

# Ramadan Reminders

The month of Ramadan, in addition to being known as the 'month of the Quran' is also the 'month of du'a'

There are several du'as that pertain to this month. Hereunder are a few of them:

## Du'a at the beginning of Ramadan

Sayyiduna 'Ubaadah ibn Samit (radiyallahu 'anhu) reports that Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) used to teach the Sahabah (radiyallahu 'anhum) the following **du'a when the blessed month of Ramadan would arrive:**

اللَّهُمَّ سَلِّمْ لِي رَمَضَانَ وَسَلِّمْ رَمَضَانَ لِي وَسَلِّمْهُ لِي مُتَقَبَّلاً

*Allahumma sallimni li Ramadana, wasallim Ramadana li, wa sallimhu li mutaqabbala.*

**Translation:** O Allah! Safeguard me for Ramadan, safeguard Ramadan for me and accept it from me.

(Kitabud-Du'a of Imam Tabarani, Hadith: 912-913 and Hayatus Sahabah vol.3 pg.182)

## Suggested du'a to be recited throughout the month

Our elders have –in the light of the Hadith- prescribed the following du'a to be recited in abundance during Ramadan:

أَسْأَلُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَ أَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

*Ash-hadu alla ilaha illa anta astagh firuka wa atubu ilaik, as-alukal Jannah wa a'uthu bika minan nar*

**Translation:** (O Allah) I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but you. I beg your forgiveness. I ask you for Paradise and refuge from Jahannam.

## Du'a on Laylatul Qadr:

The following du'a was taught by Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) to Sayyidatuna A'isha (radiyallahu 'anha) to be recited on **Laylatul-Qadr:**

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ، تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

*Allahumma innaka 'afuwwun tuhibbul 'afwa fa'fu 'anni*

**Translation:** O Allah certainly you are most forgiving, You love to forgive, so forgive me.

(Sunan Tirmidhi, Hadith: 3513)

### The month of the Quran

Therefore people generally recite more Quran in Ramadan. In the process of reciting the Quran, one would end up reciting an ayah of sajdah, in which case it becomes wajib (binding) upon the reciter to make a sajdah. The correct procedure of this sajdah is that one should stand upright, say Allahu akbar and go into sajdah. If one has more than one sajdah to make, one may do so by sitting in between. Upon completion of the sajdah or sajdahs, one should stand up again. All the conditions for salah also apply to the sajdah tilawat. (Like being in the state of wudu, facing the qiblah etc.) One should not raise one's hands when saying the takbir, **neither should one say the salam at the end.**

(Tahtawi, pg.498)

While in sajdah tilawat Rasulullah (sallallahu 'alayhi wasallam) would recite the following du'a:

سَجَدَ وَجْهِي لِلَّذِي خَلَقَهُ وَشَقَّ سَمْعَهُ وَبَصَرَهُ بِحَوْلِهِ وَقُوَّتِهِ

*Sajada wajhi lillathi khalaqahu wa shaqqa sam'ahu wa basarahu bi hawlihi wa quwwatihi*

**Translation:** My face has prostrated for the One who, by His power and might, created it and created the faculty of seeing and hearing in it. (Sunan Tirmidhi, Hadith: 580 and Sunan Abi Dawud, Hadith: 1409)

**Note:** The fourteen ayat of sajdah in the Quran are either (1) in praise of Allah's obedient slaves, (2) rebuke of the disobedient ones or are (3) general instructions to make sajdah. Therefore, one should make this intention and du'a that:

"O Allah! I am from the obedient ones and keep me steadfast on your obedience."

May Allah Ta'ala bless the entire Ummah in this auspicious month. *Amin.*



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