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## Ramadan Kareem

Assalamu Alaikum Warahmatullahi Wabarakatuh  
(May the peace, mercy, and blessings of Allah be with you).

First, let us thank Allah, the Glorious and Exalted, for giving us another Ramadan. We all know the meaning of Islam – submission to the will of Allah. A true submission is willfully surrendering our self and our autonomy to the Creator. It includes all of our thoughts and actions. However, we can't submit our will unless we have total control over it. This control is known as self-control, which includes defeating our weaknesses, controlling our urges, and gaining mastery over our thoughts and actions. This self-control is embedded in us as our personal characteristics, also known as attributes or traits. Our ego, urges, fears, anger, anxiety, joy, patience, compassion, humility, faith, and trust are all a part of our self. So, to truly maintain our submission to Allah, we need to make sure we have full control over our self by developing and maintaining good characteristics.

We are fortunate that we have Allah's clear guidance and our Prophet (PBUH) as a role model to understand and develop good characteristics and control negative characteristics. When these two sources are combined, it is like a well-designed course with a textbook, case studies, sample questions and answers, training, and workshops. There is nothing hidden or secret about truly submitting to Allah and achieving true success.

We are prescribed five times of daily prayers to stay connected with Allah, weekly Friday (Jumah) prayers to build the sense of community, and a full month of Ramadan in which Allah locks down Shaitan and opens the doors of His enormous mercy. The Prophet taught us how to perform all of these and other activities in life.

Ramadan is a boot camp to build and rejuvenate Islamic characteristics, as well as to purify our souls and earn Allah's mercy. So, we have dedicated this edition with lessons and tips on Islamic characteristics. We hope this Ramadan that you all focus on its true purpose.

Allah promises His immense mercy and forgiveness to those who truly submit to Him. So, let us ask Allah to help us to emulate the Prophet's characteristics, ask Allah to shower His mercy on us, and forgive us for all our shortcomings. May Allah help us all to make every fast this Ramadan a shield in the Hereafter and an intercessor in the grave. Ameen.

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# Muslim Characteristics for Success

By Adam Salaam

Nearly every other day, we see a new theory on characteristics for success, with all of them backed by either science or reference to a few successful people.

However, when you look at those characteristics closely, they all boil down to the characteristics identified by the Quran and Prophet. Many experts, including non-Muslims, agree that Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is the most successful leader in history. He is well known to the world as a humble human being, as a statesman, as a businessman, as a political leader and a spiritual guide.

We can identify and learn many characteristics from the Quran and Prophet. Let us look at few verses from the Quran:

“Successful indeed are the believers. Those who offer their Salat (prayers) with all solemnity and full submissiveness. And those who turn away from Al-Laghw (dirty, false, evil vain talk, falsehood, and all that Allah has forbidden). And those who pay the Zakat. And those who guard their chastity (i.e. private parts, from illegal sexual acts), Except from their wives or that their right hands possess, for then, they are free from blame; But whoever seeks beyond that, then those are the transgressors; Those who are faithfully true to their Amanat (all the duties which Allah has ordained, honesty, moral responsibility and trusts etc.) and to their covenants; And those who strictly guard their (five compulsory congregational) Salawat (prayers) (at their fixed stated hours). These are indeed the inheritors. Who shall inherit the Firdaus (Paradise). They shall dwell therein forever.” *Holy Qur’an (23:1-11)*

These verses highlight some of the key attributes of being a believer for success.

## 1. Absolute Humility

Humility is the foundational attribute of a successful person. It starts with when we stand before Allah, we stand with humility in absolute sincerity and without any feeling of vanity. Call upon Allah, worship Allah, ask for forgiveness, ask His help with a complete presence as we are standing right in front of Him.

## 2. Protection from Temptation

It is extremely important to stay away from all kinds of bad and evil temptations whether it comes in the simple form of simple profanity, curses, lies, or a serious sin. Many sins are very tempting which will lower your individual standard and eventually turn into a dangerous habit.

## 3. Involve in Charity

We must make sure we fulfil our obligations towards the poor by paying the due. Be sure to contribute to charitable causes that help communities at large. These projects may include schools, hospitals, libraries and other similar programs. Islam promotes social principles that protect people from poverty, ignorance, illness and need.

