek knowledge of your deen. Listen to and learn from our scholars and imams. We seek to be people that are successful by means of everlasting success, not the temporary attention, glamour or praise received in this life.

You will find the courage and determination within yourself, by fulfilling the rights of Allah in your acts of worship and by fulfilling the rights of others. Do not allow the Shaytaan to distract you or divide you. By the mercy of Allah, you will be successful, so keep on going. **IRM**

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Ramadan



رمضان كريم

		Suhr End Time	Dhuhr	Asr	Iftar	Isha
1	24, Fri	5:07 AM	1:19 PM	5:07 PM	8:09 PM	9:31 PM
2	25, Sat	5:05 AM	1:19 PM	5:07 PM	8:10 PM	9:32 PM
3	26, Sun	5:03 AM	1:19 PM	5:07 PM	8:11 PM	9:34 PM
4	27, Mon	5:02 AM	1:18 PM	5:08 PM	8:12 PM	9:35 PM
5	28, Tue	5:00 AM	1:18 PM	5:08 PM	8:13 PM	9:37 PM
6	29, Wed	4:58 AM	1:18 PM	5:08 PM	8:14 PM	9:38 PM
7	30, Thu	4:57 AM	1:18 PM	5:09 PM	8:15 PM	9:39 PM
8	01, Fri	4:55 AM	1:18 PM	5:09 PM	8:16 PM	9:41 PM
9	02, Sat	4:53 AM	1:18 PM	5:09 PM	8:17 PM	9:42 PM
10	03, Sun	4:52 AM	1:18 PM	5:09 PM	8:18 PM	9:43 PM
11	04, Mon	4:50 AM	1:18 PM	5:10 PM	8:19 PM	9:45 PM
12	05, Tue	4:49 AM	1:17 PM	5:10 PM	8:20 PM	9:46 PM
13	06, Wed	4:47 AM	1:17 PM	5:10 PM	8:21 PM	9:48 PM
14	07, Thu	4:46 AM	1:17 PM	5:10 PM	8:22 PM	9:49 PM
15	08, Fri	4:44 AM	1:17 PM	5:11 PM	8:23 PM	9:50 PM
16	09, Sat	4:43 AM	1:17 PM	5:11 PM	8:24 PM	9:52 PM
17	10, Sun	4:41 AM	1:17 PM	5:11 PM	8:25 PM	9:53 PM
18	11, Mon	4:40 AM	1:17 PM	5:11 PM	8:26 PM	9:54 PM
19	12, Tue	4:38 AM	1:17 PM	5:12 PM	8:27 PM	9:56 PM
20	13, Wed	4:37 AM	1:17 PM	5:12 PM	8:28 PM	9:57 PM
21	14, Thu	4:36 AM	1:17 PM	5:12 PM	8:29 PM	9:58 PM
22	15, Fri	4:34 AM	1:17 PM	5:12 PM	8:30 PM	10:00 PM
23	16, Sat	4:33 AM	1:17 PM	5:13 PM	8:31 PM	10:01 PM
24	17, Sun	4:32 AM	1:17 PM	5:13 PM	8:32 PM	10:02 PM
25	18, Mon	4:31 AM	1:17 PM	5:13 PM	8:33 PM	10:04 PM
26	19, Tue	4:29 AM	1:17 PM	5:13 PM	8:34 PM	10:05 PM
27	20, Wed	4:28 AM	1:17 PM	5:14 PM	8:34 PM	10:06 PM
28	21, Thu	4:27 AM	1:17 PM	5:14 PM	8:35 PM	10:08 PM
29	22, Fri	4:26 AM	1:17 PM	5:14 PM	8:36 PM	10:09 PM
30	23, Sat	4:25 AM	1:17 PM	5:15 PM	8:37 PM	10:10 PM



FASTING AND YOUR HEALTH

Healthy Food:

Complex carbohydrates are foods that will help release energy slowly during the long hours of fasting. Complex carbohydrates are found in grains and seeds, like barley, wheat, oats, millets, semolina, beans, lentils, whole meal flour, basmati rice, etc. Fiber-rich foods are also digested slowly and include bran, cereals, whole wheat, grains and seeds, potatoes with the skin, vegetables such as green beans and almost all fruit, including apricots, prunes, figs, etc.

