



RAMADAN: HOPE FOR A BRIGHTER DAY

Bright is the hope of a
better tomorrow,
O Ramadan, how you
make me happy!

In the essence of di-
vine love I want to
lose myself,
Of this there is no
doubt!

By the grace of God,
Ramadan has come to
grace our life
Filling it with the bless-
ings and favours of
God

O God, how merciful
You are to have made
me witness such days
of joys,
To be constantly seek-
ing You and to be
deeply connected to
You,

How fortunate I am I
cannot tell,
Sinner though I may
be,
But you have coupled
my weaknesses with
Your might,
Making me the es-
sence of Your love.

O God, the blessed
month of Ramadan has
come,
I live by Your com-
mand and need to die
for Your cause,
Embrace this sinner
and make her Yours,
By the blessings prom-
ised to the faster,
Let this servant of
Yours achieve You by
Your infinite Mercy!
Ameen.

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(The Signs of Certitude)

The Blessed Month of Ramadhan

“O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may guard (against evil).” (Quran 2:184)

The month of Ramadhan is the ninth month of the Islamic calendar; it's a unique month, throughout which Muslims all over the world observe a unique kind of fast known as *sawm*. They are to go without food, drink, intimate relationships, from sunrise to sunset. Moreover, the Muslim is commanded to act and speak in accordance to the prescriptions of Almighty, in that which he must behave in the most appropriate manner so as not to nullify his *sawm* by indulging in evils, such as gossip, backbiting, mischief, vain talks, smoking, laziness, and all kinds of immoral activities.

Who should observe *sawm* in this Holy Month? All healthy Muslims adults are to observe fasting. Sick people, travellers, mothers-to-be and ladies breastfeeding their children are exempted from it, but they have to replace the missing fasts later on. If they are unable to do so, due to serious health problems, then they have to pay *fidya*. This term is better explained in the following verse: "...but whoever among you is sick or on a journey, then (he shall

fast) a (like) number of other days; and those who are not able to do it may effect a redemption (*Fidya*) by feeding a poor man; so whoever does good spontaneously it is better for him; and that you fast is better for you if you know.” (Quran 2:185)

What deeds are encouraged during this Blessed Month? The Muslim believers are commanded to spend in charity, preferably in great amount for this month's blessings are worth it. Those who can afford can spend as swiftly as the wind, while the middle class ones are encouraged to sacrifice some of their share and spend it in the path of God, for in return they shall have multitudinous blessings and favours from God. Indeed, what little they spend shall be returned to them plentifully, for God is most certainly gracious towards His sincere servants.

Who are those whom God accepts the *sawm* in Ramadhan? Very often people think that if they just go without food and drink or even cigarettes throughout the month, it is sufficient for them. They can even go without performing any acts of worship, just eating before dawn and merrily after the breaking of the fast in the evening. This is not the philosophy of Ramadhan.

The Holy Month is for those who are god-fearing, who are pure in mind and soul and who are desirous to obey the commands of the Creator all through and through. They are the ones who feel the hardships of their less fortunate brothers, sisters and children and contribute to ameliorate their state of living, not only during this blessed month, but they view it as a boon to carry on doing this good act for the rest months of the year. They are those who implement the teachings of the Quran and the Sunnah (practice) of the Holy Prophet of Islam so as to make a difference in the world, ameliorating their own standard of living in the eyes of the Almighty by feeling compassion for others and act upon it.

The true and sincere, the true Muslims therefore shall be driven to doing such acts which are meritorious, not for the eyes of people, but for the eyes of their Creator, with the desire to see Him one day in complete submission and deep love. They are those whom God has said: *“All the deeds of the son of Adam are for him: the good deeds will be multiplied ten times to seven hundred times, except fasting, which is for Me*

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and I will reward for it accordingly. He abandons his (sexual) desire, food and drink for Me.' Verily, there are two joyous and pleasurable moments for the fasting person: one at the time of breaking his fast, and the other is when he will meet his Lord (in the Hereafter). Verily, the unpleasant odour emanating from the mouth of the fasting person is better in the sight of Allah than the scent of

musk." (Books of Hadiths: Bukhari & Muslim)

So Muslims should maximise good deeds in this Holy Month, vying each other in this spiritual spirit of competition to obtain the pleasure of Allah, to gain His nearness and love and be rewarded God Himself as their recompense. May God accept the fast of His sincere servants and may this Month bring in its wake many more blessings

for the Muslims and for all people of the world, for the world needs our prayer. We want it or not, but humanity is in danger, and it is only man's repentance and return back to the sincere worship of His Creator that he shall be spared from all calamities sizzling his life in many ways and forms.

RAMADHAN MUBARAK!

*Hazrat Khalifatullah
Munir A. Azim*



"Dear Sisters, the Spirit of Ramadhan is found in piety, god-fearingness & devotion to the cause of Truth—Allah looks not at the bodily postures and deprivations only but looks at the heart, with what intention the acts of worship have been done" -

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Momeneen Sadr
Saheba Fazli Amena*

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The Signs of "Laila tul Qadr"

The Laila-tul-Qadr is the "Night of Power, Decree and Determination" mentioned by Allah in the Holy Quran. There is no beautiful way more than which is described in the Holy Quran about such a blissful night. It is in this special night that the Holy Quran was revealed and as mentioned in the Chapter Al-Qadr (Ch.97), angels and even the Angel of Revelation descend on such a night. According to the Quran, the Night of Power is worth a thousand month of blessings.

The Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to go in a spiritual retreat (Ittikaaf) in the middle ten days of Ramadhan in search of the Night of Power. He told all those who had stop their Ittikaaf to go back into the mosque to look for the Night of Power in the last ten days of Ramadhan. In a sermon which he delivered to them, he said that he

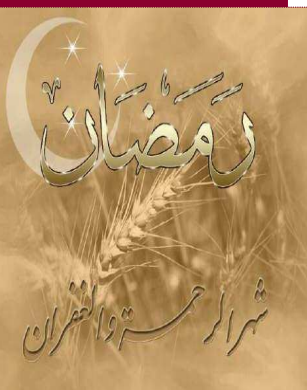
was informed of the date of the "Laila-tul-Qadr" but was caused to forget it. Then he said that he saw himself in his dream prostrating in mud and water in the morning of that night. Then he told them to seek the blessings of this night in the last ten and odd days of Ramadhan. At the time of the sermon, there was no trace of clouds in the sky, when suddenly at night, while the prophet and his companions were in prayer, a heavy rain fell, and the roof of the mosque which was made of leaf stalks and date-palms leaked and wet the worshippers in such a way that the Prophet's forehead and nose was marked with mud and rain water, as per the realization of his dream, indications of the signs of "Laila-tul-Qadr" for the Prophet.

Several other companions of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) made several dreams and all their dreams resem-

ble in the fact that the Night of Power is situated in the last seven nights of Ramadhan, and the Prophet himself confirmed it.

Each sincere Muslim believer, as per the directives of the Quran and the Prophet of Islam must look for this special night in deep concentration and with love for Allah and hope for His Mercy. Those who succeed in witnessing the signs of the Night of Power are really lucky indeed, and should be immensely grateful to their Lord, and neglect not His worship for the remaining days till the next Ramadhan. Those who fear and love Allah and hope to accede to His nearness, should observe all the commands of Allah contained in the Holy Quran and work their way towards having God Himself as their Goal and Reward. *Insha-Allah*. Ameen.

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30 Du'as for each blessed day of Ramadan

(1) O Allah, on this day make my fasts the fasts of those who fast (sincerely), and my standing up in prayer of those who stand up in prayer (obediently), awaken me in it from the sleep of the heedless, and forgive me my sins, O God of the worlds, and forgive me, O one who forgives the sinners.

(2) O Allah, on this day, take me closer towards Your pleasure, keep me away from Your anger and punishment, grant me the opportunity to recite Your verses (of the Qur'an), by Your mercy, O the most Merciful.

(3) O Allah, on this day, grant me wisdom and awareness, keep me away from foolishness and pretention, grant me a share in every blessing You send down, by Your generosity, O the most Generous.

(4) O Allah, on this day, strengthen me in carrying out Your commands, let me taste the sweetness of Your remembrance, grant me, through Your graciousness, that I give thanks to You. Protect me, with Your protection and cover, O the most discerning of those who see.

(5) O Allah, on this day, place me among those who seek forgiveness. Place me among Your righteous and obedient servants, and place me among Your close friends, by Your kindness, O the most Merciful.

(6) O Allah, on this day, do not let me abase myself by incurring Your disobedience, and do not strike me with the whip of Your punishment, keep me away from the causes of Your anger, by Your kindness and Your power, O the ultimate wish of those who desire.

(7) O Allah, on this day, help me with its fasts and prayers, and keep me away from mistakes and sins of the day, grant me that I remember You continuously through the day, by Your assistance, O the Guide of those who stray.

(8) O Allah, on this day, let me have mercy on the orphans, and feed [the hungry], and spread peace, and keep company with the noble-minded, O the shelter of the hopeful.

(9) O Allah, on this day, grant me a share from Your mercy which is wide, guide me towards Your shining proofs, lead me to Your all encompassing pleasure, by Your love, O the hope of the desirous.

(10) O Allah, on this day, make me, among those who rely on You, from those who You consider successful, and place me among those who are near to you, by Your favour, O goal of the seekers.

(11) O Allah, on this day, make me love goodness, and dislike corruption and disobedience, bar me from anger and the fire [of Hell], by Your help, O the helper of those who seek help.