## 4. Save Yourself in Chastity

All male and female believers must guard themselves and their bodies from committing forbidden and illicit acts. Today, it has become a norm for people to maintain low moral values. We must stay away from such prohibited sexual relationships.

## 5. Respect Promises and Agreements

Societies are rated based on how obedient its residents are to law and order and the respect towards each other. To establish better communities, it is critical for us to keep our promises and all the covenants that we make. We should guard ourselves and be prepared when someone entrusts us with property, secrets, their will or any other belonging.

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## 6. Steadfast in Prayer

The best gift given to Muslims is the prayer. It is the way to connect with Allah and how we maintain our faith and trust in Him. Be punctual with your prayers and do not be lazy when the time comes for prayer.

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) was known to be a living Quran and he demonstrated the characteristics of a true believer throughout his lifetime. In one of his sermons, the Prophet (PBUH) describes the believer:

“Blessed is he who earns his living through lawful ways and he whose inward status is good, outward is decent; spends his surplus wealth in charity; abstains from excessive talking; people remain safe of (any) evil from him; he treats others with justice. Surely whoever believes in Allah fears Him, and whoever fears Allah guards himself against the evils of this world.”

So, we must guard ourselves against the evils of the world with these actions:

### 1. Halal provision

Prophet (PBUH) instructs us that we all must earn our living through lawful means. So, it is important that we must give enough importance to the profession we chose

and businesses we involve ourselves with during our careers.

### 2. Morality

We should strive to improve and maintain high standards of moral behavior. It leads to happiness in our own lives as well as our societies.

### 3. Maintain Pure Heart

There is so much importance focused on maintaining a good state of heart. It must be free from evil thoughts, hatred, and any such negative feelings. We should continuously work to keep our hearts clean and pure.

### 4. Control Your Speech

A good believer must control their tongue, eliminate all idle chatter and prevent any sort of communication that causes harm or provokes hostility in their community. It is better to stay quiet than to say something that is harmful or that we have no knowledge of.

### 5. Provide Safety and Security

A true Muslim never causes harm to others. People around Muslims must feel safe and secure. This can be achieved by building good character and living by it. We must pay attention to our actions and character to make



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sure they do not cause harm to our neighborhoods and communities at any scale. All good behavior can be part of dawah and spreads the message of Allah.

## 6. Justice For All

Muslims must always be just with everyone, including Muslims and non-Muslims. We must respect and never forfeit the rights of others.

## 7. Maintain the Fear of Allah

The most important element of belief is to know Allah and be fearful of Him. This feeling will make us pious and save us from committing sins. When we know Allah, it strengthens our trust in Allah and reminds us of the ultimate goal for Muslims – success in the life here and hereafter.

In conclusion, we are what our characteristics are. This way of life and attributes coming from the Quran and Prophet are the most important characteristics of success and happiness for Muslims. All of these are critical to please Allah and attain success in this life and the life hereafter. Let us make sure this Ramadan that we focus on building and strengthening these characteristics.

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# Dhikr – Remembrance of Allah

By Rama Hashish

The Dhikr (or Zikr) means the remembrance of Allah. Remembrance is typically done through the reciting or uttering of various Arabic words, like the sentences prescribed in the Quran and Hadith. However, it should not only be felt as a movement of our tongues but should also be felt deep in our hearts. The main idea of reciting these words on our tongues is to feel and benefit from its effects in our hearts. A true Dhikr (deep engagement) is critical for us to protect our hearts from ill thoughts, laziness, shaitan and most importantly to purify our hearts and connect with Allah. In addition, it was also said that any good deed with the right intention is a form of Dhikr.

