



Ramadan Edition

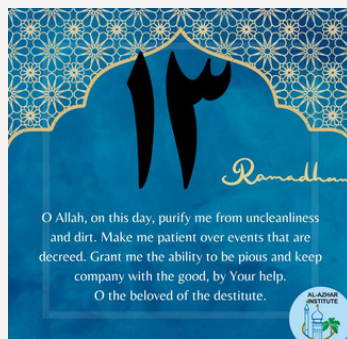
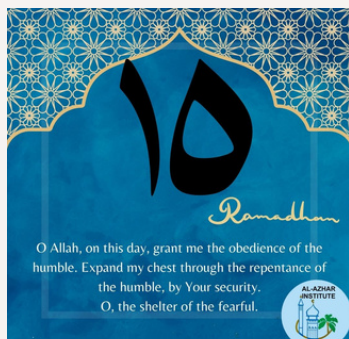
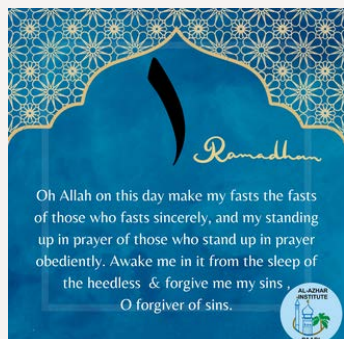
LET'S PREPARE FOR THE
LAST 10 DAYS IN SEEKING
FOR THE NIGHT OF POWER

Memorize the best dua for Laylat-al-Qadr, the dua the Prophet (PBUH) taught Aisha (R.A.)

*She is reported to have asked the Prophet (PBUH),
"O Messenger of Allah If I know which night is Laylat al-Qadr, what should I say?" He said:*

"Say: اللَّهُمَّ تَكْءُفُوْ تُحِبُّا لِعَفْوَا عَفْءِيْ

*Allahummainnakaafuwwuntuhibb al-afwafa'fu anni
(O Allah, You are All-Forgiving, and You love forgiveness, so forgive me)."*



THE STORY OF LAYLATUL QADR

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On this night, in the year 610 CE, the first verses of the Qur'an were revealed to the beloved Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) through the angel Jibreel (Gabriel).

At the age of 40 years old, the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), who had been born into the Quraysh tribe and lived in Mecca, present day Saudi Arabia, was living with his beloved wife Khadijah (RA).



The Prophet (PBUH) would often travel to the Cave of Hira in Mecca to be in seclusion and meditate on the creation of the world, as he had rejected the worship of idols as was custom within the Quraysh tribe.

In the lead up to the revelation, Muhammad (PBUH) was troubled with the state of the society he was living in and resolved himself to seeking true religion within his heart.

During the month of Ramadan in the year 610 CE, the Prophet (peace be upon him) was meditating in the Cave of Hira, when the Angel Jibreel suddenly revealed himself to him by the order of Allah, commanding him to read, "Iqra!".

The Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was illiterate, and his inability to read prevented him from reading the words before him, he said, "I am not a reader". The Messenger of Allah relayed that Jibreel (as) then took hold of him and squeezed him until he could not bear it any more, then he released the Prophet (peace be upon him) and said, "Read!".

The Prophet (peace be upon him) said again, "I am not a reader".

Jibreel (as) took hold of him and squeezed him a second time until he could not bear it any more, then Jibreel released him and said, "Read!". The Prophet (PBUH) said, "I am not a reader". Jibreel took hold of him (peace be upon him) and squeezed him a third time until he could not bear it any more, then Jibreel (as) released him and said:

"Read! In the Name of your Lord Who has created (all that exists). He has created man from a clot (a piece of thick coagulated blood). Read! And your Lord is the Most Generous. Who has taught (the writing) by the pen. He has taught man that which he knew not."

These were the first verses of the Qur'an to be revealed as narrated in Bukhari.

The Night of Power

Laylatul Qadr

With the end of Ramadan comes our last efforts in gaining as many rewards as possible. In the last ten days, there is a special opportunity for those who seek it: Laylatul Qadr. This article covers all you need to know about this blessed night insha'Allah.

What is Laylatul Qadr?

Laylatul Qadr, The Night of Power or The Night of Decree. During this night, Angel Jibril revealed the Holy Qur'an's first verses to the Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). It is also believed to be the night when Allah (swt) decides the destiny of all of mankind.

