

## Nuzul Al Quran (Quran Revelation Day)

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ مُحَمَّدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ

أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.

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

وَرَسُولُهُ.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فِيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Him in this life and the hereafter.

### Dear brothers and sisters

Ramadan is a glorious month from the perspective of Allah the Almighty. There are three major events which occur during this month which is compulsory fasting, the revelation of the Holy Quran and the Night of Qadr

(Night of Power). According to Imam al-Hakim, from Ibnu Abbas Radiallahu Anhu, the Quran was revealed all at once on the night of Lailatul Qadr from Lauhul Mahfudz (preserved tablet) to the sky of the world (Baitul Izzah). Allah the Almighty says in chapter 85 (surah al Buruj) verse 21-22:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
بَلْ هُوَ قُرْآنٌ مَجِيدٌ ﴿٢١﴾ فِي لَوْحٍ مَّحْفُوظٍ ﴿٢٢﴾

**Which means:** *“In fact, this is a glorious Quran, recorded in a Preserved Tablet.”*

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2 (surah al Baqarah) verse 185:

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ

**Which means:** *“Ramadan is the month in which the Quran was revealed as a guide for humanity with clear proofs of guidance and the standard to distinguish between right and wrong.”*

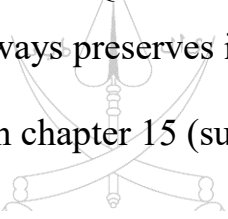
After the Al-Quran descended from Lauhul Mahfudz to Baitul Izzah by the grace of Allah the Almighty, then the Al-Quran was gradually revealed to the Prophet (pbuh) through the angel Jibril for a duration of 23 years; 13 years in Mecca and 10 years in Madinah. This is aimed at making it easy for people to understand and practice the contents of the revealed Quran.

We celebrate and commemorate the revelation of the Quran every year on the 17<sup>th</sup> of Ramadan. This date is based on the opinion of al-Waqidi through Abu Ja'far al-Baqir who said that the revelation to the Prophet (pbuh) began on Monday, 17 Ramadan as narrated by Ibn Kathir in his book al Bidayah Wa Nihayah.

### **Dear brothers and sisters**

The al-Quran is the word of God that must be glorified and enlivened as the most noble and respected book by Muslims and all mankind. Recent acts of blasphemy and insulting the Quran by burning and throwing it away, is an abominable and despicable act. Muslims must uphold and preserve the dignity and glory of the Quran because the Quran is a book revealed by Allah the Almighty to mankind and He always preserves it.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 15 (surah al Hijr) verse 9:



إِنَّا نَحْنُ نَزَّلْنَا الذِّكْرَ وَإِنَّا لَهُ لَحَافِظُونَ ﴿٩﴾

**Which means:** “*It is certainly We Who have revealed the Reminder, and it is certainly We Who will preserve it.*”

Glorifying the Quran is by studying, reading, practising and contemplating its meaning, purpose and ruling (*Tadabbur*); especially in this month of Ramadan. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Bukhari:

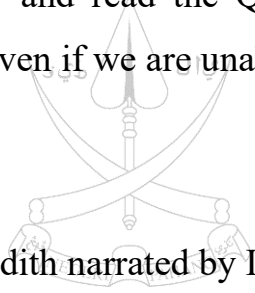
خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ

**Which means:** “The best *among you (Muslims)* are those who learn the Quran and teach it.”

We are encouraged to recite the Quran (*tadarus*) together as it is the practise of the Prophet (pbuh) with the angel Jibril. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Bukhari which means:

*“The Prophet (pbuh) was the most generous of all the people, and he used to reach the peak in generosity in the month of Ramadan when Jibril met him. Jibril used to meet him every night of Ramadan to teach him the Qur’an.”*

Let us learn and read the Quran in the proper way (slowly and with *tajwid*); let us not falter while reading the Quran in order to just complete it in the month of Ramadan. Study and read the Quran to seek the pleasure and mercy of Allah the Almighty even if we are unable to read it smoothly.



The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim which means:

*"The one who recites the Qur'an skillfully will be in the company of the noble and righteous messenger-angels and the one who reads the Qur'an, but stutters and finds it difficult, receives a double reward."*

### **Dear brothers and sisters**

Let us not spend our time in this holy month of Ramadan with activities that do not bring benefits such as being too engrossed on Whatsapp, Tiktok, Facebook and others. Let us invite all our family members to read the Quran in this Ramadan and together we increase the good deeds to liven up the last ten

nights in the mosque. May we achieve blessings from Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 17 (surah al Isra) verse 9:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
إِنَّ هَذَا الْقُرْآنَ يَهْدِي لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَيُبَشِّرُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ الَّذِينَ يَعْمَلُونَ  
الصَّالِحَاتِ أَنَّ لَهُمْ أَجْرًا كَبِيرًا ﴿٩﴾

**Which means:** “Surely this Quran guides to what is most upright, and gives good news to the believers—who do good—that they will have a mighty reward.”

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْعَالَمِ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ  
الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.