



# RAMADAN SPECIAL NEWSLETTER

February - March 2026 | Ramadan 1447

*"O you who believe, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may grow in taqwa (righteousness)." [al-Baqarah, 2:183]*

## In This Issue

Announcements \_\_\_\_\_ 2

Ramadan Greetings from Ameer of IONA: \_\_\_\_\_ 3

Synopsis:  
Ramadan: The Prophetic Way \_\_\_\_ 4

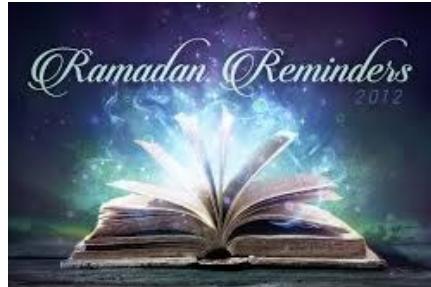
Sisters:  
Ramadan and Menstruation \_\_\_\_ 5

Ramadan Reminders \_\_\_\_\_ 6

Important Dates for Ramadan \_\_\_\_ 8

Kids Corner:  
See How Much Allah Loves You\_10

Prayer Times \_\_\_\_\_ 12



### Ramadan Reminders

Ways that can elevate our Ramadan—some of the most common mistakes Muslims fall into ...



### Ramadan and Menstruation

Some sisters can feel upset when they get their period in Ramadān (especially during the last ten days) ...

| More on page 5



*"Whoever fasts the month of Ramadan out of sincere faith and hoping for a reward from Allah, then all his past sins will be forgiven. [al-Bukhari]*

**IONA Wishes Everyone a  
Blessed RAMADAN and a  
Joyous EID.**

First day of Ramadan: Wednesday, Feb. 18th  
Eid al-Fitr: Friday, March 20th

First Friday sermon starts at 12:10 PM and the second sermon starts at 1:20 PM



### Ramadan: The Prophetic Way

The Qur'an extends a beautiful and open invitation to repentance, urging us to turn back to Allah (SWT). He commands, ....

| More on page 4



Mustapha Elturk

Ameer

IONA Masjid

Community

Advisory Board

Naveed Ashraf

Director of Operations

IONA Masjid &

Learning Center

Mahreen Abid

Mirza M. Ahmad

Rubaiyat Anjum

Parwin Anwar

Farhan Baber

Mohammad A. Barlaskar

Ashfaqul Chaudhry

Mohammed A. Hayder

Mohammed Sharif

Mohammad Sirajul-Haq

Amaan Haq

Syed Hoque

Kaysar Hussain

Iqbal Surti

## Announcements

# RAMADAN MUBARAK AND KAREEM

Ramadan begins on Tuesday, February 17, at sunset and the first day of fasting is on Wednesday, February 18th, according to the Fiqh Council of North America. IONA follows the Fiqh Council of North America for determining Ramadan and Eid dates.

- Taraweeh prayers will start shortly after salat al-Isha. See the Prayer Schedule for the Isha salah (iqamah). We will be offering 20 rak'ahs followed by the congregational salat al-Witr.
- Khatm al-Qur'an celebration is on Tuesday, March 17 (Ramadan 28/29), in sha Allah. A host of speakers and Imams are invited.
- Zakat al-Fitr (Fitra) is \$15 per person. MUST be paid before Eid day.
- Islamic organizations will be raising funds on Saturdays. Presenters will have 10 minutes after Isha prayer to raise funds.
- Brothers intending to do I'tikaf (retreat) in the last 10 nights of Ramadan need to register ahead of time. Please call Br. Naveed Ashraf at (248) 880-1925. I'tikaf night begins Monday, March 9, Maghrib time.

### Kindly observe the following guidelines during Ramadan:

To help maintain a peaceful, respectful, and spiritually uplifting environment during Ramadan and Tarāwīh prayers, we kindly ask all attendees to observe the following guidelines:

- Please refrain from bringing water bottles to the prayer areas. Adequate water will be provided in designated areas in addition to the drinking fountains available near the wudu' areas of both the sisters and the brothers.
- Please **DO NOT** bring any type of food or drink to the masjid at any time. IONA is pleased to provide dates and water to break the fast prior to praying Maghrib.
- Parents are responsible for keeping their children quiet at all times.
- Please park **ONLY** in designated areas. We will be, in sha Allah, enforcing strict parking and illegally parked cars will be towed away at owner's expense.
- Please place your shoes on shoe racks. Absolutely no shoes in the foyer area by the social hall entrance. Shoes left on the floor will be placed in the lost and found box.
- Please **silence or turn off all cell phones** before entering the prayer area. Any phone that rings during prayer disrupts the khushū' of the congregation.
- Kindly **fill in the rows completely** and follow the instructions of the ushers to allow everyone to pray comfortably.
- Please **avoid talking** in the prayer areas, especially during and between rak'ahs of Tarāwīh, out of respect for those engaged in prayer and du'a.
- Help us maintain cleanliness by **disposing of tissues and trash properly** and keeping the prayer areas tidy.
- We encourage attendees to **arrive early** for prayers
- Please respect and follow all posted signs.