When is Laylatul Qadr?

This night falls within Ramadan's final 10 days, and although the exact date is unidentified, it is commonly thought of as the Holy month's 27th night. However, the believers are advised to seek this night in the last 10 odd nights of Ramadan, following the example of the Prophet (PBUH). It is reported that the Prophet (PBUH) said:

"Seek Laylat al-Qadr in the last ten days of Ramadan." [Bukhari and Muslim]

What does the Qur'an say about Laylatul Qadr?

In the Holy Quran Allah (swt) says:

"The Night of Destiny is better than a thousand months. The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter. Peace is until the emergence of dawn." [Quran 97: 3-5]

One thousand months is equivalent to 83 years, which is longer than an average lifetime. So, it is paramount that we engage in plentiful Ibada'a and do good to reap the bounty, mercy, and pleasure of Allah (swt).

What are the signs of Laylatul Qadr?

Ibn Abbas reported: The Prophet (saws) said regarding the Night of Decree, "It is a calm night, neither hot nor cold, and the sun arises on it red and feeble."

It is said that since the angels descend on this night and we may feel a peculiar tranquillity and peace of mind and be overwhelmed with a unique tenderness of heart.

What are the rewards of Laylatul Qadr?

Abu Hurayrah relates that The Prophet (saw) said: 'Whoever stands in (the voluntary night prayer of) Ramadan out of faith and in the hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven. And whoever spends the night of Laylatul Qadr in prayer out of faith and in the hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven.' (Sunan an-Nisa'i)

Any action done on this night such as reciting the Qur'an and remembering Allah (swt), is better on this night than doing these same actions for a thousand months.

Layatul Qadr

Best things to do

**Whoever stands the night with sincere faith & seeking reward,
Allah will forgive all previous sins.**

- The Night starts at Magrib until Fajr. Don't talk unnecessarily
- Pray Far & Eshaa in Jamaa'
- Whoever prays with the Imaam until he finishes, Allah will write for you an entire night in prayer
- Best forms of dua/thikr. Keep yourself busy in dua especially the short comprehensive duas on your tongue constantly. Engage in these throughout the night
- The Prophet (SAW) would give life to the whole night. He would wake up his family to share in the blessings
- Have something good to give i.e. Quran, solaaah, sadaqah, thikr, dua, emulate Rasulullah (SAW) and the sahaabah
- Cut off all socializing, social media and don't do anything to mess up your Laylatul Qadr. **DON'T WASTE TIME**

Ibn al-Jawzi (RA) said:

'When the race horse knows that it is nearing the end of the track it exerts all of its effort to win the race'

Do not allow the race horse to be more clever than you. For verily, deeds are judged by their conclusions. So if you didn't do well with the welcoming Ramadan then perhaps you will do better bidding it farewell.

What should I do on Laylatul Qadr?

**Increase in reciting
Qur'an**

**Repent Sincerely
to Allah**

**Donate charity
everyday**

Increase in Thikr

**Spend more time in
Isolation with Allah
I'tikaf if possible**

**Avoid gatherings
that consist of
wasting time**

Make abundant Dua

**Recite the dua for
Layatul Qadr**

**Attend Tarawih
Prayers
Increase in
voluntary Salaah**

**Strive in worship
to avoid laziness.
Perform Qiyam
every night**

Discipline yourself.

Spend less time on your phone & social media

**Do not let your 'performance' until now affect
your last 10 days. The moment of forgiveness
could be anytime in the coming days! It is not all
lost!**



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Zakat-ul-Fitr Facts

How much is Zakat-ul-Fitr per person?

At the time of the Prophet (PBUH) Zakat Fitr (Zakat ul Fitr) would be given as one saa'. Therefore the quantity is described by Prophet (PBUH) as one saa' of food (one saa' is equivalent to four madd). A madd is the amount that can be scooped up when one puts their hands together.

If we translate this into a monetary value based on the price of a staple food such as flour or rice.

**Minimum
Fitr**

R77

**Minimum
Fidiyah**

R28

Allah says in the Quran:

"And whosoever you spend for good, He replaces it. And He is the Best Provider."

"And whosoever good you spend, it is for yourselves, when you spend not save in search of his countenance (pleasure), and whatsoever good thing you spend, it will be repaid to you in full, and you will not be wronged."

What is Zakat?