(12) O Allah, on this day, beautify me with covering and chastity, cover me with the clothes of contentment and chastity, let me adhere to justice and fairness, and keep me safe from all that I fear, by Your protection, O the protector of the frightened. *Continue on Pg.4*

“O Allah, Lord of Mercy, pour down Your rich blessings & favours in the hearts of the members of the Jamaat UI Sahih Al Islam, & make us all prosper in Your deep Love. May this blessed month of Ramadan be for us the continuation of a pure journey to You, in Your complete obeisance. Ameen

Munir A. Azim

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Hadiths on “Laila tul Qadr” (The Night of Decree)

It is reported from ‘Aa’ishah, the wife of the Holy Prophet (peace be upon him) that she said: “O Messenger of Allaah! What if I knew which night Lailatul-Qadr was, then what should I say in it?” He said: “Say: *Allaahumma innaka ‘affuwun tuhibbul ‘afwa fa’fu ‘annee.*” – O Allah You are the one who pardons greatly, and loves to pardon, so pardon me.” (Tirmidhi, Ibn Majah)



Narrated from ‘Aa’ishah (ra) who said: “The Prophet (peace be upon him) used to tighten his waist-wrapper (izaar) – (meaning detached himself from his wives in order to worship, and exerted himself in seeking Lailatul-Qadr), spend the night in worship, and wake the family in the last ten nights.” (Bukhari, Muslim)

Narrated By ‘Ubada bin As-Samit : The Prophet came out

to inform us about the Night of Qadr but two Muslims were quarreling with each other. So, the Prophet said, “I came out to inform you about the Night of Qadr but such-and-such persons were quarreling, so the news about it had been taken away; yet that might be for your own good, so search for it on the 29th, 27th and 25th (of Ramadan).” (Bukhari)



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SAYINGS OF THE PROMISED MESSIAH
HAZRAT MIRZA GHULAM AHMAD (AS)

“The verse: The month of Ramadan is the month in which the Quran began to be revealed (2:186) indicates the greatness of the month of Ramadan. The *Sufis* have recorded that this is a good month for the illumination of the heart. One who observes the fast has frequent experience of visions in this month. The *Salat* purifies the spirit and the fast illumines the heart. The purification of the spirit means that one may be delivered from the passions of the self that incite to evil; and the illumination of the heart means that the gates of vision may be opened so that one may be able to behold God.” (Malfoozat: Vol. IV, p.256-257).

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(13) O Allah, on this day, cleanse me from impurities and dirt, make me patient over events that are decreed, grant me the ability to be pious, and keep company with the good, by Your help, O the beloved of the destitute.

(14) O Allah, on this day, do not condemn me for slips, make me decrease mistakes and errors, do not make me a target for afflictions and troubles, by Your honour, O the honour of the Muslims.

(15) O Allah, on this day, grant me the obedience of the humble expand my chest through the repentance of the humble, by Your security, O the shelter of the fearful.

(16) O Allah, on this day, grant me compatibility with the good, keep me away from patching up with the evil, lead me in it, by Your mercy, to the permanent abode, by Your Lordship, O the God of the worlds.

(17) O Allah, on this day, guide me towards righteous actions, fulfil my needs and hopes, O One who does not need explanations nor questions, O One who knows what is in the chests of the (people of the) world. Bless Muhammad and his family, the Pure.

(18) O Allah, on this day, awaken me with the blessings of its early mornings, illuminate my heart with the brightness of its rays, let every part of my body follow its effects, by Your light, O the illuminator of the hearts of those who

know.

(19) O Allah, on this day, multiply for me its blessings, and ease my path towards its bounties, do not deprive me of the acceptance of its good deeds, O the Guide towards the clear truth.

(20) O Allah, on this day, open for me the doors of the heavens, and lock the doors of Hell from me, help me to recite the Qur'an, O the One who sends down tranquillity into the hearts of believers.

(21) O Allah, on this day, show me the way to win Your pleasure, do not let Satan have a means over me, make Paradise an abode and a resting place for me, O the One who fulfils the requests of the needy.

(22) O Allah, on this day, open for me the doors of Your Grace, send down on me its blessings, help me towards the causes of Your mercy, and give me a place in the comforts of Paradise, O the one who answers the call of the distressed.

(23) O Allah, on this day, wash away my sins, purify me from all flaws, examine my heart with (for) the piety of the hearts, O One who overlooks the shortcomings of the sinners.

(24) O Allah, on this day, I ask You for what pleases You, and I seek refuge in You from what displeases You, I ask You to grant me the opportunity to obey You and not disobey You, O One who is generous with those who ask.

(25) O Allah, on this day, make me among those who love Your friends, and hate Your enemies, following the way of Your last Prophet, O the Guardian of the hearts of the Prophets.

(26) O Allah, on this day, make my efforts worthy of appreciation, and my sins forgiven, my deeds accepted, my flaws concealed, O the best of those who hear.

(27) O Allah, on this day, bestow on me the blessings of *Lailatul Qadr*, change my affairs from (being) difficult to (being) easy, accept my apologies, and decrease for me [my] sins and burdens, O the Compassionate with His righteous servants.

(28) O Allah, on this day, grant me a share in its *Nawafil* (recommended prayers), honour me by attending to my problems, make closer the means to approach You, from all the means, O One who is not preoccupied by the requests of the beseechers.

(29) O Allah, on this day, cover me with Your mercy, grant me in it success and protection, purify my heart from the darkness of false accusations, O the Merciful to His believing servants.

(30) O Allah, on this day, make my fasts worthy of appreciation and acceptance, according to what pleases You, and pleases the Messenger, the branches being strengthened by the roots, for the sake of our leader, Muhammad, and his purified family. Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds. *Ameen*