**Thank you in advance for your continued support and cooperation.**

**On behalf of IONA, we wish you a very blessed Ramadan.**

**"O Allah, make the new moon rise on us with security and Iman and peace and Islam, Our Lord and your Lord is Allah."**

You may always call us at 586-558-6900 or  
e-mail us at [Director@ionaonline.org](mailto:Director@ionaonline.org) if you have any questions.

# Ramadan Greetings from Ameer of IONA



Ramadan Mubarak and Kareem to you and your loved ones.

*"O you who believe, fasting has been ordained for you, just as it was ordained for those before you, so that you may grow in Taqwa." [Al-Baqarah, 2:183]*

On behalf of myself and IONA, I extend my warmest wishes for a blessed and spiritually fulfilling Ramadan.

Allah (SWT) has once again honored us with the arrival of Ramadan — the month of the Qur'an, the month of mercy, the month of transformation.

Ramadan is not merely about abstaining from food and drink; it is about disciplining the soul, guarding the tongue, softening the heart, and renewing our covenant with Allah. It is a month in which sins are forgiven, du'a' is answered, and even a single night — Laylat al-Qadr — is better than a lifetime of worship.

Let us enter this month with sincere intention. Let us fill our days with Qur'an, our nights with prayer, our homes with remembrance, and our hearts with repentance. Let us forgive one another, support one another, and uplift those in need.

As we experience hunger and thirst, let us remember those who struggle daily with poverty and hardship. The reward for charity in Ramadan is multiplied many times over. Give for the pleasure of Allah (SWT), supporting the needy, including your relatives and charitable organizations. Please consider dedicating a portion of your zakah or donations to IONA to support our efforts in serving the community and the expansion project. Visit [www.ionamasjid.org/donate](http://www.ionamasjid.org/donate) to contribute.

May Allah (SWT) allow us to witness Ramadan, to benefit from Ramadan, and to leave Ramadan forgiven and transformed. Ameen.

اللهم بلغنا رمضان ووفقنا فيه لما تحب وترضى

Wishing you a very blessed Ramadan and a joyous Eid.

## IONA Food Catering Service

IONA catering service perfect for private gatherings and major events like weddings and



graduations. Enjoy the convenience of having our delectable dishes of a delightful selection of Pakistani, Bangladeshi, and Indian cuisine delivered to your doorstep,

whether it's your home, mosque, banquet hall, or any other venue of your choice. Please note that we are currently accepting orders for a minimum of 50 people per order. For inquiries or to place your order, please feel free to call us at 248-462-6244.



SCAN ME



PayPal

Scan with your smartphone

or tap to pay with your card

</div

# Synopsis of Ameer Mustapha's Khutbah

## Ramadan: The Prophetic Way

*"O you who believe, fasting has been ordained for you, just as it was ordained for those before you, so that you may grow in Taqwā."* [Al-Baqarah, 2:183]

Ramadan, as lived by the Prophet Muḥammad (ﷺ) was not merely a change in routine or an exercise in physical restraint. It was a month of deep devotion, heightened spiritual awareness, mercy, generosity, and profound transformation. It was distinct from all other months because its purpose was clear: "so that you may grow in Taqwā." Taqwā is the essence of Ramadan.

Ramadan is not about hunger. Allah (SWT) did not say that fasting was prescribed so that we may feel hunger, lose weight, or alter our daily schedules. Rather, it was prescribed so that we may develop Taqwā — a shield that protects the soul from sin and draws it closer to Allah (SWT).

The word Taqwā comes from *wiqāyah*, meaning protection. It signifies placing a barrier between oneself and the displeasure of Allah by obeying His commands and avoiding His prohibitions. It is living with the conscious awareness that Allah sees us at all times. As Allah (SWT) reminds us, "Does he (man) not know that Allah sees?" [Al-'Alaq, 96:14]

The word *taqwā* comes from the root *waqā-yaqī*, which conveys the meaning of protection and preservation. *Wiqāyah*, a term derived from the same root is defined by Al-Rāghib al-Isfahānī in his lexicon, *Mu'jam Mufradāt alfazh al-Qur'ān*, linguistically, as a means to preserve or shield something from that which may harm it. In its juristic and spiritual sense, *wiqāyah* is to protect the soul — the *nafs* — from sin and corruption by abstaining from what Allah has forbidden. Thus, *taqwā* is not merely fear; it is conscious moral self-protection. It is the deliberate guarding of the heart from disobedience and the safeguarding of one's relationship with Allah (SWT) by leaving what is prohibited. It is to build a barrier between you and the Fire by building obedience between you and your Lord.