“... And the men and the women who remember Allah much with their hearts and tongues. Allah has prepared for them forgiveness and a great reward (i.e., Jannah).’ (Quran 33:35)

“Shall I tell you about the best of deeds, the most pure in the Sight of your Lord, about the one that is of the highest order and is far better for you than spending gold and silver, even better for you than meeting your enemies in the battlefield where you strike at their necks and they at yours?” The companions replied, “Yes, O Messenger of Allah!” He replied, “Remembrance of Allah”. (Hadith: at-Tirmidhi)

From these words of Ayah and Hadith, we know that Dhikr is not only recited by tongue, but it is also recited by mind and heart. In short, the zikr needs active participation that involves tongue, mind and heart. Visualize the formula below -

## Active Participation in Zikr = Tongue + Mind + Heart

Here are the levels of Zikr, so you can learn and increase your level.

**Level 1 – Dhikr with Tongue:** This is the lowest level. Allah rewards us when we remember Him and recite some verses from the Quran or phrases that we usually read when remembering Allah such as:

**1. Allāh** - the Arabic word for God and mentioned in Quran in most of the verses.

- 2. Allāhu’akbar (Takbir)** - means “God is greater” or “God is the greatest”
- 3. Subhan Allah (Tasbih)** - means “Glory be to Allah” or “How pure is Allah” or “Exalted be Allah”
- 4. Alhamdulillah (Tahmid)** - means “All praise is due to Allah”, an expression of gratitude
- 5. Lā `ilāha `illā Ilah (Tahlil)** - means “There is no god but Allah”
- 6. Lā ḥawla wa-lā quwwata `illā bi-llāh (Hawqala)** - means “There is no power or strength except with Allah.”

Those phrases are merely a tip of the iceberg from what we can recite.

**Level 2 – Dhikr with Tongue and Heart:** In this level you establish the link between heart and tongue in Dhikr. For example, today you have decided to recite surah Al-Baqarah. During your recitation, you have reached a particular Ayah that you don’t quite understand. If you have continued your recitation, you have just to remember Allah by using only your tongue, but if you have stopped and started to look for its meaning, your status with Allah will grow higher. This extra step increases your knowledge and boosts your confidence taking you closer to Allah.

**Level 3 – Dhikr with tongue, heart and mind:** This is a supreme level, where nothing comes as a barrier between you and your Creator. This level comes after your heart feels the permanent remembrance of Allah. You feel Allah is watching you and listening. You are deeply engaged with remembrance such as reflecting, thinking of Allah continuously. It doesn’t stop and isn’t interrupted by other thoughts. To reach to this level, you need to dedicate time and free up yourself of worldly tasks to comfortably sit in a quiet place and do your zikr. It acts like meditation, giving you a sense of calm, peace and balance that benefits both your emotional well-being and your overall health.

## Dhikr in Ramadan

Each moment in Ramadan is a golden opportunity for us to remember our Creator. You can remember while you are in the car, on the train or bus, walking, cooking, or even at work. In addition, after every fard prayer, or at least once

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a day, you can follow the ten zikr items mentioned below, all of which are highly regarded. Also try to increase your level of involvement as days pass. Note that you need to remember the full meaning which is essential to engage yourself and raise your level. To make this more practical, you can have this list handy and evaluate yourself regularly. Try to make things better for your future and increase your engagement level gradually.

**1. Recite Ayat Kursi once.** Reflect upon the meaning.

*“Allah - there is no deity except Him, the Ever-Living, the Sustainer of [all] existence. Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is it that can intercede with Him except by His permission? He knows what is [presently] before them and what will be after them, and they encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills. His Kursi extends over the heavens and the earth, and their preservation tires Him not. And He is the Most High, the Most Great.”*

**2. Say “Astaghfirullah” three times** while you are thinking of the meaning “I ask Allah for forgiveness” Or ‘O Allah, forgive me.’

**3. Say once “Allahumma antas-salam waminkas-salam, tabarakta ya thal-jalali wal-ikram.”**

Read through the meaning - ‘O Allah, You are the source of peace and from You comes peace, exalted You are, O Lord of Majesty and Honor.’

**4. Say once** - “La ilaha illallahu wahdahu la sharika lahu, lahul-mulku, wa lahul-hamdu, wa Huwa `ala kulli shai’in Qadir. La hawla wa la quwwata illa billah. La ilaha illallahu, wala na`budu illa iyyahah, Lahun-ni`matu, wa lahul-fadlu, wa lahuth-sauna ul-hasanu. La ilaha ilallahu, mukhlisina, lahudeen, wa law karihal-kafiroon.”

