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## NIGHT OF DECREE (Laylat al-Qadr)

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلُ : إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ١ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ٢ لَيْلَةُ  
الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ٣  
أَشْهَدُ 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،  
فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ 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 Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.

### Dear brothers and sisters

Indeed, today we are in the month of Ramadan, a month full of blessings. The month in which Allah Almighty revealed the Quran as a guide for mankind. In this month there is a night that is better than a thousand months, which is the night of al-Qadr (Night of Decree). It is a night full of glory and blessings as promised by Allah Almighty. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 97 (surah Al-Qadr) verse 1-5:



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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ﴿٢﴾ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ  
مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ﴿٣﴾ تَنَزَّلُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِّنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ ﴿٤﴾  
سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ﴿٥﴾

**Which means:** “Indeed, it is We who sent this Quran down on the Night of Glory. And what will make you realize what the Night of Glory is? The Night of Glory is better than a thousand months. That night the angels and the holy spirit descend, by the permission of their Lord, for every decreed matter. It is all peace until the break of dawn.”

Based on this verse, the Night of Decree is a night full of mercy and forgiveness from Allah the Almighty. On this night, our prayers are answered, our deeds of worship are accepted, and all our sins are forgiven. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari:

مَنْ قَامَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

**Which means:** "Whoever stands in prayer on the night of Qadr out of sincere faith and hoping for a reward from Allah, then all his previous sins will be forgiven."



This hadith explains that when we increase our acts of worship and ask for forgiveness from Allah the Almighty with complete faith and sincerity, our past sins will be forgiven.

### **Dear brothers and sisters**

As Muslims, we should make the most of this night by worshipping, praying to Allah the Almighty, and asking for forgiveness for all the sins we have committed. Allah the Almighty grants us a great opportunity through the Night of Qadr. As

narrated by Imam Ahmad, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) recommended that we seek the Night of Qadr by observing I'tikaf during the last ten nights of Ramadan,:

الْتَمِسُوهَا فِي الْعَشْرِ الْآخِرِ وَثَرًا

**Which means:** *"Look for the Night of Qadr in the last ten nights of the month of Ramadan."*

In this hadith, the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) stated that the Night of Decree occurs during the last ten odd nights of the month of Ramadan. We should increase our sunnah practices during the last ten nights of Ramadan, Do not let this precious opportunity pass by without taking full advantage of it.



The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said in a hafith narrated by Imam Ibn Hibban:

كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ إِذَا دَخَلَ الْعَشْرُ الْأَوَاخِرُ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ أَقْبَطَ أَهْلَهُ وَشَدَّ الْمِنْزَرَ وَأَحْيَا اللَّيْلَ

**Which means:** *“When the last ten days of Ramaḍan arrived, the Prophet would tighten his waist belt (stay away from his wives), spend the night in worship, and awaken his family”*

This hadith describes the earnestness of Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) in increasing his acts of worship during the last ten

days of Ramadan compared to other days, especially performing I'tikaf and increasing his night worship.

### **Dear brothers and sisters**

I'tikaf means staying in the mosque with the aim of *qurbah* (getting closer to Allah), and this is based on what Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2 (Surah al-Baqarah) verse 187:

وَلَا تُبَشِّرُوهُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ عَاكِفُونَ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ تِلْكَ حُدُودُ اللَّهِ فَلَا تَقْرُبُوهَا كَذَلِكَ يُبَيِّنُ اللَّهُ آيَاتِهِ لِلنَّاسِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَتَّقُونَ ١٨٧

**Which means:** *“...do not be intimate with your spouses while you are meditating in the mosques. These are the limits set by Allah, so do not exceed them. This is how Allah makes His revelations clear to people, so they may become mindful of Him.*



Likewise, Sayyidina Abdullah bin Umar Radiallahu Anhuma said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari which means: "The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) used to observe Itikaf during the last 10 days of Ramadan."

Based on these arguments, Imam Nawawi Rahimahullah explains that performing itikaf is a muakkad (highly recommended) sunnah at all times. However, it is more emphasized during the last ten days of Ramadan.

### **Dear brothers and sisters**

In conclusion, the Night of Decree is a night full of mercy and forgiveness from Allah the Almighty. Therefore, let us earnestly increase our worship and prayers to Allah the Almighty. Let us strive this by enlivening our worship at night, and practising I'tikaf during the last ten days of Ramadan.

Let us renew our intention and determination to increase our worship, not only in the month of Ramadan, but also in the following months. May all our acts of worship be accepted by Allah the Almighty and become a provision for life in the hereafter.



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إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ اللَّهُ وَجِلَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُهُ زَادَتْهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ ﴿٢﴾

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