Therefore, *taqwā* is not passive fear; it is active safeguarding. It is building a shield around the *nafs* by leaving the forbidden and guarding the boundaries set by Allah (SWT). This definition beautifully aligns with the divine purpose of fasting in "so you may grow in *taqwā*," fasting is not an end in itself — it is a training in spiritual protection.

Taqwā is demonstrated when a person is alone and still chooses obedience. It is when one whispers *du'ā* in the darkness with certainty that Allah (SWT) hears. It is when temptation presents itself, yet the servant remembers Allah before acting. Allah (SWT) describes the people of Taqwā as those "who believe in the unseen, establish prayer, and spend from what We have provided for them." [Al-Baqarah, 2:3] They live with consciousness of the Hereafter and allow that awareness to shape their character and conduct. Ibn 'Umar

(RAA) said, "The servant will not reach the reality of Taqwā until he leaves what unsettles his heart." True taqwā refines the inner self before it reforms the outer behavior.

Fasting is uniquely suited to cultivate this consciousness. Allah (SWT) could have commanded additional prayer or extended charity alone, yet He chose fasting because it is the most private act of worship. One may perform prayer publicly or give charity visibly, but fasting is known only to Allah (SWT). When a person is alone and capable of eating or drinking without anyone knowing, yet refrains solely because Allah sees, that is taqwā in its purest form. In a sacred ḥadīth, the Prophet (ﷺ) conveyed that Allah says: "Fasting is for Me, and I alone reward it" (Bukhārī & Muslim). The hunger and thirst are not ends in themselves; they are instruments for awakening the heart.

The Prophet (ﷺ) embodied this reality throughout Ramadan. 'Ā'ishah (RAA) reported that he would exert himself in worship during Ramadan more than in any other month (Muslim). He stood long in night prayer, prolonged his *sujūd*, and immersed himself in remembrance. His relationship with the Qur'an intensified. Allah (SWT) describes Ramadan as "*the month in which the Qur'an was revealed*" [Al-Baqarah, 2:185], and each year Jibril (AS) reviewed the Qur'an with him. In the final year of his life, it was reviewed twice. The Qur'an is described as "*guidance for the people of Taqwā*" [Al-Baqarah, 2:2], and as "*a healing for what is in the hearts*." [Yūnus, 10:57] Through the Qur'an, hearts are softened, intentions purified, and consciousness deepened.

Ramadan for the Prophet (ﷺ) was also a refinement of character. He warned, "Whoever does not abandon false speech and acting upon it, Allah has no need of him abandoning his food and drink" (Bukhārī). Fasting without moral transformation misses the point. Allah (SWT) does not need our hunger; He desires our purification. Taqwā must manifest in truthful speech, humility, patience, and forgiveness.

Generosity marked his Ramadan as well. Ibn 'Abbās (RAA) reported that the Prophet (ﷺ) was the most generous of people, and even more generous in Ramadan, "more generous than the flowing wind" (Bukhārī & Muslim). Taqwā softens the heart. A heart conscious of Allah cannot remain hard toward His creation.

The last ten nights represented the pinnacle of his devotion. 'Ā'ishah (RAA) said that when the final ten nights began, he would tighten his waistbelt, stay awake at night, and awaken his family (Bukhārī & Muslim). He sought Laylat al-Qadr, about which Allah says: "The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months." [Al-Qadr, 97:3] A thousand lunar months equals more than eighty-three years — nearly the span of an entire lifetime. This means that worship performed on Laylat al-Qadr is not merely

Continued on page 9

## Ramadan and Menstruation

Some sisters can feel upset when they get their period in Ramadān (especially during the last ten days). Something similar happened to our mother Ā'ishah (RAA). She says, "We set forth with the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) with the sole intention of hajj till we came (to the place known as) Sarif; and there I started menstruating. The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) came to me and I was crying, so he asked, "What is making you cry?" I replied, "By Allah, I wish I had not come (for hajj) this year." He (ﷺ) said, "What's the matter? Perhaps you have started menstruating?" I said, "Yes." He said, "This is what Allah has ordained for the daughters of Ādam. Do what the pilgrim does, except that do not do tawāf of the House (of Allah)" (Bukhārī).

**Allah The All-Wise** has decreed for women to undergo menstruation every month. During this period, women do not fast or pray ṣalāh. This is the command of Allah, which women should submit to and should not feel ashamed of. If it wasn't for menstruation, humanity and the Ummah wouldn't continue. It is in fact from the mercy and kindness of Allah that women are given a break from some physical acts of worship during a time when they feel weaker and may experience severe pain.

It can be easy, however, to fall into a 'break' mode when your period occurs. Mentally, you may think you are 'off duty' for a few days and subsequently neglect your relationship with Allah (subḥānāhū wa ta'ālā). But having this approach will actually leave you feeling worse by the end of it.

