

Qur'aan Challenge

The month of Ramadhaan has a great link with the Qur'aan Shareef. Allah Ta'ala had revealed the Qur'aan in this mubaarak month. Therefore we should try to spend as much time as possible in the recitation of the Qur'aan. Many of our great pious Ulama used to spend most of their time during Ramadhaan in reciting the Holy Qur'aan. Some Ulama used to recite one khatam (complete Qur'aan) daily. Some used to make two khatams in a day. Hence, dear children, we too should try our best to recite as much Qur'aan as possible.

Once again the Ta'limi Board places a challenge to see how much of Qur'aan Shareef everyone in all the makaatib together can recite. This will include all the children, their parents, the Apas, Ustaadhs as well as the supervisors.

Daily record the number of pages you have recited on the 'Ramadhaan chart' and hand it in to your Aapa after Eid. The Ta'limi Board will then do a count and inform everyone of the total number of Qur'aans recited by everyone.

Those children who are still in qaidah and have not started Qur'aan as yet should make as much zikr of the first kalimah as possible.

May Allah Ta'ala accept this little effort and make it a means of attaining His everlasting pleasure. *Aameen.*

Do's:

- Do Fast in this month.
- Do offer Tahajjud Salaah before sehri ends.
- Do increase the performance of Nafil Salaah.
- Do recite the Qur'aan as much as one can.
- Do increase in making Zikr.
- Do engage in Dua excessively.
- Do increase in Sadaqah (charity).
- Do sit in I'tikaaf for the last ten days of Ramadhaan.
- Do make a firm intention to change your life in this Ramadhaan FOREVER.

Don'ts:

- Don't commit sinful acts.
- Don't break your fast before time.
- Don't miss Taraweeh Salah
- Don't watch T.V., videos, DVDs etc.
- Don't listen to music.
- Don't swear, speak lies or backbite others.
- Don't engage in unnecessary actions.
- Don't miss out any of your salaah

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Ramadhaan

Dear Children

Al-hamdulillah, once again with the *fadh* (grace) of Allah Ta'ala, we will be witnessing this *mubaarak* (blessed) month of Ramadhaan *Insha Allah*. It is a month of great blessings. Allah Ta'ala rewards a person abundantly for any type of *Ibaadah* (worship) done in this month. Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said, "Any person who does a *fardh* (compulsory) action receives the reward of 70 *faraaidh*. One who performs a *nafil* (optional) action receives the reward of a *fardh* action."

What do we understand from all this? The month of Ramadhaan is a wonderful opportunity for us to earn great rewards and get closer to Allah Ta'ala.

Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has said that the doors of Jannah are opened up on the first night of Ramadhaan. Not a single door is then closed until the last night of Ramadhaan. For every Salaah performed during the nights of Ramadhaan, Allāh Ta'ala records one and a half thousand good deeds for every sajdah (of that Salaah). Allāh Ta'ala creates in Jannah a mansion of red sapphire (a precious stone in Jannah) for the fasting person. This mansion will have sixty thousand entrances, so huge will be these entrances, that in each entrance there will be located a palace of gold adorned with red sapphire.

When a Muslim fasts on the first day of Ramadhaan, Allah Ta'ala forgives all his (minor) sins committed from the first day of the previous Ramadhaan. Daily from the time of Fajr until sunset, seventy thousand angels make dua for his forgiveness. In return for every sajdah which he (the fasting person) makes of any Salaah, whether during the day or night, he will obtain such a wonderful tree (which will be so huge) that a horseman will take five hundred years to pass under its shade." (Targheeb)

Dua at the approach of Ramadhaan

اللَّهُمَّ سَلِّمْ لِي رَمَضَانَ وَسَلِّمْ رَمَضَانَ لِي
وَسَلِّمْهُ لِي مُتَقَبِّلاً

*(Allahuma sallim nee li Ramadhaana wa sallim Ramadhaana lee wa
sallim hu lee mutaqaab ba laa)*

O Allah! Safeguard me for the Month of Ramadhaan and safeguard the Month of Ramadhaan for me (by making the conditions in it such that I can take maximum benefit from it) and accept it from me. (Kanz-ul-Ummal)

Missing out a fast

Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] said that whomever eats on one day of Ramadhaan without a valid reason or a genuine illness (that is acceptable in the Shariah), shall never be able to compensate for that day even by fasting his whole life.

Five Blessings

Allah Ta'ala has blessed us with 5 things which were never given to any of the people in the past:

1. The smell of the fasting person's mouth in the sight of Allah Ta'ala is more fragrant than musk.
2. The fish in the sea seek forgiveness for the fasting person until he breaks his fast.
3. Allah Ta'ala prepares a special garden in Jannah for him.
4. The evil Shayaateen are chained and locked up in this month.
5. Those who kept all their fasts are forgiven on the last night of Ramadhaan .

Taraweeh

Taraweeh salaah is the special salaah for the month of Ramadhaan. It consists of 20 rakaats and it is performed after the Esha salaah on every night of the month of Ramadhaan. The males perform the Taraweeh Salaah with Jamaat in the masjid and the females read it at home.

Rasulullah [sallallahu alyhi wasallam] has said "Whoever stands up (in the taraweeh salaah) during the month of Ramadhaan with Imaan and hope for gaining reward, all his past sins are forgiven.

Sunnats of Taraweeh

1. Taraweeh Salaah consists of twenty rak'aats which are Sunnate Muakkadah.
2. Men perform the taraweeh in the masjid.
3. Women read it at home.
4. It is Sunnah to listen to the entire Qur'aan being recited in the Taraweeh Salaah.
5. It is also Sunnah to read Taraweeh Salaah with Jama'ah every night of Ramadhaan (even though one may have already completed listening to the entire Qur'aan in a few nights).
6. One should join the Taraweeh Salaah with the Imaam and not when the Imaam goes into Ruku.

Zikr in Ramadhaan

Rasulullah [sallallahu alayhi wasallam] has mentioned that there are 4 things that should be done in abundance during this month.

Zikr

- Excessive recitation of **Kalima Tayyibah** {Laailaha illallah}
- **Istighfaar** {Astaghfirullah}- Seeking forgiveness from Allah Ta'ala.

Dua

- Beg Allah Ta'ala for **entrance into Jannah**.
- Seek protection in Allah Ta'ala from **the fire of Jahannum**.

Fasting is
the shield of
a
Muslim