

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَاسِعَ الْعَفْوِ عَظِيمِ الْأَجْرِ، أَكْرَمَنَا بَلِيَّةِ الْقَدْرِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ؛ حَتَّىٰ عَلَىٰ اغْتِنَامِ الْعَشْرِ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ
عَلَىٰ سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَىٰ مَنْ
تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَىٰ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, the Possessor of vast forgiveness, the Endower of great rewards. He honoured us with the Night of Decree. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. He urged Muslims to make best use of the (last) ten (days of Ramadan). May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon our Master and Prophet Muhammad, his family and all of his companions and those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

- Ramadan is truly a liberating month for Muslims. With the onslaught of modernity & capitalism, the dehumanising demands of technology and the cult of self-worship and instant gratification; Ramadan offers **Three R's: Reverence, Restraint and Responsibility**.
- لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ Learning to be more God-conscious, is related to **Ta'zim – “Reverence”**. Ramadan renews our **reverence** of God by **venerating** the His commands and **respecting** His limits (Hudud). Ramadan is designed to remove our detachment from the Dunya and from the Nafs to become more faithful to our Lord and Humanity.
- وَإِنْ تَصَبَرُوا وَتَتَّقُوا فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ مِنْ عَزْمِ الْأُمُورِ Modernity is about pandering to the Nafs. **“Free Yourself”, “Be Yourself”, “Indulge Yourself”**, is modernity's holy trinity. Ramadan offers self-restraint and control.
- وَأَقِيمُوا الْوَزْنَ بِالْقِسْطِ Ramadan also teaches us responsibility – particularly to the world's poor and hungry. to compel us to help and support them. Responsibility to the world, water, food, and resources we consume without measure throughout the year.
- Ramadan is a gift of freedom, empowerment & reform from Allah ﷻ

- As Ramadan departs, **Don't Miss** the last opportunity to be forgiven.
- The **Goal** of every Muslim is to be saved from Hell, no one wants to go to Hell. No matter how sinful you are, turn to Allah ﷻ sincerely.

- **AL-TAWWAAB**, the one who guides His servants to repent and accepts their repentance'. **AL-GHAFOOR** 'The One who forgives', **AL-GHAFFAAR** 'The Oft-Forgiving', & Al-'Afuww 'The One who pardons'

قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ وَأَنِيبُوا إِلَىٰ رَبِّكُمْ وَأَسْلِمُوا لَهُ مِن قَبْلِ أَن يَأْتِيَكُمُ الْعَذَابُ ثُمَّ لَا تُنصَرُونَ

“Say: O my Servants who have transgressed against their souls! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah: for Allah forgives all sins: for He is Oft-Forgiving, Most Merciful. Turn to your Lord repentant, and surrender to Him, before there come to you the doom, when you cannot be helped.”

- Hadith Qudsi “O Son of Adam, as long as you invoke Me and ask of Me, I shall forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not mind. O Son of Adam, were your sins to reach the clouds of the sky and you then asked forgiveness from Me, I would forgive you. O Son of Adam, were you to come to Me with sins nearly as great as the Earth, and were you then to face Me, ascribing no partner to Me, I would bring you forgiveness nearly as great as it [too].”

“Indeed your Rabb has reserved certain special moments in time (in which He emits abundant/special mercy). Be sure to avail yourselves for these opportunities.”

- **With Layla tul Qadr we must actively prepare & seek this night.**

كَانَ النَّبِيُّ يُجْتَهِدُ فِيهَا مَا لَا يَجْتَهِدُ فِي غَيْرِهَا، فَيُكْثِرُ مِنْ عَمَلِ الصَّالِحَاتِ، وَيُسَارِعُ إِلَى الْخَيْرَاتِ؛ لِيُذْرِكَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ - فَ(لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ - مَنْ قَامَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا، غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

- 1. Offer Isha and Fajr Salah in congregation**
- 2. Sleep in the state of wudu**
- 3. Abstain from sin**
- 4. Clear your heart from ill-feelings towards fellow Muslims.**
- 5. Salatut Tasbih**
- 6. Tawbah**
- 7. Dhikr**
- 8. Salawat on Rasulullah**
- 9. Tilawat of Quran**
- 10. Du'a**