A mindset shift is therefore critical. Even when you're on period, you can and should still worship Allah. Instead of thinking what you can't do or feeling limited, feel like you can give **more** time to other acts of worship. Thus, you can't fast during the day, but you can still fill it up with worship. You can't recite the Qur'ān (according to many scholars), but you can still listen to the Qur'ān.

Ā'ishah (RAA) says, "The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) would rest his head in my lap whilst I was menstruating, and he would recite the Qur'ān" (Bukhārī).

Likewise, this is the perfect time to dedicate yourself to learning and reflecting on the meaning of the Qur'ān. Similarly, you can't stand for the night prayer, but you can sit with a translation of the Qur'ān and follow the imām's recitation. You can't pray tahajjud in the last third of the night, but you can still wake up and sit in your place of prayer and make **earnest du'ā' and istighfār**.

For the first few days, you might be unable to worship as much due to being in pain. You will be rewarded for this, as our beloved Prophet (ﷺ) said, "If a servant falls ill or travels, the likes of what he used to do when he was a resident (i.e. not travelling) and healthy will be recorded for him" (Bukhārī). Similarly, about Laylat al-Qadr, our beloved Prophet (ﷺ) said, "In it, Allah has a night which is better than a thousand months. Whoever is deprived of its good is truly deprived!" (Nasā'i). Juwaybir said: "I asked Dāḥhāk, 'Do women experiencing post-natal bleeding and menstruation, those travelling, and those asleep (due to illness) have a share of Laylat al-Qadr?' He replied, 'Yes. Whoever's deeds Allah accepts, He will give them their share of Laylat al-Qadr.'"

However, as for the days when you are not in pain, try to have a spirit of striving in 'ibādah. This will prevent you experiencing a dip in your spirituality, and then having to motivate yourself once you have finished your menstruation.

Here are some specific actions you can fill your days and nights with inshā Allah:

### 1- Dive into the Qur'ān

- Read the translation and tafsīr.
- Listen to the Qur'ān.
- Learn the meanings of a specific sūrah/sūrahs.
- Reflect on the Qur'ān (tadabbur). [Useful resource: QuranReflect App]

### 2- Dhikr & Du'ā'

- Perform all the daily sunnah adhkār.
- Fill your day with general dhikr and du'ā'.
- Even if you are cooking or lying in bed due to pain, you can still do dhikr and du'ā'.



Repentance

Revitalization of Faith

Renewal of Covenant

[ionaonline.org](http://ionaonline.org)  
[ionamasjid.org](http://ionamasjid.org)

**For all your  
Islamic needs**

**Visit IONA's  
Bookstore**

**New Hours**

Thursday & Friday

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Sundays

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday by  
appointment

**Call**

(586) 744-0638

Continued on page 8

# Ramadan Reminders: Ways We Can Elevate Our Ramadan

Here are some of the most common mistakes Muslims fall into during Ramadan:

## 1□ Fasting the Stomach but Not the Limbs

The Prophet Muhammad (ﷺ) warned: "Whoever does not abandon false speech and acting upon it, Allah has no need of him leaving his food and drink." (Bukhārī)

Many fast from food, but:

- The tongue still gossips.
- The eyes still wander.
- The temper still flares.

The heart still holds grudges. Ramadan is meant to discipline the entire self, not just the appetite.

## 2□ Turning Ramadan Into a Month of Food

Ironically, some people spend:

- More time planning meals than planning worship.
- More money on groceries than on charity.

More energy cooking than praying.

Ramadan becomes socially festive but spiritually light.

The purpose is Taqwa, not culinary excellence.

## 3□ Neglecting the Qur'an

Allah describes Ramadan as: "The month of Ramadan in which the Qur'an was sent down." [Al-Baqarah, 2:185]

Yet for many, Qur'an recitation is minimal or rushed.

Some only listen in Tarāwīh without personal engagement. Ramadan without the Qur'an misses its central light.

## 4□ Wasting the Nights

Ramadan nights are precious. Yet some stay awake:

- On social media.
- Watching shows.

Talking idly until suhūr.

But the Prophet ﷺ intensified worship in the last ten nights.

## Adnan Jilani AAA Insurance Agency



**FOR MORE DETAILS SEARCH ON GOOGLE :**

**ADNAN JILANI AAA INSURANCE AGENCY**

The nights are where transformation happens.

## 5□ Only Praying in Ramadan

Masjids fill in Ramadan — which is beautiful. But some abandon salah as soon as the month ends.

Ramadan is training. If the training does not continue, the lesson was not internalized.

## 6□ Ignoring the Last Ten Nights

Energy is high in the first week. By the 20th night, fatigue sets in.

But the Prophet (ﷺ) would "tighten his waistbelt" in the last ten nights — meaning he increased effort precisely when others slowed down.

Laylat al-Qadr may be in the nights we feel least motivated.

