

In the name of Allah, the Compassionate, the Merciful

## The Holy Month of Ramazan

Islam, as the last Divine religion, has made all possible efforts and necessary arrangements of ways and means for the perfection of mankind. In fact, by providing ways and means the Almighty wants to keep the followers of Islam always happy and active so that they can shoulder all their individual and social responsibilities with profound knowledge and complete awakening. By attaining the supreme position of perfection and completion, the Muslims could transform themselves into a model and extra-ordinary example to be emulated by other fellow-beings.

The holy month of *Ramazan* is the month of self-construction and self-purification. By making themselves purified bodily and spiritually, the Muslims can easily understand the hidden aspects of realities and will never find any difficulty in comprehending the human reality. During the holy month of *Ramazan* the Muslims keep their materialistic desires under control and remain actively engaged in self-purification, which ultimately makes them more alert and sensitive towards their responsibilities and obligations.

The Muslims, during the holy month of *Ramazan*, by keeping themselves away from all forbidden things, perform all their obligations with the intention of being close to the Almighty. By establishing full command and control over their bodies the Muslims spiritually become more active in order to achieve real physical and spiritual peace and happiness. Therefore, we salute this holy month of *Ramazan*, which is known for its numerous qualities and capabilities. This is the month of Quran, as this holy book was revealed to the Prophet in this month and the Almighty selected this month for His compassion and mercy.

We salute the great Prophet of Islam Hazrat Mohammed Mustufa (PBUH), who while delivering his sermon, spoke of this month in these words: "This is the month, which has been regarded superior to all other months in the eyes of the Almighty. It's days and nights are superior to all other days

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and nights... During this month, you should go to meet your close relations, keep your tongue away from uttering bad and abusive words, don't look at such things which have not been permitted to see and don't give ear to such voices and sounds, which are banned... Oh people! Your spirit and soul is closely associated with your acts and deeds. Therefore, you pray to God to pardon you for your sins. Oh people, you are burdened with the heavy load of sins, so make an appeal to the Almighty by prolonging your *sajda*, which may reduce the weight of sins on your back.

We salute the exalted martyr of this holy month Hazrat Ali Ibne Abu Talib (PBUH), who said, "Oh God! We observed fast in pursuance of Your order and also to win Thy happiness and satisfaction and broke the fasting with the food gifted by you. So, accept whatever I could perform, as They is the most informed and the best listener. Not only this but also after getting severe sword wounds on his head at the hand of the most cruel man Ibne Muljam Hazrat Ali Says, "I swear by God of Ka'ba, I am victorious".

We salute the most revered lady Hazrat Fatima (PBUH), who was well ac-

quainted with the glories of the **Glorious Night** and used to keep the whole family alert and active for extending a warm welcome to the glorious night. She used to emphasise the importance of this night by saying that "deprived is the person who is deprived of the achievements of this glorious night".

We salute all other Imams and the true followers of Allah, who used to guide the people towards the right path and also to the importance of the holy month of *Ramazán* and its glorious achievements.

In brief, the holy month of *Ramazán* asks us to be well informed of the whereabouts of our Muslim brothers scattered all over the globe. The Muslims should also extend maximum possible help and assistance to other fellow Muslim brothers who are caught in inhuman and miserable conditions and prove that Muslims are one and united throughout the world.

This is really a bitter truth that the Muslims in their occupied homeland of Palestine are subjected to innumerable and worst possible inhuman crimes at the hands of the Zionist oppressors supported by the imperialist forces. Secondly, the Israeli Zionist regime is still continuing its illegitimate

usurpation and occupation of Jerusalem. The inhuman killings of the innocent Palestinians require our immediate help, and we should also expose and denounce the cruel regime. The world's Muslims should strongly condemn the ghastly crimes of the Zionist regime and should raise their voice of protest at all the international platforms.

Keeping in view this urgent and important need of the Islamic world, the great and exalted leader of the Islamic Revolution, the late Imam Khomeini, used to lodge his strong protest against the Israeli regime and its masters from time to time. Besides, in order to condemn the inhuman oppressions of the Israeli Zionist regime and also to fetch support for the Palestinians from all over the globe, late Imam Khomeini declared the last Friday of *Ramazán* as the **International Quds Day** and invited the world's Muslims to mark the occasion by holding protest marches, demonstrations and also by organising huge Islamic congregations in support of their Palestinian brothers and in condemnation of the Zionist rulers, which will ultimately result in the liberation of Palestine and will also put an end to the Zionist barbarism. □