Zakat Fitr or Zakat ul Fitr (also known as Fitrana or Zakat Fitri), is a religious obligation for all believers, both male and female, who have excess food beyond their needs. This obligatory charity is incumbent on every household member, and the head of the household can pay on behalf of other family members, including children and babies. The objective of paying Fitr during Ramadan is to afford those who fasted the means of making up for any mistakes during the blessed month. It also ensures that the poor and needy can celebrate and enjoy the festivities of Eid al-Fitr with dignity alongside the rest of the Ummah. This form of almsgiving is exclusive to Ramadan and may be paid anytime after the commencement of the holy month and before the Eid prayer. It is beneficial to give Fitr earlier as this will help those in need in time for Eid. If paid after that, it is merely considered as Sadaqah, with the reward being much less.

What is the difference between Fitr & Zakat ?

Zakat and Zakat al-Fitr are both types of charitable giving in Islam, but they serve different purposes and have different rules for calculation and distribution. Understanding the differences between these two types of giving is important for Muslims who want to fulfill their religious obligations and make a positive impact on their communities. In this blog post, we will explore the key differences between both types of obligatory donations and why they are important in Islam.

Differences

The main difference between Zakat and Zakat al-Fitr is their timing and purpose. Zakat is an annual obligation that is paid by Muslims who meet the wealth threshold, while Zakat al-Fitr is a specific form of charity that is given at the end of Ramadan. Zakat is calculated as a percentage of one's total wealth, while Zakat al-Fitr is a fixed amount of food or cash per person. Additionally, Zakat is given to those in need throughout the year, while Zakat al-Fitr is specifically for the celebration of Eid al-Fitr.

To summarize it, while Zakat and Zakat al-Fitr share some similarities in their purpose of charitable giving, they are distinct in their application and timing. Muslims are obligated to give both forms of charity, and by doing so, they contribute to the betterment of society and help those in need. Organizations such as Transparent Hands provide a platform for Muslims to donate all types of Zakat and other charitable giving to those in need, and contribute to the promotion of social justice and the alleviation of poverty.

**Please Pay your Zakat via Al-Azhar Institute of Paarl:
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Al-Azhar Paarl

wishes you & your family
a blessed
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LUNAR	MARCH	DAY	FAJR	SUNRISE	DHUHR	ASR	MAGRIB	ISHA
1	12	TUES	05:26	06:43	12:59	16:28	19:12	20:21
2	13	WED	05:27	06:44	12:59	16:27	19:11	20:20
3	14	THURS	05:28	06:44	12:58	16:26	19:10	20:18
4	15	FRI	05:29	06:45	12:58	16:25	19:08	20:17
5	16	SAT	05:30	06:46	12:58	16:25	19:07	20:15
6	17	SUN	05:30	06:47	12:58	16:24	19:05	20:14
7	18	MON	05:31	06:48	12:57	16:23	19:04	20:12
8	19	TUES	05:32	06:48	12:57	16:22	19:03	20:11
9	20	WED	05:33	06:49	12:57	16:21	19:01	20:10
10	21	THURS	05:34	06:50	12:56	16:20	19:00	20:08
11	22	FRI	05:35	06:51	12:56	16:20	18:59	20:07
12	23	SAT	05:36	06:51	12:56	16:19	18:57	20:05
13	24	SUN	05:36	06:52	12:56	16:18	18:56	20:04
14	25	MON	05:37	06:53	12:55	16:17	18:55	20:03
15	26	TUES	05:38	06:54	12:55	16:16	18:53	20:01
16	27	WED	05:39	06:54	12:55	16:15	18:52	20:00
17	28	THURS	05:39	06:55	12:54	16:14	18:51	19:58
18	29	FRI	05:40	06:56	12:54	16:13	18:49	19:57
19	30	SAT	05:41	06:57	12:54	16:12	18:48	19:56
20	31	SUN	05:42	06:57	12:53	16:11	18:46	19:54
21	APRIL	MON	05:43	06:58	12:53	16:11	18:45	19:53
22	2	TUES	05:43	06:59	12:53	16:10	18:44	19:52
23	3	WED	05:44	07:00	12:53	16:09	18:42	19:50
24	4	THURS	05:45	07:00	12:52	16:08	18:41	19:49
25	5	FRI	05:45	07:01	12:52	16:07	18:40	19:48
26	6	SAT	05:46	07:02	12:52	16:06	18:38	19:46
27	7	SUN	05:47	07:03	12:51	16:05	18:37	19:45
28	8	MON	05:48	07:03	12:51	16:04	18:36	19:44
29	9	TUES	05:48	07:04	12:51	16:03	18:35	19:42
30	10	WED	05:49	07:05	12:51	16:02	18:33	19:41