## 7□ Harshness and Bad Character

Some people become irritable due to hunger.

But fasting is meant to soften the soul, not harden it.

The Prophet (ﷺ) taught that if someone insults you while fasting, say: "Indeed, I am fasting."

Ramadan is a month of mercy.

## 8□ Delaying Repentance

Some think:

"I'll change later." "I'll focus next year." "I'm still young."

But Allah reminds us: "Each soul shall taste death." [Aal Imran, 3:185]

There is no guarantee of another Ramadan.

## 9□ Treating It as a Cultural Season

For some, Ramadan becomes:

- A social identity.
- A family tradition.

A community routine.

But without intention, it becomes habit instead of worship.

## DRIVE WITH CONFIDENCE

Where Safety Meets Insurance

### Our Services

- Liability Insurance**  
Damage and injuries you cause to others in an accident where you're at fault.
- Collision Coverage**  
Damage to your vehicle from collisions with other vehicles or objects.
- HOMEOWNER INSURANCE**  
AAA Insurance Agency offers reliable homeowner's insurance to protect your home and belongings from unexpected events like fire, theft, and natural disasters.

## INSURE WITH CONFIDENCE

Get your free, no-obligation quotes today and find the perfect coverage for your needs. We offer top-notch insurance solutions for Auto, Home, Renters, Investment Properties, Umbrella, and Motorcycle policies. With competitive rates, customized plans, and exceptional service, we're here to safeguard every part of your life.

## CONTACT US TODAY

Call Tehseen at 586-202-4333 or 586-553-9135 to secure your peace of mind today!



M. Syed & Co.

We Can Help You In

# Accounting and Tax Services



## Our Services

- ✓ Personal & Business Tax Prep      ✓ Payroll & Sales Tax Services
- ✓ Bank Reconciliation      ✓ Business Consultation
- ✓ Certified Bookkeeping Professionals

Call Us Today

**586-722-7687**

www.msyedaccounting.com m.syedco@outlook.com

**Our Office Address** 31912 Mound Rd Suite 103, Warren, MI 48092

## YOUTH OF UMMAH PROGRAMS At a glance

### Road to Salvation

- Islamic Education
- Every Sun, 10am - 1pm
- Young adults & above (14+)
- For brothers & sisters

### Mommy & Me

- Every Wed, 12.30pm - 2.30pm
- For mothers and children
- Children aged 0-5

### Junior Seekers

- Islamic Education
- Every Sun, 2.30pm - 4.30pm
- For young boys and girls (6-12)

### Brother's Hangout

- Occasional
- Young adult & above (13+)
- Brothers only

### YOU League

- Seasonal
- Basketball & Soccer
- For young boys & girls (6-18)

### Sisters' Social

- 1st & 3rd Sat, 5pm - 7pm
- Young adult & above (18+)
- Sisters only

### Faith & Fitness

- Workout Session
- 1st & 3rd Mon, 6pm - 8pm
- Sisters only

### Noor Circle

- 2nd & 4th Sat, 5pm - 7pm
- Young girls only (7-12)

Call

(586) 744-0638

## New Hours

Thursday & Friday  
6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Sundays  
2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday by  
appointment



Repentance

Revitalization of Faith

Renewal of Covenant

ionaonline.org  
ionamasjid.org

For all your  
Islamic needs

Visit IONA's  
Bookstore

# Important Dates for Ramadan 1447 (2026)

**Tuesday, February 17:** First night of Taraweeh (20 rak'ahs) will start shortly after Isha prayer at 8:00 PM followed by the congregational salat-ul-witr.

**Wednesday, February 18:** First day of Ramadan

**Friday, February 27:** IONA's Phase II Expansion Fundraising

**Saturday, February 28:** CAIR—MI Fundraising

**Friday, March 6:** Soup Kitchen Fundraising

**Saturday, March 7:** Imams Council of Michigan Fundraising

**Friday, March 13:** IONA's Masjid Operational Expense Fundraising

**Saturday, March 14:** IONA's Youth of Ummah (YOU) Fundraising

**Tuesday, March 17 - Ramadan 29 (Lailatul Qadr):** IONA's Expansion Fundraising and Khatm al-Qur'an. A host of speakers and Imams are invited.

## I'tikaf (Spiritual Retreat)

**Monday, March 9:** I'tikaf (retreat) begins. Brothers intending to do i'tikaf during the last 10 nights of Ramadan need to register ahead of time. Please call Br. Naveed Ashraf at (248) 880-1925 or e-mail him at [director@ionaonline.org](mailto:director@ionaonline.org).