Iftar:

This meal could include dates, following the Prophetic traditions. Dates will provide a refreshing burst of much-needed energy. Fruit juices will also have a similar, revitalizing effect. The meal should remain a meal and not become a feast! Try to minimize the rich, fatty dishes that traditionally celebrate the fast.

Suhoor:

The pre-dawn meal should be a wholesome, moderate meal that is filling and provides enough energy for many hours. It is therefore particularly important to include slowly-digesting foods in the suhoor.

O Allah help me...

- Control my eating, sleeping
- Quit smoking
- Not over eat
- Eat healthier
- Exercise to keep fit

RAMADAN REGISTER & TRACKER OF GOOD DEEDS

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30	31
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My Ramadan Checklist

Tick ✓ boxes every day to record your good deeds in Ramadan

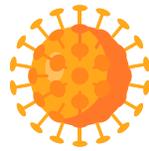
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I fasted today																														
I prayed all my 5 prayers																														
I read the Holy Qur'an																														
I prayed Tarawih																														
I gave charity (Even a smile)																														
I prayed tahajjud																														
I spoke the truth																														
I wasn't mean and didn't fight																														
I helped my mum and dad																														
I was nice to my brother/sister																														

EID MUBARAK

My name is _____ and these are the good deeds I did to please Allah during Ramadan



CORONAVIRUS



WHAT WE KNOW

ABOUT THE VIRUS

Coronavirus disease 2019 COVID-19

The virus causes a mild to severe respiratory illness. How the virus spreads isn't yet fully known. **IT'S LIKELY SPREAD THROUGH:**



OR

**TOUCHING A SURFACE WITH VIRUS ON IT
AND THEN
TOUCHING YOUR MOUTH, NOSE OR EYES**

Droplets of fluid that a person coughs or sneezes into the air

SYMPTOMS

2 days



14 days

Incubation time period



Fever



Cough



Trouble Breathing



Severe respiratory illness and in some cases, death

PREVENTION

Wash your hands or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer often



Avoid touching your eyes, nose, and mouth



Don't have contact with people who are sick. Avoid crowds.



Clean surfaces often with disinfectant



WHO IS AT RISK?

If you've been to a place where people have been sick with this novel coronavirus, you are at risk for infection



CALL YOUR HEALTH CARE PROVIDER IF:

You've been in close contact with a person known to have novel coronavirus and you have a fever, cough, or difficulty breathing

FEVER COUGH TROUBLE BREATHING
You have these symptoms and you live in or have recently traveled from an area with ongoing spread of novel coronavirus

So is the COVID-19 a punishment

The closest precedent to this question may be when Aishah, the wife of the Prophet, asked him about the plague. He responded, “It is a punishment that Allah sends upon whomever He wills, but Allah has made it a mercy for the believers. Any servant who resides in a land afflicted by plague, remaining patient and hoping for reward from Allah, knowing that nothing will befall him except what Allah has decreed, will be given the reward of a martyr.” Although the coronavirus is not technically the plague, they share in being infectious diseases with painful symptoms that may be fatal. Therefore, it is reasonable to use the Prophet’s explanation about the plague to understand the coronavirus.

What does the Prophet’s answer teach us? First, we learn that the plague can be a punishment or a mercy. In light of our previous conversation, it may be considered a compassionate reprimand intended to return people to the path of righteousness. This is supported by Ibn Hajar, who explains that the punishment mentioned in the aforementioned hadith has been expedited in this world before the afterlife. He argues that the plague is the direct result of widespread moral corruption in society. However, at both the societal and individual level, it may end up being a further punishment or a mercy. How can this be? When the Prophet clarified that Allah made it a mercy for the believer, the plague becomes an individual punishment conditional on one not having *īmān* or responding inappropriately.

Thus, the coronavirus (or the plague) may be a great mercy and blessing for the believer who exercises patience, appropriately quarantines him or herself, hopes in reward from Allah, and accepts that whatever happens is from Allah’s divine decree. Such a believer may be rewarded with the gift of martyrdom. Thus, the test of this affliction may be a means of forgiveness, elevation of rank, and the reward of martyrdom for the believer.



Duas during the Month of Ramadan

When Breaking Fast:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي لَكَ صُومْتُ وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ [وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ] وَعَلَى رِزْقِكَ أَفْطَرْتُ

Transliteration:

Allahumma inni laka sumtu wa bika aamantu [wa 'alayka tawakkaltu]wa 'ala rizq-ika aftarth

Translation:

“Oh Allah, I fasted for You and I believe in You and I break my fast with Your sustenance.”

