

A 12 POINT
ACTION PLAN FOR

Laylatul Qadr

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Allah Almighty says in the Qur'an, that this blessed night (Laylatul Qadr) is better than 1000 months. Sayyiduna Anas (RadiAllahu Anh) narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said, “Whoever is deprived from this night, is deprived from all goodness and the one who is deprived from the goodness of this night, is the one who is indeed deprived” [Sunan ibn Majah]

Who is more deprived than the person who is alive on the blessed Night of Qadr, a night more virtuous than a thousand months, yet does not seize the opportunity to worship Allah Almighty? Truly, the greatest loss is to be present on this night, overflowing with blessings, and to still stay oblivious of worshipping Allah.

Remember, 1000 months is 83 years and 4 months!

Scholars interpret that engaging in good deeds during this blessed night rewards you as if you had performed those deeds for 83 years and 4 months.

Fellow Muslims, to ensure you don't miss out on its abundant blessings, this booklet provides a straightforward action plan. Follow it to fully benefit and earnestly seek the virtues of this sacred night.

When is this night during Ramaḍān?

According to a Hadith recorded in Sahih Bukhari, the Prophet ﷺ said to search for this night during the odd nights in the last 10 days of Ramadan. Meaning, the night of 21st, 23rd, 25th, 27th or the 29th of Ramadan. This was also the position of Imam Malik (Rahimahullah). In another Hadith, the 29th, 27th and 25th nights are mentioned. Whilst in the narration of Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Umar (Radi'Allahu Anh), recorded in Sahih Bukhari, the last 7 nights of the month of Ramadan are mentioned.

There are multiple positions ascribed to Islamic jurists and scholars of Hadith regarding this blessed night, which have been covered in detail previously, for which you can refer to the lecture, 'How to find Laylatul Qadr' by Shaykh Saqib Iqbal hh.

How can you gain the reward of spending the entire night worshipping Almighty Allah?

It is highly advised to dedicate each of the last ten nights of Ramadan to the worship of Allah Almighty, given that Laylatul Qadr may occur on any of these nights. At a minimum, special emphasis should be placed on engaging in worship during the odd nights within this period to seek the blessings of Laylatul Qadr.

To make this easy, it is important to pray Isha Salah, Tarawih and Fajr Salah in Jama'at (congregation). In Sahih Muslim, the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ emphasised the merit of communal worship, stating 'Whoever performs Isha Salah with Jama'at, it is as if he spent half the night in Qiyaam (in the worship of Allah). And if he offers his Fajr Salah in congregation, it is as if he spent the entire night in the worship of Allah'.

By actively participating in Tarawih prayers, if we make a concerted effort to perform our Isha and Fajr Salah with the congregation during these last ten nights, we stand to gain the extraordinary blessing of being considered as if we have engaged in non-stop worship throughout these pivotal nights of Ramadan!

We have certainty that Laylatul Qadr will occur on one of these last ten nights. By heeding this guidance, you ensure that you won't miss out on Laylatul Qadr, a night more valuable than a thousand months, equivalent to 83 years and 4 months. Imagine standing in the hereafter, credited with the rewards of worshipping Allah Almighty for over 83 years! This incredible blessing is within reach by simply performing Isha Salah and Fajr Salah in congregation during the final ten nights of Ramadan. Additionally, it's crucial to allocate time for extra acts of devotion during these nights.

Note: The Islamic night begins at sunset, at the time of Maghrib.

12 Point Action Plan

1 - Imān (Faith)

For a believer, the most precious wealth is the treasure of Imān (faith). During these ten nights, it becomes crucial to take out time for introspection and repentance from any actions or statements of Kufr (disbelief), and to pray for the fortification of Imān. By doing so, you are preparing yourself to receive a reward as if you had made this dua continuously for more than 83 years!

2 - Taubah (Repentance)

Make sincere Taubah from all sins of the past – for further details you can refer to the works of Shaykh Saqib Iqbal on the subjects of Taubah and Tazkiya which outline how to make accepted repentance using the acronym PRAN. BY doing so, you will gain the reward of making Taubah for more than 83 years! It is also recommended to try to shed tears when making Taubah and asking Allah for forgiveness.

3 - Sadaqah (Charity)

Embrace the act of giving by contributing even a modest sum of £1 as Sadaqah on the night of Qadr. Imagine, just £1 given on the night of Qadr will bring

you the same blessings as if you've been giving for over 83 years! Allow this to inspire you to give whatever you can, no matter how small, understanding that through Allah's mercy, even the tiniest contributions can yield immense rewards.

4 – Recitation of The Qur'an

Take out time to recite the Qur'an, especially since it was on the night of Qadr that the Qur'an was revealed. Also, engage in Istigfār (asking for forgiveness), Dhikr (remembrance of Allah), and sending Salawāt (salutations on the Prophet Muhammad, ﷺ). By doing so, you'll receive the blessing of these acts, as if you've been performing them for over 83 years!