Read through the meaning – “There is no true god except Allah; He is One. To Him belongs the dominion and to Him is all praise, and He is Powerful over all things. There is no power and might except with (the help of) Allah. There is no God but Allah and we worship none except Him, to Him belongs the bounty and to Him belongs the grace, and to Him belongs all excellent praise; there is no deity but Allah. We reserve our devotion exclusively for Him though the disbelievers may detest it.”

**5. Count on your right hand 33 time** - “Subhanal-lah walhamdu lillah, wallahu Akbar”. Remember the meaning – ‘How perfect Allah is, all praise is for Allah, and Allah is the greatest.’ After that once say - ‘La ilaha illal-lahu wahdahu la shareeka lah, lahul-mulku walahul-hamd, wahuwa ala kulli shayin qadeer.’

Remember the meaning - “There is no god but Allah alone, He has no partners, to Him belongs dominion and to Him belongs praises, and He has power over all things”.

**6. Recite Surah Ikhlas Ten times.** Try to reflect upon the meaning

**7. Recite SubhanAllah Hundred times** while recalling the meaning.

**8. Recite “SubhanAllah Wa Bihamdihī”** Hundred times a day.

**9. Recite Astaghfirullah** as many times as you can.

**10. Recite Surah al Ikhlaas, Surah al Falaq and Surah al Naas** - three times at Fajr and Maghrib and once at other times.

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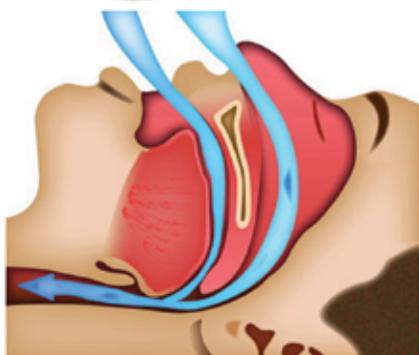


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## Surviving Difficulties in Life

By Adam Salaam

Our life on earth is a test. Passing this test will lead to eternal success. The test involves both ease and difficulties. Many of us find everything to be hard at certain points in our lives. There are many gems of wisdom in the Quran and life of Prophet (PBUH) to deal and survive such difficulties. Here are some steps that we all must understand thoroughly and practice to survive the small and big difficulties of this life.

### Being Grateful

First, say Alhamdulillah - all praise and thanks to Allah. Always be thankful to Allah both in good and bad times. As the Prophet (PBUH) said - "The real patience is at the first stroke of a calamity" (Bukhari). So, make sure you do not forget to be thankful to Allah for everything given.

### Repent

Remember to immediately repent when you face your difficulties. Ask Allah for forgiveness for the known and even the unknown sins that have been committed. Engage in

repentance as often as possible.

"There is no deity except You; exalted are You. Indeed, I have been of the wrongdoers."  
(Qur'an 21:87)

### Maintain Trust

Make sure you maintain trust in Allah regardless of whatever bad happens and think good of Him. Move closer to Allah and make sure that you do not let your trust weaken. Do all that is needed, like listening to lectures, reading the Quran, and praying to protect your trust in Him.

"...And whoever fears Allah - He will make for him a way out And will provide for him from where he does not expect. And whoever relies upon Allah - then He is sufficient for him. Indeed, Allah will accomplish His purpose. Allah has already set for everything a [decreed] extent." (Qur'an 65:2-3).



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### **Dua of prophet Musa (PBUH) -**

*“Indeed, adversity has touched me, and you are the Most Merciful of the merciful.”*  
(Qur’an 21:83).

### **Dua of prophet Yunus (PBUH) -**

*“There is no deity except You; exalted are You. Indeed, I have been of the wrongdoers.”*  
(Qur’an 21:87)

## **Patience**

Be patient in the hard times. We shouldn't be hasty in obtaining or expecting an answer from Allah. Allah is the most merciful, who loves us. Everything that befalls us is for the best.

*“And seek help through patience and prayer, and indeed, it is difficult except for the humbly submissive [to Allah]”* (Qur’an 2:45).