## Eid al-Fitr

**Friday, March 20 (Shawwal 1):** Eid al-Fitr (According to the Fiqh Council of North America)

**First Eid Prayer:** Takbeer **7:30am** - Iqama **8:00am SHARP**

**Second Eid Prayer:** Takbeer **9:30am** - Iqama **10:00am SHARP**

## Zakatul-Fitr (Fitra)

Zakatul-Fitr (Fitra) and Fidya is \$15 per person. | Zakatul-Fitr (Fitra) MUST be paid before Eid day.

---

### Ramadan and Menstruation (cont'd)

#### 3- Tahajjud Time

- Wake up, do wuḍū and miswāk (very helpful to make you feel awake). Then sit and spend as much time as you can doing dhikr, making du‘ā and istighfār.
- Make a plan and rotate between acts of worship, so you don't fall asleep and lose focus, especially during the last nights (in which it is hoped that it will be Laylat al-Qadr).

#### 4- Reflect

- Reflect on the Names of Allah.
- Reflect on the creation of Allah.
- Reflect on your life, on your actions and on your journey to Allah.
- Reflect on your shortcomings to Allah and sincerely repent.

#### 5- Seek Knowledge

- Read beneficial books and strengthen your connection to Allah and His words.
- Listen to beneficial lectures.
- Take notes and reflect on what you have learnt and how you can make it a part of your life.

#### 6- Teach and Inspire Your Children

| Continued on the next page

# Ramadan: The Prophetic Way (cont'd)

equal to, but greater than, the worship of a lifetime without it. In one night, a believer can earn what most people strive to accumulate over decades. It is the night in which the Qur'an first descended, the angels come down in abundance, and divine decrees are apportioned. It is described as peace until the break of dawn. What greater generosity can there be? Allah (SWT), in His mercy, gives this Ummah a single night that can outweigh a lifetime – a night in which sincere prayer, heartfelt du'a', and tears of repentance can elevate a person beyond the measure of years. It is a night that can outweigh a lifetime, but it is found by those who seek it with sincerity and longing.

There is also a warning embedded in Ramadan. The Prophet (ﷺ) cautioned that some may gain nothing from their fasting except hunger. Abu Huraira (RAA) reported: The Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) said, "One might fast but he gets nothing from his fast except hunger. One might pray at night but he gets nothing from his prayer except fatigue." (Ibn Mājah)

When Ramadan becomes merely cultural, social, or routine, its transformative power is lost. Allah (SWT) asks sadly: *"Has the time not come for the believers that their hearts should humble to the remembrance of Allah?"* [Al-Ḥadīd, 57:16] Ramadan is an answer to that question, an opportunity to return.

Finally, we must remember that Ramadan is not guaranteed. Allah (SWT) declares, *"Every soul shall taste death."* [Āl 'Imrān, 3:185] There were those who fasted with us last year who are no longer among us. They are beneath the soil. Taqwā is what we carry beyond this life. Ramadan is a divine gift, an annual opportunity to awaken before it is too late.

As we approach this blessed month, let us pray sincerely:

"O Allah, make us among the people of Taqwā. Purify our hearts. Allow us to reach Ramadan and accept it from us. Let this Ramadan not pass without transforming us." Ameen.

## Ramadan and Menstruation (cont'd)

- Teach your children/nephews and nieces etc.
- Relate stories from the Qur'an and sīrah. Use storytelling techniques to leave a lasting imprint in their minds (E.g. the story of the beginning of the revelation and its link to Laylat al-Qadr).

### 7- Help Others

- Cook iftār for those who are fasting.
- Offer to babysit for a sister so she can pray tarāwīḥ in peace.
- Volunteer for a worthy cause.

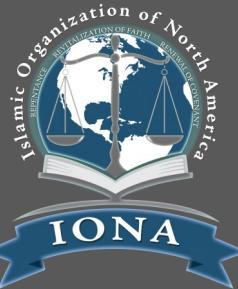
### 8- Optimize Your Intention

- Intention is everything.
- Intend to seek the pleasure of Allah for everything you do.
- Have a good intention even for your rest.

Don't think of menstruation in Ramaḍān as a time to switch off and waste your time. **Don't waste these blessed hours in mindlessly scrolling through social media.** Sometimes sisters might think, 'Oh I can't pray so let me prepare a lavish feast' or they may start menstruating in the last ten days and think 'Oh perfect, let me bake lots of goodies for Eid'. It would be a shame to waste such precious moments (the optimum time of the year) on baking or cooking for hours on end, instead of worshipping Allah.

May Allah al-Ḥakim (The All-Wise) fill our hearts with contentment with His decree. May al-Karīm (The Most Generous) allow us to taste the sweetness of worship during our days of sickness and good health.

<https://lifewithallah.com/articles>



Repentance

Revitalization of Faith

Renewal of Covenant

[ionaonline.org](http://ionaonline.org)  
[ionamasjid.org](http://ionamasjid.org)

For all your  
Islamic needs

Visit IONA's  
Bookstore

New Hours

Thursday & Friday

6:00 PM - 10:00 PM

Sundays

2:00 PM - 7:00 PM

Saturday by  
appointment

Call

(586) 744-0638

Please Support Our Expansion Project. Give so that Allah Gives you more.



