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THE VIRTUES OF LAYLATUL QADR

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Alhumdulillah, we have embarked on the last ten nights of Ramadan. We ask Allah to make us among those that reach Laylatul Qadr. Laylatul Qadr is among the last 10 nights of Ramadan and the best night of the year. It is recommended to make as much dua and qiyaam in these nights as possible. Allah has blessed this ummah with great reward despite their limited lifespans. Worshiping on this night is better than a thousand months, which is equal to 83 years.

Ibn Abbas (ra) said worshiping Allah on this night is better than fasting the days and praying the nights for 1,000 months. We usually cannot fast, pray, and worship Allah for 24 hours - what about 83 years? Imagine being able to accomplish the benefits of so many decades of worship in just one special night.

The virtues of Laylatul Qadr are many. It was narrated that Abu Hurairah said: "The Messenger of Allah said: *'Whoever spends the nights of Ramadan in prayer (Qiyam) out of faith and in the hope of reward, he will be forgiven his previous sins, and whoever spends the night of Laylatul-Qadr in prayer out of faith and in the hope of reward, he will be forgiven his previous sins.'*" (Sahih)

Thus, we should spend the night engaged in sincere qiyam and dua. Aishah (r.a) narrated: "I said: 'O Messenger of Allah, what is your view if I know when the Night of Al-Qadr is, then what should I say in it?' He said: *'Say: "O Allah, indeed You are Pardoning, [Generous,] You love pardon, so pardon me (Allahumma Innaka Afuwun Tuhibbul-Afwa Fa'fu Anni).'*" (Sahih)

The companions would seek out this blessed night on the odd nights of Ramadan. Aisha (r.a) narrated that the Prophet (saw) said, *"Search for the Night of Qadr in the odd nights of the last ten days of Ramadan."* (Bukhari)

The signs of Laylatul Qadr.

- Neither too hot nor too cold
- The sun rises without as many rays as usual
- Peace during the night
- The strongest opinion is that it moves from year to year
- When the Prophet (saw) was asked, "What is the sign ? He replied: "The sun rises like a vessel of water in the morning following that night; it has no ray until it rises high up." (Abu Dawud)

We ask Allah to enable us to reap all the benefits of this blessed night.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي



*allahumma innaka afurwun
tuhibbul afwa fa'fu anni*

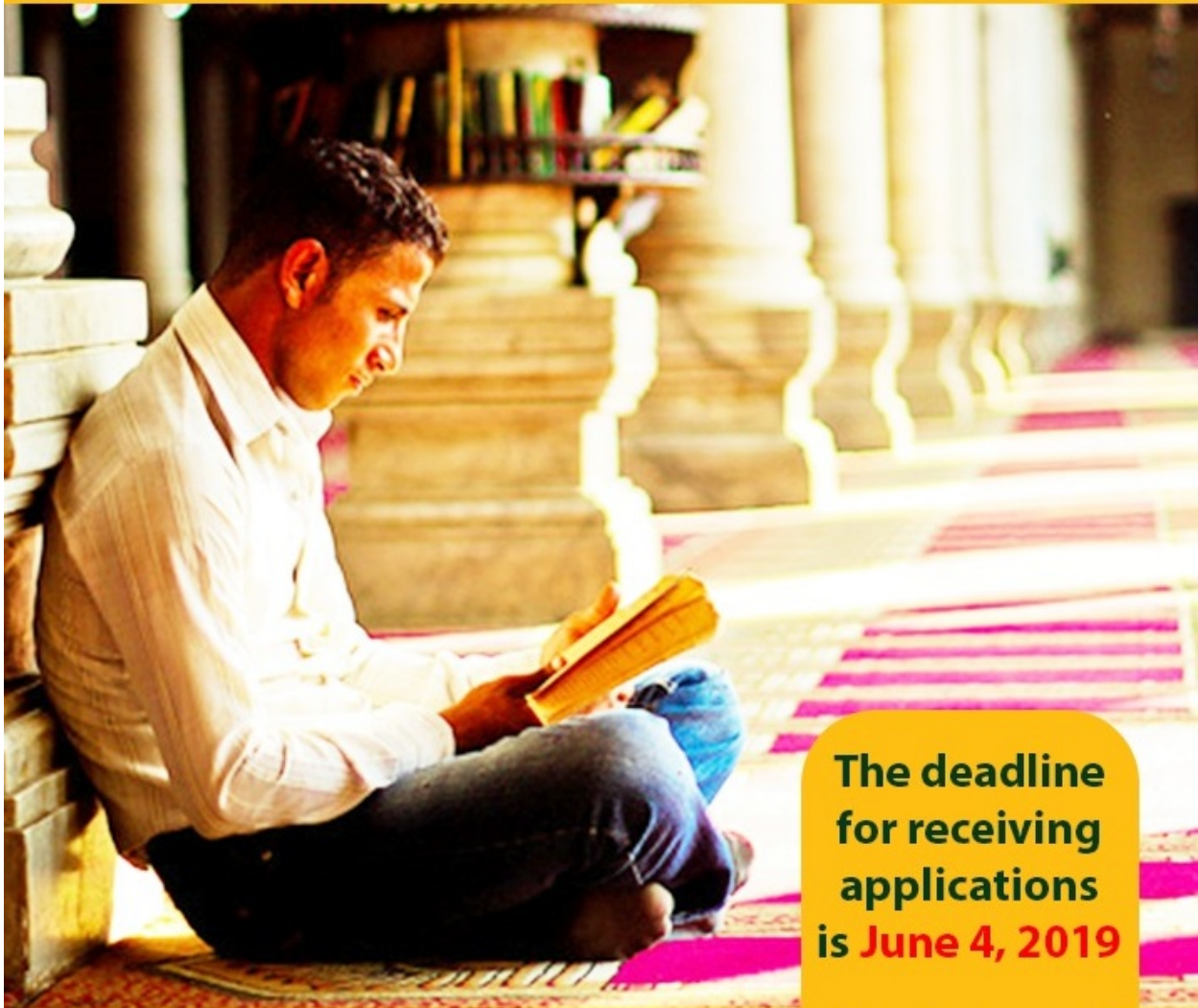
O Allah, You are Most Forgiving, and You love forgiveness;
so forgive me

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"Verily. We have sent it (the Quran) down in the Night of Al-Qadr
And What will make you know what the Night of Al-Qadr is?
The Night of Al-Qadr is better than a thousand months.
Therein descend the angels and the Ruh by their Lord's permission with every matter.
There is peace until the appearance of dawn.

Surah Al Qadr 97:1-5



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I ask Allah almighty to reward you and your family in this great month.

Wassalamu alaikum warahmatullah
Your brother,

Haitham Barazanji
CEO of the Islamic University of North America, Mishkah

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Classes Resume	June 15
Last Day to Withdraw	July 8

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