الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ذِي الْفَضْلِ وَالإحْسَانِ، مَنَّ عَلَيْنَا بِالْعَشْرِ الأَوَاخِرِ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلهَ إِلاَ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيُّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَحَبِيبُهُ، خَيْرُ مَنْ قَامَ وَصَامَ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ الطَّيِبِينَ الطَّيبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الذِّينِ

All praise is due to Allah, the Bestower of favours and blessings who granted us the last ten (nights) of Ramadan. I bear witness there is no deity but Him, having no partners. I also testify that our Master Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. The best of His creation, the closest to Him. The best of servants who prayed and fasted. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

## شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِلنَّاس وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِنْ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ

"The Month Of Ramadan Is That In Which The Qur'an Was Revealed, As <u>Guidance For The People</u> With <u>Clear Proofs Of Life</u> And <u>Criterion." (2:185)</u>

- How have you treated your guest? What path have you chosen, and what criterion will you apply hereon?
- Have you earned Allah's Mercy, Forgiveness and Begged for His Pardon?
- Still time, to strive, pray, worship you must keep going right to the end The Qur'an has come to us over these nights with 6,236 verses, has your heart changed? Moved? Been Purified?

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا ذُكِرَ لللَّهُ وَجِلَتْ قُلُوبُهُمْ وَإِذَا تُلِيَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ آيَاتُهُ زَلدَتْهُمْ إِيمَانًا وَعَلَىٰ رَبِّهِمْ يَتَوَكَّلُونَ الَّذِينَ يُقِيمُونَ الصَّلَاةَ وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنفِقُون لُولَكِكَ هُمُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ حَقًّا لَّهُمْ دَرَجَاتٌ عِندَ رَبِّهِمْ وَمَغْفِرَةً وَرِزْقٌ حَرِيمٌ

The believers are only those who, when Allah is mentioned, their hearts become fearful, and when His verses are recited to them, it increases them in faith; and upon their Lord they rely - The ones who establish prayer, and from what We have provided them, they spend. Those are the believers, truly. For them are degrees [of high position] with their Lord and forgiveness and noble provision. (8:2-4)

## أَهْلُ الْجَنَّةِ عِشْرُونَ وَمِائَةُ صَفٍّ ثَمَانُونَ مِنْهَا مِنْ هَذِهِ الأُمَّةِ وَلَمْبَعُونَ مِنْ سَائِرِ الأُمَمِ

The people of Paradise are one hundred and twenty rows, of which eighty are from this Ummah and the other forty are from all the other nations. (At-Tirmidhi)

- A great favour that Allah so conferred on the Ummah of the Prophet Muhammad so making them the heirs of paradise even though lifespans are short
- How is it that a nation who takes custodianship of the earth in its final days, whose lifespans are but a blink of an eye inherit Paradise?

## إِنَّا أَنزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ

Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree. And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree? The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months. **(97:1-3)** 

- Reflect on this for a moment: The Kings of Kings, the Most Generous, widens His expansive Mercy to such an extent that He recompenses the worship of one night with the reward of a lifetime's
- Two *rak'ah* performed in this night will exceed the reward of more than 83 years A pound spent in charity in this night will exceed the reward of more than 83 years A verse from the Qur'an in this night will exceed the reward of more than 83 years

- 1. Eid prayer is a Sunnah Muakkadah, the most stronglystressed Sunnah prayer in the deen
- 2. The Eid prayer should be attended by everyone, men and women, young and old
- 3. Eat/drink before coming to the Masjid, preferably dates or water
- 4. Raise voice in Takbir from the moment you leaves your homes until the Imam comes out for the prayer
- 5. Recommended that you should perform Ghusl, dress up in your best clothes, preferably wear something new, and use perfume/ittar
- 6. Do not neglect the night that precedes Eid. Although, there is no Tarawih, it is still strongly recommended to fill it with dhikr and night prayers and charity
- 7. 6 Sunnah Fasts of Shawwal Entire Years Reward of Fasting