Niyah for Fasting

Nawaytu sauwma ghadin an adaa-i fardhi shah-ri Ramadaan haathi-his sinati lillahi ta-alaa
I hereby make niyah to fast tomorrow in order to fulfil the fardh of the month of Ramadaan of this year for Allah's sake

Niyah for Breaking fast

Allahumma laka sumtu wa bika aamantu
wa alaa rizqika aftartu
O Allah!! I fasted for You & I believe in You & I put my trust in You & I break my fast with Your sustenance

How far are you on your Ramadan Tracker?

RAMADAN 1445

TRACKER



01	02	03	04	05
06	07	08	09	10
11	12	13	14	15
16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30

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Recipes for Eid



Melting
Moments



Tarts
&
Puddings



Butter
Biscuits

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Recipes for Eid Preparation



Mary Jane Butter Biscuits

Ingredients

- 250 grams of room temperature butter (soft to the touch)
- 3/4 of a cup of caster sugar
- 1 large egg
- 1 teaspoon of vanilla essence
- 1 teaspoon of baking powder
- 3 cups of cake flour
- For decorating
- Hundreds and thousands
- Chocolate vermicelli

Method:

- In a bowl, beat the butter with whisk for a minute, add the sugar and beat for 2 minutes.
- Next, add the egg and vanilla essence and beat until combined, about 1 minute.
- Next add the flour and baking powder and gently bring all ingredients together by hand until a soft dough is formed. Cling wrap and place in fridge for 20 minutes.
- Next preheat oven at 180°C.
- Prepare a plate with hundreds and thousands and
- A plate with chocolate vermicelli
- Line baking trays with baking paper or simply lightly grease with butter. On a clean surface dusted with some flour roll out the dough to half a cm thickness and cut with cooky cutter and place each one upside down on the hundreds and thousands and on the chocolate vermicelli, then gently lift, turn the cookie and place on baking trays and bake for 10 to 12 minutes or until the edges are a golden. Remove from oven and cool completely.

Jam tarts

Ingredients:

- 1 pack ready-rolled puff pastry, chilled, (preferably light/low calorie pastry)
- plain flour, for dusting
- 3 ½ tablespoon apricot jam
- 3 ½ tablespoon blackcurrant jam, or strawberry, raspberry, blueberry jam
- 1 free-range egg, for glazing
- **For serving (optional)** icing sugar, to dust



Method:

- Take the pastry out of the fridge 30 mins prior to baking & Preheat the oven to 200C/180C fan.
- Dust the work surface with some plain flour
- Roll out the puff pastry onto the dusted surface. Using a rolling pin, roll it gently to all sides, so that it's even and a little bit bigger than how it came out of the packet
- cut the pastry into halves horizontally, those halves into quarters and then do the same vertically - so that you get a grid of about 24 squares.
- Add about 1/3 spoonful (teaspoon) of jam onto each square of pastry. Make half of it with apricot jam and the other half with blackcurrant or strawberry jam.
- bring two and two opposite corners together (diagonally), twist and turn, so that you get a little knob on top. This will help the pastry parcels to keep their shape
- glaze the pastry parcels with the beaten egg from all sides.
- Place in the preheated oven and bake for 20-25 mins or until risen and golden on top.



Melting Moments

Ingredients

- 150 grams of soft butter
- 1/2 cup of icing sugar
- 3 tablespoons of oil
- 1 tsp vanilla essence
- 1/4 cup of corn flour
- 1 & 1/2 cups plus an extra 2 tablespoons of cake flour

Method

- Cream the butter with a electric beater for a minute, next add your oil , vanilla essence and icing sugar and beat for about 2-3 minutes .
- Add the dry ingredients and whisk until just combined.
- Spoon into a piping bag with a large star nozzle attached, you can use any pattern. Then pipe whatever shapes you like, use the pics for guidance on a baking sheet lined with baking paper. Place in the fridge for 5 minutes before baking.
- Bake in a preheated oven on 180°C for 8-10 minutes or until you see the edges turn a light golden brown .
- Remove from oven and cool. You can dip in melted chocolate or before baking top with smarties or nuts.
- Should you struggle to pipe mixture, push through the dough using only the nozzle and fingers on to your baking sheet .