Patience comes first in the sequence of this ayah. There are many verses in the Quran in which Allah recommends patience. He also gives the best example in the story of Prophet Ayyub (PBUH).

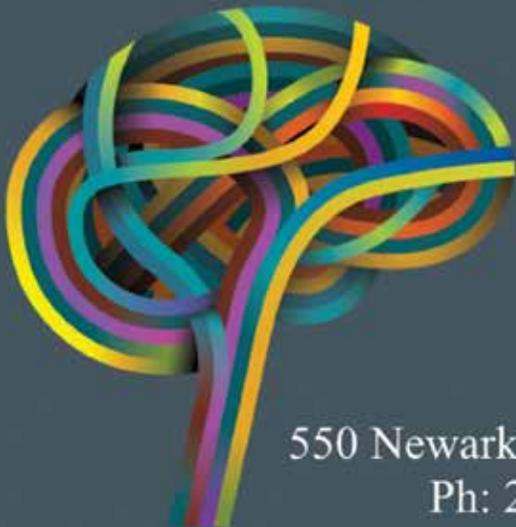
## **Stay Away From Sins**

It's natural get the feeling of committing sins in hard times. But it is critical to stay away from committing any sin. Stay close to Allah and ask for protection to maintain the faith and trust in order to keep clean and sinless.

## **Maintain Consistency**

To achieve all of the above, it is important to be proactive and be thankful. Be sure to maintain trust and invoke dua even during those times of ease. Do not wait for calamity to befall you before growing close to Allah. Allah may make our test easy and save us from difficulties.

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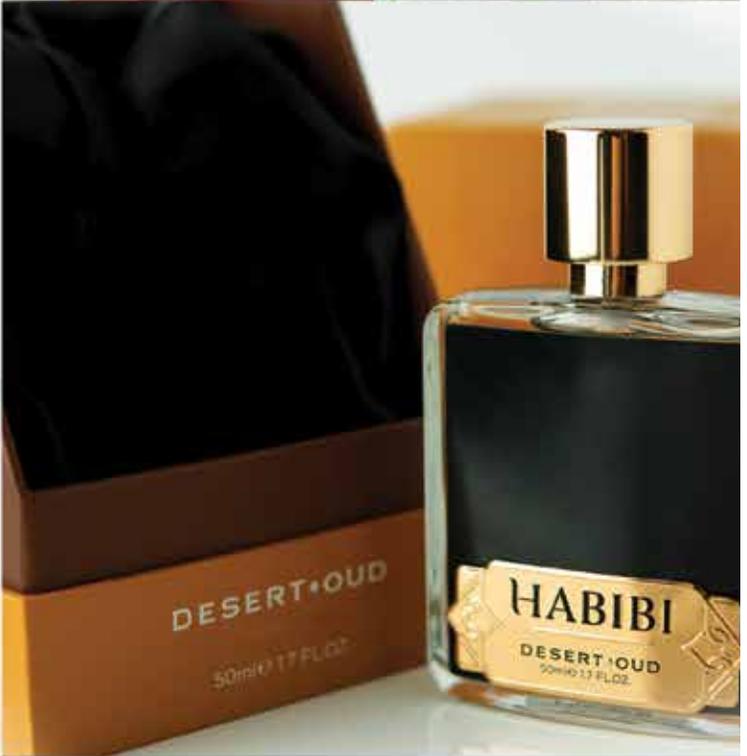
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# Read Books, Build Character, Inspire Generations

By Dr. Muhammad Abdul Bari

Believers would recognize that God has made knowledge the foundation for the superiority of human beings over other creatures on Earth. The first word revealed to the Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) was 'Iqra', meaning 'read' or 'recite'. The Prophet said, *"the seeking of knowledge is obligatory for every Muslim"* (Al-Tirmidhi). Knowledge thus goes hand in hand with the Islamic creed.

Muslims are asked to seek knowledge by reading, learning and reflecting to live their lives as stewards in our planet. They are asked to supplicate *"O my Lord! Advance me in knowledge"* (Al-Qur'an 20:114). To emphasize the message of the superiority of learned people in Islam, the Prophet said, *"The superiority of the learned man over the worshipper is like that of the moon, on the night when it is full, over the rest of the stars ..."* (Abu Dawud).