5 - Dua of Ma'rifah and Muhabbah

Our ultimate aim is to achieve Ma'rifah, the true closeness to Allah Almighty, and Muhabbah, the sincere love for the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ. By aspiring to these noble states and making Dua for them, you stand to receive the blessings of such prayers, as if you have been earnestly making them for over 83 years! Let this be your guiding light, encouraging you to deepen your spiritual journey and connection.

6 - Dua for Jannah and Protection From Punishments

Make sincere and heartfelt Dua to be granted the ultimate blessing of residing in Jannah, close to the beloved of Allah ﷺ. Additionally, seek refuge through dua from the trials of the grave and the torment of Jahannam (Hellfire). Through the mercy of Allah, engaging in such reflective supplications will not only draw you closer to achieving these eternal rewards but also bless you with the merit of these prayers as if you have been consistently making them for over 83 years! Let this motivate you to enthusiastically pursue these aspirations with hope and dedication in your heart.

7 - Dua For The Ummah

Remember, the Ummah is like one body; when a single part suffers, the entire body shares its pain. If we find ourselves indifferent to this suffering, we must question our connection to this collective body. With our hands lifted in prayer to the Most Merciful, let us sincerely call upon Allah to safeguard and elevate the Ummah. May our supplications, brimming with genuine earnestness and deep concern, reach out to support our brothers and sisters enduring struggles worldwide. In your prayers for the Ummah, don't forget to also pray for those who have passed away, especially your relatives and friends. Praying for your deceased parents is crucial; ask Allah to pardon their mistakes and accept

your deeds as a means of elevating their spiritual status (Esal us Sawaab). Engaging in such dua and acts of worship on their behalf promises you a reward as if you've been consistently performing them for over 83 years! The souls for whom you pray and perform Esal us Sawaab will also receive these blessings for more than 83 years! Truly, Allah is the Greatest! Let this inspire you to become a beacon of compassion, actively contributing to the unity and welfare of our Ummah.

8 – Prophetic Dua

Seek forgiveness with the following Prophetic masnoon dua for the night of Qadr as mentioned in the following Hadith.

"A'isha narrates, "I said, 'Messenger of Allah ﷺ, if I know what night the Night of Power is, what do you think I should say during it?' He ﷺ said, Say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ كَرِيمٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

"O Allah, You are Pardoning and you love pardon, so pardon me." (Tirmidhi)

Persist in offering this dua. In doing so, you stand to receive the incredible reward of having recited this prayer for over 83 years!

9 – Reconciliation

Amidst these sacred nights, prioritise moments to mend bonds with your relatives and reconcile with anyone you've perceived as an enemy. Reach out to them, whether through a visit or a heartfelt phone call. Even if your efforts aren't immediately fruitful, persist in making dua for them. Remember, the reward for seeking reconciliation extends beyond 83 years of continuous effort! Let this be your inspiration to foster unity and forgiveness, knowing that every step towards reconciliation is rewarded abundantly by Allah.

10 – Seeking Forgiveness From Your Parents

We can never fully repay the debt of gratitude we owe to our parents, nor can we ever completely fulfil their rights upon us. Nonetheless, strive to serve your parents, cherish quality moments with them, and try to bring them joy. By doing so, you'll reap the rewards of serving your parents for more than 83 years! Let this motivate you to honour and cherish your parents with dedication and love, knowing that every act of kindness towards them is rewarded immensely by Allah.

11 – Qadha al Umri

If you've missed any of your previous prayers, begin making up for them with Qadh al Umri. Otherwise, engage in Nawaafil (voluntary prayers). For guidance on how to perform missed prayers, refer to Shaykh Saqib's work on Qadha al Umri.

12 – Qiyam ul Layl

Do not overlook your Tarawih or Tahajjud prayers during these blessed nights. Envision yourself standing in the presence of Allah Almighty in the hereafter, adorned with the reward of more than 83 years of prayers! Let this vision ignite your motivation to seize every opportunity for spiritual elevation and closeness to Allah through the night prayers.

Concluding Advice

Let these guiding principles cloak you in the beauty of worship, steering you away from the forbidden and guiding you to honour the sacred Night of Qadr with utmost reverence. We must ensure not to invite the wrath of Almighty Allah due to negligence resulting in the disrespect of this blessed night.

Even if the preceding ten nights or the odd nights within them have proven challenging, seize the magnificence of the 27th night of Ramadan as an opportunity for redemption.

By sharing these pearls of wisdom and inspiring others to embrace even a fraction of these principles, you become someone's motivation towards turning to the mercy of Allah. Remember, with each soul you guide, you add to the treasure trove of your deeds.

Attending Tarawih and Isha prayers in congregation, then rising for Suhoor and offering Fajr Salah in congregation, grants you the divine reward of a night's worth of worship—equivalent to over 83 years—so long as you refrain from sinful acts. Strive relentlessly to embody as many of these twelve points as possible.

May Allah shower His choicest blessings upon us on the Night of Qadr, illuminating our hearts and souls with His divine grace and mercy.



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