Ingredients:

- 1 packet of Tennis biscuits
- 250 ml of fresh cream
- 2 x strawberry jelly
- 1 kg of Strawberry Yoghurt
- For garnishing:
- Strawberries
- 1 flake
- Whipped cream

Eid Pudding



Directions:

- Add your 2 packets of strawberry jelly into a small bowl. Add 2 cups of boiling water and stir well. Place in the fridge to cool down and get really cold but not set.
- Once the jelly is cooled take out of the fridge and whip your fresh cream till stiff peaks forms.
- Add the yoghurt to the fresh cream. Mix until well combined.
- Add the jelly and mix again with a hand whisk till you see no more streaks.
- Take your tennis biscuits and dunk them one by one in a small bowl with water and lay them neatly next to each other at the bottom of your dessert dish. Pour over the strawberry mixture and level with the back of a spoon.
- Allow to set in the fridge for 3 hours.
- Decorate with cream and strawberries and flake. Serve.

Happy Baking!



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This Ramadaan

*May Allah reward your **intention** with the **blessings** and bring **ease** and **prosperity** to the school and everyone
In Sha Allah.*

BANK DETAILS

Al-Azhar Paarl

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Shamiela Fredericks (Financial Officer) **079 945 1180**

SPORT



At just 13 years old, Atiyah Small has already made a name for herself in the South African athletics community. Hailing from Chicago in Paarl, Atiyah has shown tremendous talent and dedication in the 100m sprint, earning herself the titles of Boland Champ, Western Cape Champ, and South African Champ in her age group.

ATIYAH SMALL: A RISING STAR IN SA ATHLETICS



Atiyah's dedication and hard work have undoubtedly paid off, as she has shown exceptional talent and determination in her athletic pursuits. Her success serves as an inspiration to her peers and the entire school community, demonstrating the importance of perseverance and commitment in achieving one's goals.

She approaches every race with a winning mindset, pushing herself to new limits and setting a positive example for her fellow athletes.

HIGHLIGHTS

The support and encouragement Atiyah has received from her school, family, coach and community have played a significant role in her journey to becoming a champion athlete. This achievement not only reflects Atiyah's individual talent but also highlights the positive impact of a supportive and nurturing environment in fostering success.



Moving forward, Atiyah's achievement should be recognized and celebrated within the school community, serving as a source of pride and motivation for her fellow students. It is important to acknowledge and honor the hard work and dedication that Atiyah has invested in her athletic pursuits.

Furthermore, Atiyah's success should serve as a catalyst for the continued promotion and development of athletics within the school community. By recognizing and nurturing the talent and potential of young athletes like Atiyah, the school can foster a culture of excellence and achievement in sports, inspiring other students to pursue their athletic ambitions.

As she continues to make her mark in the world of athletics, Atiyah Small is a name to remember and a source of pride for the entire school community.

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ramadan programme

Paarl Muslim Jamaa' Ramadaan Programme 1445 / 2024



Solatu-Al-Tasbih (Ladies Only)

Date Every Wednesday during Ramadaan
Time 1:45 pm
Place Masjidun Nur (Lapperts Str)

Solahtul Layl

Date Last 10 days of Ramadaan
Time 1½ Hours before Fajr
Place Masjidun Nur (Lapperts Str)

Itikaf

Date Last 10 Nights of Ramadaan

Paarl Islamic Youth Movement Ramadaan Programme 1445 / 2024

Sun 31 Marcg Qiyamyl Layl Programme with
Sautur-Rayhaan

Sun 7 April Qiyamyl Layl Programme with
Khudamul-Islam

Tues 9 April Moon Sighting Outing

Laylatul Qadr Programme

Mass Iftar
Maghrib Salaah
Warm Meal Served
Taraweegh
Refreshments Served

Followed by Whole Night
Programme Until Fajr

Sat 6 April



Eid Clothing *drive*

We would love to give families of
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- Please ensure that your donation is washed and ironed (include hanger if possible) to maintain the dignity of the recipients. Jazak Allah Khair for your generous contribution.

The Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) said, "The best charity is that given in Ramadan." (Bukhari and Muslim).