

NEWSLETTER

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Art of Speaking

Once there was a taxi driver. He lived in the parks of England. He lived a royal life of peace and happiness. Everyone admired his stress free life. It so happened that one day conference was held, wherein guest speakers from around the world were to address the issue on stress. It was the organizers' unanimous decision that our man the taxi driver should conclude the performance he readily accepted his task without giving any thought to the matter and after realized that he had never addressed an audience other than his pet fish.

He took the courage and wrote a speech and memorized it and for 30 consecutive days he practiced looking in his taxi rearview mirror. The big day arrived and he confidently took to the stage. He starts off, "Good day to one and all, today I wish to speak on..." he goes blank, he cannot recall a word that follows. He takes a step back, and starts all over again, "Good day to one and all, today I wish to speak on..." He goes blank again. He turns red in the face, streams of perspiration roll down his face, he does not give up. He takes a second step back and boldly starts again, "Good day to one and all, today I wish to speak on..." he goes blank yet again. Now he is red all over. He decides to give it one more try. As he attempts to take a third step back, not realizing it was the end of the stage, he has a shocking fall and completely disappears from the sight of the laughing audience, little did they know that it was never planned to turn out the way it did.

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It takes courage, determination and perseverance to reach the top. Grab onto the rope and hope and raise yourself to those heights you have always aspired to reach. A wise man never gives up, rather he tries harder the next time.

Why duas are not accepted

Hazrat Abu Ishaaq Ibraheem Ibn Adham (r.a) was once passing through a bazaar in Basrah, it was said to him, "O, Abu Ishaaq verily Allah declared, ask, I will grant your request. Why is it that we make du'aa and does not accept them?", he replied, "surely it is because your hearts become dead due to ten things:

1. You have known who Allah is, and yet you have not fulfilled his duties
2. You have recited the Holy Quran, yet you have not practiced upon it
3. You proclaimed the love of the Holy Prophet, yet you have not practiced upon it
4. You have pronounced that the shaytan is your enemy, yet you have stood with him
5. You have pronounced your desire for Jannah (paradise), yet you have done nothing to achieve it
6. You have pronounced your fear for jahannam (hell), yet you have done nothing to escape it
7. You have proclaimed that there is surely no escape from death, yet you have not prepared for it
8. You have indulged in seeking the faults of others and have left looking into your faults
9. You have all the blessings and bounties of Allah, yet you do not give him due praise for it
10. You buried your dead, but you have taken no admonition

HOW THEN WILL YOUR DU'AAS BE ACCEPTED?

Easy Good Deeds

1. **Recite the Qu'ran:** 10 rewards per letter. (Tirmidhi) This is around 5000 rewards per page!
2. **Recite Srah al-Ikhlās:** Equal to reciting 1/3 of the Qur'an (Bukhari)
3. **Recite 1000 times in a day:**
لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
(a) Equivalent to freeing 10 slaves, (b) 100 rewards given, (c) 100 sins forgiven, (d) Protection from the Shaytaan for the entire day and, (e) No one will receive a greater reward than you except for the one who recites it more. (Bukhari)
4. **Recite Istighfar 1000 times a day:** 1000 rewards given or 1000 sins forgiven. (Muslim)
5. **Perform two raka'ah salat Al-Duha:** 360 sadaqaat. (Muslim)
6. **After salat Al-Fajr, remain in your place and do zikr until sunrise. Then (approx. 15 mins after sunrise) perform two rakah of salat Al-Duha:** Complete Hajj and Umrah. (Muslim)
7. **In the morning and the evening recite 100 times:**

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ

No one will receive a greater reward than you except for the one who recites it more. (Muslim). The reward will fill the space between the heaven and earth. (Tirmidhi). All of your sins will be forgiven. (Muslim and Tirmidhi)

8. **After wudu, recite:**

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

All of the doors of Jannah will open for you. (Muslim)

9. **Do istighfar on behalf of all the people of iman:** Equivalent to the number of muslims in the world – approximately 2.2 billion! (Tabrani, Jam'al-Jawami)
10. **Perform as many Naf'l prayers as possible:** A continuous showering of rewards while you are in salah. (Tirmidhi). You will be loved by Allah. (Bukhari).

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Current Programs

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

Special Programs

- March Break
- Summer Camp
- Winter Break

Past Programs

- MIC Book Club
A Study of Khalid Bin Al Waleed (RA)
- Afi Bin Abi Talib R. A.

Upcoming Programs

- **Story Night Series**
The Prophet Mohammad peace be upon him
Please check our website for details



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Announcements

1. Election Results:

AGM 2015 was held on Saturday November 21, 2015. Elections were held for the open positions and below are the results:

Br. Tahir I. Qureshi	Trustee (3 year term)
Br. Faisal Karim	Treasurer (2 year term)
Br. Shamsul Arfeen	Secretary (2 year term)
Br. Zaheer Mossam	Joint Secretary (2 year term)

2. Project

- Alhamdulillah, on Sep 21, 2015 at the City of Mississauga's Planning and Development Committee (PDC) Public meeting, the MIC rezoning application Recommendation Report was received & approved.
- Alhamdulillah, on October 14th the Mississauga City Council ratified the PDC's decision.

Next Steps:

Our Planner has been instructed to work with the City of Mississauga on By-Law Enactment & Site Plan Application. We need you to please continue supporting and making Dua. Our entire community needs to be engaged by making it a personal mission to build this Masjid Insha'Allah.

3. Committees:

MIC Board has formed the below listed committees. If you would like to volunteer in one of the committees, please send a request to committee lead.

- Recreation & Programs Committee – Chair: Br. Syed Shahid Rashid
- Project Committee – Chair: Br. Zaheer Mossam; Co-Chair: Br. Tahir I. Qureshi
- Public & Media Relation Committee – Chair: Br. Moid Mohammed
- Finance Committee – Chair: Br. Faisal Karim
- Fundraising Committee – Chair: Br. Amir Syed
- Education Committee – Chair: Br. Shamsul Arfeen
- Membership & Nomination Committee
 - Chair: Br. Tahir I. Qureshi
 - Member: Br. Moid Mohammed
 - Member: Br. Shamsul Arfeen
- Zakat & Sadaqah Committee:
 - Chair: Br. Syed Shahid Rashid
 - Member: Br. Saffar
 - Member: Br. Faisal Karim
- Women Committee – Chair & members: TBD

4. Fundraising 2015 update & Year End Donation Request

We had an amazing fundraiser on December 13, 2015. Total funds pledged at the fundraiser was \$ 501,570.00. Thanks to generosity of the donors, the hard work of volunteers and contributions from our supporters.

2015 year end is approaching fast. We request you to donate before December 31st to maximize tax benefit in this year, Insh-Allah. Those who pledged in Ramadan, Eidul Fitr, Eidul Adha and December 13th fundraiser, please fulfill your pledges.

Your official Tax donation receipt for the year 2015 will be mailed in February 2016 Insh-Allah. If you have a change of address, please email us at info@mici.org

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Masjid Funds

Start Date: May 1 2013

Updated: December 30 2015

Building Masjid - Phase I

\$1.5 Million needed by start of MIC construction

Funds Needed: \$1,500,000.00

Funds Collected: \$725,000.00

Balance Needed \$775,000.00

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

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

Milestones Completed

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

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

Rezoning Application
Submitted on Aug **PAID OFF**
2013: **\$246,000.00**



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