When breaking fast in someone's home:

أَفْطَرَ عِنْدَكُمْ الصَّائِمُونَ وَأَكَلَ طَعَامَكُمْ الْأَبْرَارُ، وَصَلَّتْ عَلَيْكُمْ الْمَلَائِكَةُ

Transliteration:

aftara 'indakum-us-saa'imoona wa akala ta'aamakum-ul-abraaru, wa sallat 'alaykum-ul-malaa'ikah

Translation:

‘May the fasting break their fast in your home, and may the dutiful and pious eat your food, and may the angels send prayers upon you.’



Sunnah & Du'a for Ramadan

Break fast with dates or water

"When any one of you breaks his fast, let him break it with dates. If he cannot find dates, then let him break it with water, for it is a means of purification." [Sunan Ibn Majah]

Hasten breaking of fast

"The people will remain upon goodness so long as they hasten to break the fast. Hasten to break the fast, for the Jews delay it." [Sunan Ibn Majah]

Du'a when breaking fast

ذَهَبَ الظَّمَأُ، وَابْتَلَّتِ الْعُرُوقُ، وَثَبَتَ الْأَجْرُ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ

"The thirst is gone, the veins are moistened, and the reward is established—if Allah wills." [Abu Dawood]

In seeking Laylat ul-Qadr

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاغْفِرْ عَنِّي

"Allah, you are the Forgiving and love to forgive, so forgive me." [Tirmidhi]

It is recommended to recite this du'a regularly, particularly (but not only) in the last ten days of Ramadan – by day and night.

Lailat-ul Qadr -

THE NIGHT OF POWER

In the Name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful,

“And I (Allah) have not created the jinn and mankind except that they should worship Me (alone)”.

[Surah Adh-Dhariyat 51:56].

Abu Hurairah (raa) reported that the Messenger of Allah (s) said: "Whoever performs the night prayer on the night of Al-Qadr with *Eman* (firm belief) and seeking reward will have all his past sins forgiven."

This hadeeth is evidence for the virtue of the night of Al-Qadr as well as performing *qiyaam* (night prayer) during it, as it indicates that it is a grand night, which Allah has honored and made better than a thousand months, with regard to its blessing and the blessings found in the righteous deeds that are performed in it. Due to this, whoever performs *qiyaam* (night prayer) with true faith and while seeking reward in it, will be forgiven his past sins. There were certain verses revealed in the Quran concerning the virtues of this great night:

Allah says: "We sent it (the Quran) down on a blessed night. Verily We are Ever-Warning. Therein (on that night) is decreed every matter of ordainment" (44:3-4) .

Therefore, it is a "blessed night" meaning it possesses much good and blessing due to its merit and the great reward that awaits the one who does good deeds in it. Among its blessings, is that Allah revealed the Quran in it. Allah says:

"Verily, We have sent it (the Quran) down in the night of Al-Qadr. And what will make you know what the night of Al-Qadr is? The night of Al-Qadr is better than a thousand months. Therein descend the angels and the *Rooh* (Jibreel) by their Lord's permission with all decrees. (All that night) there is peace, until the appearance of dawn" (97:1-5).

Ibn Katheer (*rahimahullaah*) said concerning Allah's saying: "Therein descend the angels and the *Rooh*": "This means that the descending of the angels increases during this night due to the vast amount of its blessings. The angels descend along with the descent of blessing and mercy, just as they descend during the time when the Quran is recited and encompass the gatherings in which Allah is remembered and spread their wings for the true seeker of knowledge, out of respect for him."

This night occurs only in Ramadan, since Allah revealed the Quran in it. He informs us that its revelation occurred during the month of Ramadan in His saying: "Verily, We have sent it (the Quran) down in the night of Al-Qadr." (97:1) and therefore marked the beginning of the twenty-three year period in which Allah (swt) revealed the Quran to Muhammad (s) and to the rest of mankind.

Thus, this is a grand night, which Allah has chosen for beginning the revelation of the Quran. Therefore, it is of paramount importance that every Muslim acknowledge its weight in worth, by guarding it and spending it in worship whilst having firm conviction and seeking the reward of Allah, in order that Allah may forgive all of his previous sins. It was for this very reason why the Prophet (s) warned us about being heedless of this night and being neglectful of spending it in worship, for the Muslim would be prevented from its good.



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