

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي مَنَّ عَلَيْنَا بِلَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ، وَجَعَلَ ثَوَابَهَا خَيْرًا مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ،
تَنْزِلُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ فِيهَا بِالرَّحْمَاتِ، وَالْخَيْرِ وَالْبَرَكَاتِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، رَبُّ الْأَرْضِ وَالسَّمَوَاتِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ وَسَلَّمَ وَبَارَكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ،
وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praises are due to Allah Who has honoured us with the Night of Qadr and has made its reward greater than a thousand months. A night in which Angels descend with mercy, goodness and grace. And I bear witness, with every facet of my being, that there is nothing worthy of absolute love and adoration, except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no competing second in that One-ness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Master, our Prophet, Muhammad, is the perfect example of servant hood unto Allah, and His sent Messenger unto the entire universe.

The difference between an **Ordinary** and **EXTRAORDINARY** person is that they can spot an opportunity and seize it with both hands. **Apple, Google, Facebook, all saw an opportunity and took it.** Each and every day Allah gives believers amazing opportunities - **RAMADAN IS FULL OF THEM.**

Rabi'ah ibn Ka'b was a poor Companion. He was homeless and didn't possess much. Yet he would spend his days and nights serving the Prophet. In recognition of this service, the Prophet asked Rabi'ah what he wanted, Rabi'ah could have asked for anything, for a person who has nothing, everything is valuable. He could have asked for a home, money. However, Rabi'ah realised he has a **UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY** to ask anything from the Prophet, so he said, **"O MESSENGER OF ALLAH, I WANT YOUR COMPANIONSHIP IN PARADISE."**

The Prophet said to his Companions, **"From my nation, a group of 70,000 will enter Paradise without accounting or punishment."** When 'Ukashah heard this, he said, **"O Messenger of Allah, ask Allah to make me from them, & the Prophet did so.** 'Ukashah had the foresight and presence of mind to **SPOT AN OPPORTUNITY AND TAKE IT.** Another man then stood up and said, **"O Messenger of Allah, ask Allah to make me from them too."** The Prophet replied, **"UKASHAH BEAT YOU TO IT."**

As we enter into the last ten nights of Ramadan, let us seek Allah's reward and bounty. Let us spend what remains of these last few days exploring opportunities for rewards and seeking **LAYLAT AL-QADR**.

This is the night, from **Maghrib to Fajr**, which is **MORE** valuable than a **1000 Months**, more valuable than **83 YEARS AND 4 MONTHS**. A donation worth **£1 is MORE VALUABLE** than donating £1 every day for 30,000 days!

The night in which the book of guidance, mercy, blessings and peace descends along with the angels to the first heaven.

The night in which Allah descends after the 1st third of the night and says

"I am The King. Who is there to supplicate to Me so that I may answer him. Who is there to ask Me so I can give him. Who is there asking Me to forgive, so that I can forgive him." (Sahih Muslim)

...All of that greatness continues until dawn, until Fajr

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ تَحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

Allah **AL-AFUWW** will **ERASE** and wipe out your sins in a way that no traces remain in your book of records. He will answer your call and grant you what you need and much more.

Ramadan and Eid are the most important holidays of our religion, but are we as parents putting enough effort into them? Living here in the UK, Ramadan and Eid can look dull in comparison to Christmas, Halloween, Easter, etc. There is very little to no recognition of Muslim holidays outside of our homes and Masajids.

- Decorate Your Homes To Welcome Eid**
- Get Your Children To Prepare Cards 7 Gifts**
- Take Your Children Early To Eid Salah – Get The First Row**
- Eat before you leave home**
- On route to the Eid prayer read the Eid Takbeers together**
- Pay Sadaqa tul Fitr & Donate Generously**
- Return via different route**
- Teach them the spirit of giving by handing out candy or small gifts**

Making Eid exciting for children isn't just about lights and fun, it also about building a lasting Muslim identity. In a time when Islamophobia and discrimination are the norms, we can use our holidays as opportunities to strengthen our faith, identity, Deen & holidays.