



The Last Ten Days of Ramadan

The First Khutba

All praises are due to Allah. Who has honored us with the month of Ramadan and who made the last ten days therein from the best of times. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the uniquely one who has no partners in His one-ness. And I testify that our Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad is the slave of Allah and His Messenger, may the peace and blessings upon him and upon whomsoever follows them in guidance until the Last Day.

To Continue:

I advise you O slaves of Allah and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, for He says: **يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ**

كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous [Qur'an: ٢:١٨٣]

O Believers: Indeed, we are shortly going to be arriving at ten great nights whose reward is immense. These are the last ten nights of Ramadan in which the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) used to exert himself more than he would in any other time. So, he used to spend and increasingly devote his time during the day in the remembrance of Allah and worship alongside other

righteous deeds. And then he would spend his nights in prayer, bowing and prostrating, calling out to his Lord, reciting the Qur'an. The Mother of the Believers Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) narrates: " Whenever the last ten days would enter the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) would bring his nights to life (i.e. he would perform worship all night) and he would wake up his wives (to do the same)" [Al-Bukhari and Muslim]. So, the correct response in responding to the last ten nights is to increase in one's worship, and to bring (as much as possible) one's nights to life the way the Prophet did by praying and doing other devotional acts therein. For in these nights is Laylat ul Qadr, which is better than a thousand months, and from Prophetic guidance is to wake up one's family to share and take part in worship and supplications. Ali ibn Talib (may Allah be pleased with him) narrates: "The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) would wake up his family in the last ten nights of the month of Ramadan". So this is an opportunity for the young and old to excel in their worship, to invest in these blessed days and nights. Let us encourage all of our families to make the most of this time, these moments of faith, by encouraging them to recite the Qur'an in Ramadan. For Allah tells us: **شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ**

الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ

The month of Ramadhan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur'an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion. [Qur'an: ٢:١٨٥]

Let us be avid in stressing our family follow the Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), seeking to emulate him in their worship and supplication. One of the things he advised us to say was:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنَّا

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

Let us call upon Allah for good for our souls and our children, for our relatives, for whoever has a right over us – and for all the believers. Let us pray for our homeland and our leaders, and let us thank Allah for the blessing of Ramadan, for its days and its nights. I say this and seek forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness for He is the most-forgiving.

Second Khutba

All praises are for Allah, the Most Giving, the Blessed, who has honored us with the month of Ramadan. And may peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, the best of creation who fasted and prayed, best of those who recited and taught the Qur'an, and upon his family and companions, and whomsoever follows them in the best of ways.

Slaves of Allah: Indeed, actions are determined by their endings, and these days and nights that will come are the ending of Ramadan. So let us hasten therein to give our charity, let us hasten to give our Zakat (for those on whom it is obligatory), if it has reached the Nisab value and a lunar year has passed since the date it has been determined. This too was the way of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), who was more generous in

Ramadan than at any other time of year. Let us also increase our devotion to acts of kindness and compassion in general. This was the way of humanitarian works that was the way of Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al Nahyan (may Allah have mercy on him), the leader and founder of this nation, so let us continue contributing to the endowment of the foundation of good deeds he laid. This would be acting in accordance with what Allah tells us:

وَتَعَاوَنُوا عَلَى الْبِرِّ وَالتَّقْوَى

And cooperate in righteousness and piety [Qur'an: ٥:٢]

The United Arab Emirates is a country that is known for its generosity and giving to causes across the world. Its figurative and generous hands are extended to various parts of the earth; where it seeks to spread the good. So let us likewise be generous and implant these human values in the souls of our daughters and our sons. May the first of these values be that of being committed to the obedience of our Lord, and the following of our Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him). Let us spend our times investing these last ten nights in the manner of devotion our pious forefathers would have.

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon all of the Prophets and Messengers, and especially on the seal of them, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. O Allah send Your peace and blessings upon him, and upon his family, his companions, all of them.

O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates. and guide them to all that is

good and what pleases You. O Allah: Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and the other late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to Your mercy. We ask you to admit them into Paradise by Your grace. O Allah have mercy on the martyrs, and grant their families with patience and a great reward. And have mercy, our Lord, upon our fathers and mothers, and upon whoever has a right upon us. And continue perpetuating blessings and bounties upon the UAE. O Allah, confer upon us Your blessings and do not make us from those who despair. O Allah, bless us, bless us, bless us. O Allah: Give us in this life that which is beautiful and in the next life that which is beautiful, and save us from the fire. Remember Allah and He will remember you, Stand up for prayer.