

# Ramadan





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# Ramadan, what exactly is it....?



- Ramadan is a month of mercy, forgiveness, and blessings from Allah. In this month, we fast and recite the Qur'an abundantly.
- Ramadan means "intense heat" because it burns the sins of the believers.



 Ramadan is a time for the soul to get nourished, just like our bodies get nourished daily.

 It is a month where we exercise beautiful patience. And the reward for patience is Jannah!







The reward for a Nafl act is upgraded to the reward of a Fard act. (Sahih Ibn Khuzaima)

The reward for a Fard act is multiplied by 70 times! (Sahih Ibn Khuzaima)

Ramadan's beginning is a mercy, its middle is forgiveness and its end is freedom from Jahannam. (Sahih Ibn Khuzaima)



### "THE RAMADAN LOSER"

The loser is the one who allows Ramadan to pass without receiving forgiveness from Allah! We must ask for forgiveness for our sins frequently in Ramadan.

# Virtues of the Qur'an in Ramadan

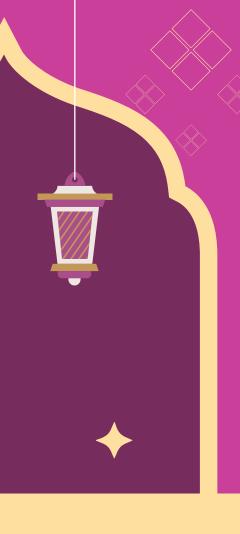


شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ ٱلَّذِى أَنزِلَ فِيهِ ٱلْقُرْءَانُ (Qur'an 2:185)

Ramadan is the month Allah chose to reveal the Qur'an, the Guidance for mankind!



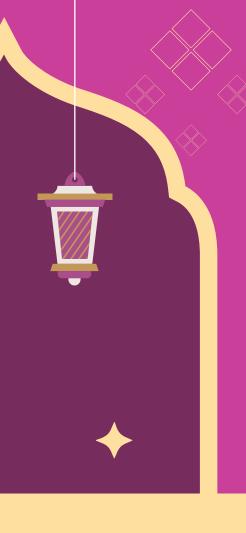
The reward for reading the Qur'an generally is 10 good deeds for every letter recited. However, that reward is multiplied greatly in Ramadan!



One of the greatest deeds we can perform in Ramadan is reciting the Qur'an abundantly by looking inside the Mushaf, reciting from memory, or reciting in prayer!

How special are maktab children who recite Qur'an throughout the year, especially in Ramadan!





Sawm- means to refrain from food and drink from Subh Sadiq until sunset.

Whoever fasts with Iman and hoping for reward, his previous (minor) sins will be forgiven. (Bukhari)

Fasting is a shield from the Hell-Fire. (Ibn Majah)

People who kept fasts often, will enter through a special gate called Ar Rayyan in Jannah. (Bukhari)

Fasting is beneficial physically, spiritually, and morally.

# Balancing school and Ramadan

How to make the most of Ramadan with the commitments of school.





#### How to balance school and Ramadan?

- Sleep well!
- Eliminate Distractions!
- Use weekends and holidays to study more and complete homework and assignments.
- Eat Suhoor!
- Inform your teacher that you'll be fasting.
- Remember that completing Fard actions and keeping a good intention before any action goes a long way, especially when we may not have time for extra nafl actions because of school.







### Dua for breaking the fast

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ صُمْتُ وَعَلَى رِزْقِكَ أَفْطَرْتُ

O Allah! For You I have fasted and upon your provision, I have broken my fast. (Abu Dawud)



### **Dua after Iftar**

دَّهَبَ الظَّمَأُ وَابْتَلَّتِ الْعُرُوقُ وَتَبَتَ الأَجْرُ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ

Thirst is gone, the veins are moistened and the reward is certain if Allaah wills.

(Abu Dawud)



## A dua for the last ten nights of Ramadan

(Tirmidhi) اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُقٌ نُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

O Allah! You are all-pardoning. You love to pardon. So pardon me.



The dua of a fasting person is not rejected!

Therefore we must make plenty of dua in Ramadan for ourselves, our loved ones, our future, our deen, our forgiveness, and anything else we wish for!



Once we realize that Allah answers duas in different ways, we will always make dua whether we immediately get what we want or not. There are 3 ways Allah answers our duas:

- 1) Allah quickly gives us what we asked for
- Allah uses that dua to push away an evil that was destined for us.
- 3) Allah gives us what we asked for in Jannah (Ahmed)

## Fasting

Types of Fasting and its rulings







Fasting helps us appreciate Allah's blessings.

Fasting helps us empathize with the less-fortunate.