Credit Card



PAYPAL

[ionamasjid@gmail.com](mailto:ionamasjid@gmail.com)



Zelle

# See How Much Allah Loves You

One of the names of Allah is “Ar-Rahmaan”, which means the Merciful. We see how merciful Allah is every day, but we may not realize it: He gives us food to eat, a safe house to live in, good clothes to wear, family and friends that love us... The list goes on and on.



There are ways in which Allah is merciful to us that we can't even see! There are two angels always at either side of us. The angel on the right records our good deeds, and the angel on our left records our bad deeds.

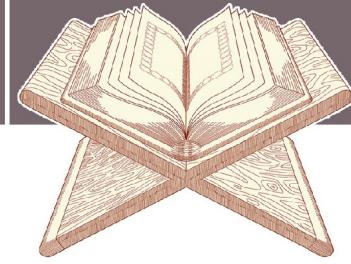
The Prophet (peace be upon him) tells us that whenever we think of something bad to do, Allah tells the angel on the left to not record that deed until we actually do it. And if we do the bad deed, then Allah tells the angel to write it down only as one. But if we don't do the bad deed after thinking about, Allah tells the angel to write it down as a good deed!

What about when we think of a good deed? When we simply think of a good deed, Allah tells the angel to write it down. Can you imagine getting a reward for having good thoughts? When we actually do the deed, Allah tells the angel to write the reward ten to seven hundred times!

### Test your knowledge:

- 1) What is the name of Allah that means “the Merciful”?  
a. Ar-Rahmaan      b. Al-Wudood      c. Al-Khaaliq
- 2) Can you think of something in your life that shows Allah is merciful to you and that He loves you?
- 3) When we think of a good deed, how many times do you think the angel might right it down?  
a. 1      b. 0      c. As much as 700 times!
- 4) We talked about how the angels write down the deeds that we think or do. What about erasing deeds? Can you think of a way the angel might erase a bad deed?

# IONA ISLAMIC BOOK STORE



## OPEN (NEW) HOURS

Thursday | 6 PM - 10 PM  
 Friday | 6 PM - 10 PM  
 Sunday | 2 PM - 7 PM  
 Saturday by appointment  
 Closed Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday

(586) 744-0638 | ionabookstore.com | bookstore@ionaonline.org

# INJURED?

Let Us Be Your Attorneys

## 888.675.8008



Uber, Lyft, Auto,  
Motorcycle, Slip  
& Fall, and Truck  
Accidents

NO FEES UNLESS YOU GET PAID



TalkToMyAttorneys.com  
Doral, FL

Support  
Local Muslim  
Businesses



Auto Repair and Tire By Us  
(248) 602-9997



# RAHMA EXCLUSIVES

## Ramadan Mubarak

Best collection at best deals InshaAllah

Don't miss out!!



EID GIFTS  
PAKISTANI DRESSES  
INDIAN DRESSES  
MENS THOBE, KURTA  
KIDS WEAR  
ABAYA, HIJAB, JEWELRY  
HALAL PERFUME, ATTAR

For More Information

+313-707-4304  
28747 Ryan Rd, Warren MI  
48092

(313) 366-2310 Office  
(248) 766-4916 Cell  
[www.rahmanfuneral.com](http://www.rahmanfuneral.com)

Helon Rahman B.S.M.S.  
Funeral Director

# RAHMAN Funeral Home

12924 Jos. Campau \* Detroit, Michigan 48212  
 Courteous, Accommodating, Dependable, Affordable,  
 24 Hours / 7 Days a Week Service

