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Ramadan

(Islamic Months by Justice Muffi Muhammad Taqi Usmani)

Abu Hurairah reported that the Holy Prophet (PBUH) has said:

My Ummah has been given five characteristic honours in the month of Ramadan which have not been given to any other ummah before.

1. The smell coming out from the mouth of a fasting person is better than the smell of musk
2. Fishes (in the water) keep praying to Allah to forgive the fasting persons until they make iftar
3. In every day of Ramadan, Allah decorates the Jannah and addresses it saying, "It is not too far that my righteous servants shall throw away the burdens (of the worldly life) and shall proceed towards you
4. The rebellious satans are shackled in this month, and they cannot do in it what they do in other days (i.e. instigating men and women to commit sins)
5. In the last night of this month, they (the fasting persons) are granted amnesty
(Ahmad)

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In a hadith narrated by Ubadah ibn al Samit (RA) the Holy Prophet (PBUH) is reported to have said:

Ramadan has come to you. It is the month of blessing in which Allah envelops you (with His kindness). He makes his mercy descend upon you; He forgives your sins and accepts your prayers. Allah witnesses you when you race one another (in virtuous deeds) in this month and becomes proud of you before His angels. Therefore, show Allah the best of deeds from your side, because unfortunate is that person who deprives himself from Allah's mercy in this month.

These ahadith are sufficient to explain the great merits Allah has invested this month with.

How to Spend Ramadan

The month of Ramadan is the season of divine blessings. It is the month of purification. It is meant for annual renovation of the inner spiritual qualities. It is a golden opportunity for every Muslim to strengthen his Iman to purify his heart and soul and to remove evil affects of the sins committed by him.

This month invites a Muslim to minimize his other mundane involvements and maximize the acts of worship. One should plan his schedule for this month, before-hand, so as to spare maximum time for ibadah.

Here is brief list of the acts which should be carried out in Ramadan with due care:

1. To offer every prayer with jama'ah in a masjid
2. To rise up a little earlier than the exact time of suhoor and to offer the salah of Tahajjud prayer. Yet, it is better to pray 8 Ra'kat
3. To offer the nafal prayers of Ishraq (two rak'at after sunrise) Duha (Four rak'at which may be performed at anytime after Ishraq before noon) and Awwabin (six rak'at after maghrib)
4. The recitation of the Holy Quran. No specific limit is prescribed. But one should recite as much of it as he can
5. Dhikr or Tasbeeh
6. Prayers and supplications: No particular prayer is prescribed. One can pray for everything he needs both in this world and in the Hereafter. However, the supplications of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) are so comprehensive that they encompass all that a Muslim can need in his life and after his death. It is, therefore, much advisable to pray to Allah Almighty in the prophetic words used by the Holy Prophet (PBUH)
7. Sadaqah (charity): Apart from paying zakah, which is obligatory, one should also pay optional sadaqah in Ramadan according to his best ability. It is reported in authentic ahadith that the Holy Prophet (PBUH) used to pay special attention in Ramadan to look after the poor and to help them financially. Therefore, a Muslim should give as much money in sadaqah as he can afford

Current Programs

1. 5 times Prayers
2. Jumma Prayers
3. Taraweeh / Eid Prayers
4. Daily Hadith
5. Full time Hifz / Academics
6. Evening Quran class daily
7. Adult Quran every Monday
8. Tafseer every Friday
9. Basketball every Friday
10. Youth & Family counseling
11. Providing answers regarding Islamic matters
12. Monthly newsletter
13. Monthly youth programs
14. Monthly family programs
15. Youth Basketball Program
16. Fitness Program (for sisters)
17. **Girls Basketball & Halaqah**
18. **Dora-e-Quran**
19. **Sunday Islamic School**
20. **Know Your Religion Series**

Special Programs

- March Break
- Summer Camp
- Winter Break

Past Programs

- Hazrat Abu-Bakr R. A.
- Hazrat Umar Farooq R. A.
- Hazrat Uthman R. A.
- Workshop on **How to Raise Your Children in the 21st Century**

Upcoming Programs

- **Story Night Series - Hazrat Ali R. A.**
- Please check our website for details

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What should be avoided in Ramadan

All sinful acts should be avoided completely during the month of Ramadan.

Especially the following acts should be avoided totally:

1. Telling a lie
2. Gheebah or backbiting
3. Quarrelling (The Holy Prophet (PBUH) has particularly forbidden from it when one is in the state of fasting. He has directed us that, if someone wants to quarrel in Ramadan, we should tell him that we are fasting, hence we are not prepared to indulge in any quarrel)
4. Eating unlawful things
5. Earning through unlawful means
6. Any act which may harm a person without a valid cause
7. Burdening one's servants or employees with a toilsome job beyond their ability, without providing them facilities to carry it out

In short, one should try his best to refrain from all kinds of sins, and protect his eyes, ears, tongue and all other organs from indulging in an unlawful activity.

Announcement:

Project Status

- The Re-zoning application is under review with the City of Mississauga Planning Department. MIC & it's consultants have responded to all of the City's questions – Alhamdulillah
- Insha-Allah, City Planning Department will compile their Supplementary Report & schedule another Public Meeting where their recommendation will be presented to City Council. After that City Council will make a decision
- Our Planner is working with the City to secure a date, we will update you as soon as it is confirmed

Masjid Funds

Start Date: May 1 2013

Updated: April 9 2015

Building Masjid - Phase I

\$1.5 Million needed by start of MIC construction

Funds Needed: \$1,500,000.00

Funds Collected: \$445,000.00

Balance Needed: \$1,055,000.00

Phase II: \$2.5 Million needed to complete construction (Not started)

Total Construction Cost (Phase I + Phase II): \$4 Million

Milestones Completed

Phase 1 (Aug 2010): **PAID OFF**
 Paid off property 6508 **\$525,000.00**
 Winston Churchill Blvd

Phase 2 (Apr 2013): **PAID OFF**
 Paid off property 6496 **\$1,000,000.00**
 Winston Churchill Blvd

Site Plan Application **PAID OFF**
 Submitted on Aug **\$197,669.00**
 2013: