

Seeking the Great Night

What is Laylatul Qadr ?

Amongst the many blessings of Ramadan is a precious and special night known as Laylatul Qadr - The Night of Power. This great and powerful night is better than a 1000 months (83 years and 4 months).

This night brings an abundance of mercies, forgiveness, spiritual progress and elevation for a Muslim. It is a night to earn Allah Ta'ala's pleasure and the ultimate prize of Jannah.

Allah Ta'ala says: "The Night of Power is better than a thousand months." (Quran 97:3)

Rasulullah ﷺ said: "Whosoever stands in ibadah - worship on this night, with sincere faith and with genuine hope of gaining reward, his previous sins will be forgiven." (Bukhari and Muslim)

When is Laylatul Qadr ?

Rasulullah ﷺ said: "**Seek Laylatul Qadr in Ramadan in the last ten nights. Verily, it is during the odd nights, 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th, 29th or the last night of Ramadan.**" (Ahmad)

This blessed night is a serene and calm night in which the dawn breaks without any radiant beams of light. It lasts until the break of the dawn.

Some suggested practices for this night:

- Spend as much of this night in the Masjid, in seclusion or in the programmes of the pious. Females may seclude themselves in a quiet corner in their homes.
- Recite as much Qur'an as possible, particularly the prescribed surahs and verses.
- Perform nafl Salah - Salatut Taubah - Tahajjud Salah - Salatut Tasbeeh etc.
- Make abundant zikrullah - different forms of Zikr including durood and duas.
- This night is a great opportunity for dua. Beg from Allah to fulfil your needs and the needs of the Ummah both in this world and the hereafter.

Aisha (RA) reports: "I said: 'O Rasulullah ﷺ should I find myself the "Laylatul Qadr", what shall I pray ? Rasulullah ﷺ replied: say, "**Allaahumma innaka afuwwun tuhibbul afwa fa'fu anni**" "O Allah, You are most forgiving, You love forgiveness, so forgive me." (Tirmizi)

Take regular breaks during the night to avoid getting over-exhausted. Try switching between different forms of worship.

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