#### Suhoor



It may be tempting to sleep in and skip Suhoor, but Allah has placed a lot of blessings in Suhoor. Additionally, eating Suhoor makes fasting easier.

Allah and His angels send peace and blessings on the people that eat Suhoor. (Ahmed)

We can eat a small amount, or a larger amount or even a sip of water for Suhoor.

We should also spare some time when we wake up for Suhoor to make dua and pray Tahajjud Salaah.







Duas: We should make duas at the time of Iftar as they are not rejected. (al-Targhib)

Eating: Although we're probably extremely hunger for Iftar, we should avoid overeating so we can still stand for Taraweeh prayer after Isha.

It is best to break the fast with dates and water, and then other foods if we wish. (Tirmidhi)

Contemplating: We should thank Allah for the Iftar food, as millions of Muslims around the world eat a simpler Iftar, if any Iftar at all, than what we're used to.





Types of Fasts: Can you guess the days of fasting for each category?

#### Fard:

**Entire month of Ramadan** 

Sunnah:

9th & 10th of Muharram, Day of Arafah

Mustahab:

Mon/Thur, 13th, 14th, 15th of each Islamic month

Haraam:

Eid Al Fitr, Eid Al Adha, and three days after Eid Al Adha.



#### Rulings (1)



Fasting in Islam means to refrain from food or drink with a fasting intention from Subh Sadiq (true dawn) until Sunset.

A person traveling before the time of Fajr is excused from fasting, but must make up the days (Qada) that he missed. However, if he is able to, he should keep the fast.

A person who is sick is exempted from fasting.

A person who is dying of hunger and thirst is exempt from fasting.



#### Rulings (2): Forgetfully, Mistakenly, and Deliberately

Forgetfully consuming something while fasting- For example, a person drinks water forgetting they are fasting. This doesn't break the fast. Therefore, there is no qada, and no kaffarah.

Mistakenly consuming something- For example, if someone mistakenly ate before the fast was over or someone mistakenly ate after the fast had started. In this case, there is Qada.

Deliberately breaking the fast. Consuming anything intentionally without a valid reason- qada and kaffarah.

Qada- must make up the fast at another time.

Kaffarah- Must keep fasts for 60 days consecutively.



#### Quiz Part 1:



**Using Miswak?** 

No

**Applying Itr?** 

No

**Vomiting unintentionally?** 

No

**Vomiting Intentionally?** 

Yes, Qada necessary

**Using Eye Drops?** 

No



Quiz: Part 2

Taking an injection?

No

"Forgetfully" eating or drinking while fasting?

No

**Swallowing Saliva?** 

\*No, but collecting saliva, and then swallowing it

is makrooh!

Water Entering Ears?

No







Taraweeh means to take a short rest, which is what we do after every four rakats, before praying the next four.

Virtues of Taraweeh: A Sunnah of the Prophet SAW, and a way of getting all of our (minor) sins forgiven.

Taraweeh is 20 rakaats and it is preferable to offer Taraweeh at the masjid. It is also preferable to complete the entire Qur'an during Taraweeh.





Many people donate generously in the month of Ramadan.

Some people give their Zakah in the month of Ramadan because of the multiplied reward.

Most people give their Sadaqatul Fitr in Ramadan, so it reaches the poor before Eid.



A great way to spend in charity is to feed fasting people. "Whoever feeds a fasting person, will have the same reward as the person fasting." (Tirmidhi)

This can be as simple as providing milk, water, and dates!



### l'tikaf





I'tikaf means to remain "somewhere". For men, it means to remain at the masjid for a period of time. For women, it means to remain at a certain place in ◆ their home, that is dedicated for worship.

Nafl l'tikaf can be intended anytime of the year, when entering the masjid.

Sunnah l'tikaf, is intended in the last 10 nights of Ramadan to ensure the reward of Laylatul Qadr.

People recite Qur'an, pray many Salaahs, perform dhikr, and learn Islamic knowledge during Itikaaf.

# Virtues of Laylatul Qadr

### When is Laylatul Qadr?

aylatul Qadr Better than: 1,000 nights! (83 years of worship)



It could be any of the last 10 odd-nights, not necessarily the 27th night.

We should worship Allah on all 10 nights to guarantee the reward for Laylatul Qadr.



- Give Charity
- Make Dua
- Recite Quran
- Pray Maghrib, Isha, Taraweeh, and Fajr in congregation.
- Make Dhikr

If we spend even one hour every night doing worship, in sha Allah we will be guaranteed the reward for Laylatul Qadr!

Alhumdulillah! We just learned a lot about the greatest month of the year, Ramadan.

May Allah swt make this Ramadan, the best yet!



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