24 Hour Tow Service  
(631) 902-1395

25410 Ryan Road Warren Michigan  
[Autorepairandtirebyus@gmail.com](mailto:Autorepairandtirebyus@gmail.com)

# RAMADAN (FEBRUARY/MARCH) 2026

## IONA Masjid - Salah and Iqamah Timings

Date		Ramadan	Imsak~	Fajr	Iqamah	Sunrise	Zuhr	Iqamah	Asr (S)*	Asr (H)*	Iqamah	Maghrib	Iqamah	Isha	Iqamah
Tue	17		5:53	6:45	7:26	12:51	1:00	3:40	4:24	4:45	6:10	6:15	7:30	8:00	
Wed	18	1	5:47	5:52	6:45	7:25	12:51	1:00	3:41	4:25	4:45	6:11	6:16	7:31	8:00
Thu	19	2	5:46	5:51	6:45	7:23	12:51	1:00	3:42	4:26	4:45	6:13	6:18	7:32	8:00
Fri	20	3	5:44	5:49	6:45	7:22	12:51	1:00	3:43	4:27	4:45	6:14	6:19	7:33	8:00
Sat	21	4	5:43	5:48	6:30	7:20	12:51	1:00	3:44	4:28	4:45	6:15	6:20	7:35	8:00
Sun	22	5	5:41	5:46	6:30	7:19	12:51	2:00	3:45	4:29	4:45	6:16	6:21	7:36	8:00
Mon	23	6	5:40	5:45	6:30	7:17	12:51	1:00	3:46	4:30	4:45	6:18	6:23	7:37	8:00
Tue	24	7	5:39	5:44	6:30	7:16	12:50	1:00	3:47	4:32	4:45	6:19	6:24	7:38	8:00
Wed	25	8	5:37	5:42	6:30	7:14	12:50	1:00	3:47	4:33	4:45	6:20	6:25	7:39	8:00
Thu	26	9	5:36	5:41	6:30	7:12	12:50	1:00	3:48	4:34	4:45	6:21	6:26	7:40	8:00
Fri	27	10	5:34	5:39	6:30	7:11	12:50	1:00	3:49	4:35	5:00	6:23	6:28	7:41	8:15
Sat	28	11	5:33	5:38	6:30	7:09	12:50	1:00	3:50	4:36	5:00	6:24	6:29	7:42	8:15
Sun	1	12	5:31	5:36	6:15	7:08	12:50	2:00	3:51	4:37	5:00	6:25	6:30	7:43	8:15
Mon	2	13	5:29	5:34	6:15	7:06	12:49	1:00	3:52	4:38	5:00	6:26	6:31	7:44	8:15
Tue	3	14	5:28	5:33	6:15	7:04	12:49	1:00	3:52	4:39	5:00	6:28	6:33	7:45	8:15
Wed	4	15	5:26	5:31	6:15	7:03	12:49	1:00	3:53	4:40	5:00	6:29	6:34	7:46	8:15
Thu	5	16	5:25	5:30	6:15	7:01	12:49	1:00	3:54	4:41	5:00	6:30	6:35	7:47	8:15
Fri	6	17	5:23	5:28	6:15	6:59	12:48	1:00	3:55	4:42	5:00	6:31	6:36	7:48	8:15
Sat	7	18	5:22	5:27	6:15	6:58	12:48	1:00	3:56	4:43	5:00	6:32	6:37	7:49	8:15
Sun #	8	19	6:20	6:25	6:45	7:56	1:48	2:00	4:56	5:44	6:15	7:34	7:39	8:50	9:30
Mon^	9	20	6:18	6:23	6:45	7:54	1:48	2:00	4:57	5:45	6:15	7:35	7:40	8:51	9:30
Tue	10	21	6:17	6:22	6:45	7:53	1:47	2:00	4:58	5:46	6:15	7:36	7:41	8:52	9:30
Wed	11	22	6:15	6:20	6:45	7:51	1:47	2:00	4:58	5:47	6:15	7:37	7:42	8:53	9:30
Thu	12	23	6:13	6:18	6:45	7:49	1:47	2:00	4:59	5:48	6:15	7:38	7:43	8:54	9:30
Fri	13	24	6:12	6:17	6:45	7:48	1:47	2:00	5:00	5:49	6:15	7:40	7:45	8:55	9:30
Sat	14	25	6:10	6:15	6:45	7:46	1:46	2:00	5:01	5:50	6:15	7:41	7:46	8:56	9:30
Sun	15	26	6:09	6:14	6:45	7:44	1:46	2:00	5:01	5:51	6:15	7:42	7:47	8:57	9:30
Mon	16	27	6:07	6:12	6:45	7:42	1:46	2:00	5:02	5:52	6:15	7:43	7:48	8:58	9:30
Tue	17	28	6:05	6:10	6:45	7:41	1:46	2:00	5:02	5:53	6:15	7:44	7:49	8:59	9:30
Wed	18	29	6:04	6:09	6:45	7:39	1:45	2:00	5:03	5:54	6:15	7:45	7:50	9:00	9:30
Thu	19	30	6:02	6:07	6:30	7:37	1:45	2:00	5:04	5:55	6:15	7:46	7:51	9:01	9:30
Fri	20	EID Mubarak	6:05	6:30	7:35	1:45	2:00	5:04	5:55	6:15	7:48	7:53	9:02	9:02	9:30

~ Imsak = Sahur Ends | \* S = Shafi'i, H = Hanafi | # Daylight Savings Time | ^ First Night of Itikaf  
**First Eid Prayer:** Takbeer 7:30am - Iqama 8:00am SHARP | **Second Eid Prayer:** Takbeer 9:30am - Iqama 10:00am SHARP

This Ramadan, we are counting on your generous support to help us expand IONA Masjid. The need is urgent, and we cannot do it without you. May Allah (SWT) bless you abundantly for your generosity and make it a means of ongoing reward for you in this life and the hereafter.



Send Money with Zelle



Scan in your banking app to support

**Zelle**