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Newsletter

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"Invite with wisdom and beautiful preaching to the way of your Lord and convince them the best way" (Al-Qur'an 16:125)

Ramadan in the Quran and Sunnah

"O you who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, that you may become Al-Muttaqun (the pious).

(Fasting) for a fixed number of days, but if any of you is ill or on a journey, the same number (should be made up) from other days. And as for those who can fast with difficulty, (i.e. an old man, etc.), they have (a choice either to fast or) to feed a poor person (for every day). But whoever does good of his own accord, it is better for him. And that you fast, it is better for you if only you know." (2:183-84)

"The month of Ramadan in which was revealed the Quran, a guidance for mankind and clear proofs for the guidance and the criterion (between right and wrong). So whoever of you sights (the crescent on the first night of) the month (of Ramadan), he must fast that month, and whoever is ill or on a journey, the same number (of days which one did not fast must be made up) from other days.

Allah intends for you ease, and He does not want to make things difficult for you. (He wants that you) must complete the same number (of days), and that you must magnify Allah for having guided you so that you may be grateful to Him" (2: 185).

THE HADITH ON FASTING

The Prophet (SAW) said: Whoever fasts during Ramadan with faith and seeking his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven. Whoever prays during the nights in Ramadan with faith and seeking his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven. And he who passes Lailat al-Qadr in prayer with faith and seeking his reward from Allah will have his past sins forgiven (Bukhari, Muslim).

The Prophet (SAW) said: If anyone omits his fast even for one day in Ramadan without a concession or without being ill, then if he were to fast for the rest of his life he could not make up for it (Bukhari).

The Prophet (SAW) said: Many people who fast get nothing from their fast except hunger and thirst, and many people who pray at night get nothing from it except wakefulness (Darimi).

When to start fasting

The Prophet (SAW) said: Do not start fasting unless you see the new moon, and do not end fasting until you see it. If the weather is cloudy then calculate when it should appear (Bukhari, Muslim).

The Suhoor meal (which is eaten before dawn)

The Prophet (SAW) said: Take the Suhoor meal, for there is blessing in it (Bukhari, Muslim).

Breaking your fast

The Prophet (SAW) said: Break your fast with dates, or else with water, for it is pure (Abu Dawud, Tirmidhi).

Fasting during a journey

Aisha (RA) related that Rasulullah was asked whether one should fast when on a journey, and he replied: Fast if you like, or postpone it if you like (Bukhari, Muslim).

Behavior while fasting

The Prophet (SAW) said: If a person does not avoid false talk and false conduct during Siyam, then Allah does not care if he abstains from food and drink (Bukhari, Muslim).

Forgetfully eating or drinking while fasting

The Prophet (SAW) said: If anyone forgets that he is fasting and eats or drinks he should complete his Siyam, for it is Allah who has fed him and given him drink (Bukhari)

Providing for those who are breaking the fast

The Prophet (SAW) said: He who provides for the breaking of the Siyam of another person earns the same merit as the one who was observing Siyam without diminishing in any way the reward of the latter (Tirmidhi).

The prophet (SAW) Generosity

The Prophet (SAW) was the most generous person in giving away what he owned, and he would never look at something as being either too big or too insignificant to give up for the sake of Allah.

Nobody would ask him for anything except that he gave it to them, regardless of how big or small it was. He gave things away in a way that made it seem that he never feared poverty. Generosity and charity were the most beloved things to him. His happiness and joy in giving something away was more than that felt by those who would accept his gifts. He was the most generous person, and his generosity was like the blowing wind.

If a person in need would approach him, he would always prefer that person to himself. This was sometimes in the form of food, and was sometimes in the form of clothing. He would have variety in terms of how he would give things away: Sometimes, he would give it as a small gift, sometimes as charity, and sometimes as a large gift. He would sometimes buy something from someone then give him back the product itself that he had just paid for, such as what he did with the camel he bought from Jabir. He would accept a gift and then repay it with a gift many times more valuable. This was all done out of his generosity and desire to practice as many types of charity and good as possible. His charity was in what he possessed, his personality, and his words. He would give whatever he had and command others to give charity and encourage them in this and call to it through his actions and words. If he saw a stingy person, his mere personality would force that person into being generous and charitable. Whoever interacted with him and accompanied him and observed his lifestyle had no choice but to also be generous and freely giving. His lifestyle was one of kindness, charity, and goodness. This why he was the most relaxed of people and the purest and softest of them in heart.

From the book of Ibn-Al-Qayyum
Zaad Al-Maad

For Salah Schedule:
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Assalam u Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh!

Alhumdulillah, like every year, this year again we are hosting the annual Muslim Center of New York fundraising event on **Saturday, March 21, 6PM at New York LaGuardia Airport Marriott.**

Our speakers will be Imam Siraj Wahhaj and Imam Abdul Malik

The Center plays a very important role to keep the community connected with each other during these difficult times, both locally and globally.

This year Muslim Center of New York will actively be involved in local public relations outreach programs. Through this initiative the Center will be organizing, participating, and sponsoring events to bring awareness to the elected public officials about issues the community is facing during the highly polarized political environment.

On behalf of Muslim Center of New York, we would like to thank you for your generous donations every time the Center organizes the fundraising event to support various community enrichment and children education programs since 1975. These include Sunday Islamic School, Huffaz classes, Youth (Boys and Girls) programs such as after school and summer school, along with the Center's daily operation expenses. This year our networking project includes a new biweekly event only for college students and young professionals.

Alhumdulillah, with your support this year Muslim Center Junior High School has completed 23 successful years, and the Huffaz program has graduated more than 110 Huffaz, *SubhanAllah*.

“Allah is the Free of need, while you are the needy. And if you turn away, He will replace you with another people; then they will not be the likes of you.” (Surah Mohammed: 38)

We would like to extend to you the invitation of this year's fundraising event Insha Allah. We look forward to your participation at the event and to have your continued support and Du'a for our future projects and services to our community which will be a Sadaqah Jariya that will indefinitely benefit our community.

Thank you and JazakAllah.

Wassalam,

Benyahya Abdelghani

Director

