

A QUICK CHECKLIST OF RAMADAN:

- Make a resolve to win the maximum favour of Allah by performing extra voluntary prayers (*Nawaafil*), making frequent *Du'a* and increased remembrance (*Dhikr*)
- Try to recite some Quran after every Prayer. In fact if you read 3-4 pages after every Prayer you can easily finish the entire Quran in Ramadan!
- Study the *Tafseer* (commentary) every morning.
- Invite a person you are not very close with or your relatives to your home for Iftar, at least once a week. You will notice the blessings in your relationships!
- Bring life to your family! Everyday, try to conclude the fast with your family and spend some quality time together to understand each other better.
- Give gifts on 'Eid to at least 5 people: 2 to your family members, 2 to your good friends, and 1 to a person whom you love purely for the sake of Allah.

- Make commitment to join Islamic study circles or *Halaqas* to learn more about Islam and improve your own life.
- Donate generously to the *masajid*, Islamic organizations, and any where people are in need or oppressed. "This is a month of sharing!"
- Share Ramadan and its teachings of peace & patience with your neighbors. Learn how at <http://www.soundvision.com/info/ramadan/>
- Sleep little, eat little! Make sure you do not defeat the purpose of fasting by over-indulging in food and being lazy.
- Seek the rare and oft-neglected rewards of 'the night better than a 1000 months', *Laylatul-Qadr*.
- Weep in private for the forgiveness of your sins: It is the month of forgiveness and Allah's Mercy! It's never too late.
- Learn to control your tongue and lower your gaze. Remember the Prophet's warning that lying, backbiting, and a lustful gaze all violate the fast!
- Encourage others to enjoin and love goodness, and to abandon everything that Allah dislikes. Play the role of a *Da'ee* (one who invites to Allah).
- Experience the joy of *Tahajjud* prayers late at night and devote yourself purely and fully to Allah in the *I'tikaf* retreat during the last 10 days of Ramadan.