

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا  
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ.

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

*O believers! Fasting is prescribed for you—as it was for those before you—so perhaps you will become mindful of Allah.*

[Surah Al-Baqarah (2): 183]

Alhamdulillah we have reached the blessed month of Ramadan. Allah gave us another opportunity to take advantage of this month. So, what is the purpose of this month? Allah says in the Quran, in the ayah, I just recited from Surah Baqarah, that fasting is not a new concept. It has been there before. In fact, almost all religions have some concept of fasting. Even science now tells us how healthy it is. So there is the physical benefit of it. However, Allah says in the ayah that the reason



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it's prescribed is because we **may perhaps** attain Taqwa. So what is Taqwa? The word Taqwa comes from the root word waqaya, which means to protect. And Taqwa is to protect ourselves by always being mindful of Allah. Whether it's his fear or the mindfulness of HIM, which in turn protects us from sins. In this month, Allah creates an environment which makes it easy for us to attain Taqwa. However, Allah says perhaps, which means it's not a guarantee and it's His wish whom he grants it. So, how do we increase our chances of attaining Taqwa?

1. Be sincere. Realize the power of La Ilaha Illah, there is no God but Allah. And that we are created to worship him.
2. Improve the quality of fasting. Learn its ruling and try to perfect your fast, both physically and spiritually. How do you become a better person and Muslim?
3. Increase and perfect your salah.
4. Increase the recitation of the Quran, both from pure recitation perspective as well as understanding the Quran.
5. Finally, increase your donations. Remember every reward in Ramadan is increased 10 folds.

May Allah give us the ability to take full advantage of this month.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلِكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ،  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

Sit Down

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ  
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ.



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Dear Muslims, Insha'Allah let's make a niyah to take full advantage of Ramadan. This year Ramadan will be different due to COVID. On the flip side, we have extra time on our hand. Use this time to improve your relationship with Allah and attain his mindfulness.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، ﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ  
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ ، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴾ . اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ  
الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ يُزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُ يُغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُواهُ يَجْعَلْ  
لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَخْرَجًا . وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

**Stand for prayer**



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