

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ذِي الْفَضْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ، مَنْ عَلَيْنَا بِالْعَشْرِ الْأَوَّخِرِ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيُّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَحَبِيبُهُ، خَيْرُ مَنْ قَامَ وَصَامَ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ،
وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, the Bestower of favours and blessings who granted us the last ten (nights) of Ramadan. I bear witness there is no deity but Him, having no partners. I also testify that our Master Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. The best of His creation, the closest to Him. The best of servants who prayed and fasted. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

أَهْلُ الْجَنَّةِ عِشْرُونَ وَمِائَةٌ صَفٌّ ثَمَانُونَ مِنْهَا مِنْ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ وَأَرْبَعُونَ مِنْ سَائِرِ الْأُمَمِ

The people of Paradise are one hundred and twenty rows, of which eighty are from this Ummah and the other forty are from all the other nations. (At-Tirmidhi)

- A great favour that Allah ﷻ conferred on the *Ummah* of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ making them the heirs of paradise even though lifespans are short
- How is it that a nation who takes custodianship of the earth in its final days, whose lifespans are but a blink of an eye inherit Paradise?

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ﴿٢﴾ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ

Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree. And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree? The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months. (97:1-3)

- **Reflect on this for a moment:** The Kings of Kings, the Most Generous, widens His expansive Mercy to such an extent that He recompenses the worship of one night with the reward of a lifetime's
- Two *rak'ah* performed in this night will exceed the reward of more than 83 years
A pound spent in charity in this night will exceed the reward of more than 83 years
A verse from the Qur'an in this night will exceed the reward of more than 83 years

تَنْزَلُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ﴿٤﴾ سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ﴿٥﴾

*The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter.
Peace it is until the emergence of dawn. (97:4-5)*

- The Night of al-Qadr is the night where angels descend in abundance with peace and tranquillity, carrying the destinies of people for the coming year

إِنِّي أُرِيتُ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ فَأُنْسِيْتُهَا فَالْتَمِسُوهَا فِي الْعَشْرِ الْأَوَاخِرِ فِي الْوَتْرِ "

"I have been shown Laylatul-Qadr, then I was caused to forget it, so seek it in the last ten nights, on the odd-numbered nights." (Ibn Majah)

- The 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th and the 29th night. The highly popularised and well founded opinion of the 27th is based on the oath taken by the Companion Ubay b. Ka'b رضي الله عنه
- Ibn Taymiyyah stated that, ***'the believer should seek it in all of the last ten days'*** and Imam al-Nawawi stated, ***'the Night of al-Qadr moves.'***
- So what should we invoke in this night like no other night?

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O Allah! Verily, You are the Oft-Forgiving, You love to forgive, so forgive me. (At-Tirmidhi)

وَكَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ يَجْتَهِدُ فِي الْعَشْرِ الْأَوَاخِرِ اجْتِهَادًا لَا يَجْتَهِدُهُ فِي غَيْرِهَا، فَكَانَ يُحْيِي لَيْلَهُ، وَيُوقِظُ أَهْلَهُ، لِأَنَّ فِيهَا لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ، الَّتِي أَعْلَى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى قَدْرَهَا، وَرَفَعَ مَنْزِلَتَهَا، وَأَنْزَلَ فِيهَا الْقُرْآنَ الْكَرِيمَ

The Prophet ﷺ used to strive hard in the last ten of Ramadan more than in any other times. He would pray at night and wake up his family for prayer because the Night of Decree falls in one of those nights.

إِنَّ هَذَا الشَّهْرَ قَدْ حَضَرَكُمْ، وَفِيهِ لَيْلَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ، مَنْ حُرِمَهَا فَقَدْ حُرِمَ الْخَيْرَ كُلَّهُ، وَلَا يُحْرَمُ خَيْرَهَا إِلَّا مَحْرُومٌ

'This month has come to you, and in it there is a night that is better than a thousand months. Whoever is deprived of it is deprived of all goodness, and no one is deprived of its goodness except one who is truly deprived'." (Ibn Majah)

مَنْ قَامَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ، إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا، غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

"Whoever spends the night of Laylat Al Qadr in prayer out of faith and in the hope of reward, he will be forgiven his previous sins." (Muttafaq)

Checklist: Do I'tikaf | Recite The Qur'an | Reflect | Dhikr of Allah Abundantly | Repent Sincerely | Perform Extra Salah | Donate Generously | Reconnect Family Ties |

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