One can observe exemplary practices amongst those who are often labelled as enlightened. A trait that typically stands out prominently is their craving for knowledge and emphasis on reading. Many would own bookshelves or even a private library in their homes; public libraries would abound across the country. Through knowledge, scholarship,

good character and hard work they endeavor to create long-lasting civilizations; whether it be Greek, Indian or Chinese examples.

During the Islamic Golden Age which began in the 8th century and lasted over 600 years, Muslims flourished in intellectual pursuits because of their thirst for learning. They became the ardent lovers of books and became synonymous with knowledge. They made momentous progress in all areas of life. At a time when books were written and copied by hand, affluent Muslims spent their wealth to establish libraries, mostly adjacent to schools or mosques, so that everyone could use them. Books and libraries became the Muslims' umbilical cord in connecting their material progress and spiritual quest together.

During their peak cultural and intellectual period, Muslim scientific and technological innovations, as well as their translations of ancient Greek knowledge into Latin, inspired Europe in its intellectual resurgence. This Muslim-led knowledge revolution with the flowering of science, art, medicine, and philosophy spread across the Muslim world. It was the infusion of this knowledge into Western Europe



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that fueled the Renaissance and the scientific revolution. The invention of the printing machine in 1451 further helped to transform Europe, as knowledge rapidly reached beyond the elite class.

While Europe was brimming with energy and started its new journey with astounding vigor, political weaknesses and collective inertia meant the Islamic world fell into stagnation. One calamity that befell Muslims, considered by many historians to be a hammer blow to their intellectual backbone, was the Mongol invasion of Muslim lands. The occupation of Baghdad in 1258 witnessed an unparalleled barbarity; killing scholars, burning books and destroying libraries. In spite of the successful military fightbacks against the Crusading armies, the conversion of many Mongol invaders to Islam and the victories of the Ottomans over the next few centuries, the Muslim world gradually succumbed to intellectual passivity and socio-political fracture. The rest – the colonization of lands and minds, eventual independence but subsequent failures of leadership to this day – is history.

Today, the overall condition of Muslims – in terms of their education level, economic performance and intellectual standard – is less than satisfactory. Their political and religious leadership has imploded in many places; their ineffective governance and lack of institutional capacity to harness human and material resources are still hindering progress. Post-9/11

disorder in the form of imposed or proxy wars in historic lands and failed or repressive politics in some countries have displaced millions of people from their homelands.

There are however signs of genuine awareness and reappraisal as well as positive changes in many places. It is time Muslims sharpen their reading habits, build character and find practical ways to join the dots of good works with a 'glass half full' attitude. The regeneration of their grassroots leadership across the world of Islam – from parents at home, teachers in school and Imams in mosques – has become a necessity. Muslims must learn to excel in what they do in their family, community, workplace and wider society with inclusive social activism. Only then, can they create an effective civil society everywhere.

Their reading, as in their heydays, should start from core religious texts for moral guidance and spiritual peace to all areas of modern knowledge which has made astounding progress in recent decades largely without Muslim input. Reading activates the human brain and provides food for thought and is vital for developing curiosity and enhancing critical autonomy. Ultimately it is knowledge that empowers a people.

In a world of information overload, one has to pick and choose what to read and what not to. With our short and limited lifespan, we cannot afford to waste time by only reading junk and indulging in vanity. Good books are the



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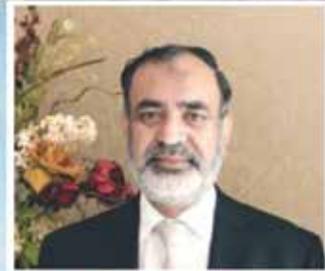
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sources of silent power; they are the pillars of success. Like a balanced diet for a human body, good books are vital sources for mental agility and spiritual peace. Reading should be for a purpose that injects the attitude of reflection and action, build character to act for the good of all. Good reading nourishes from within, fills hearts and souls with gratefulness to God for all the bounties around and catapults people to serve others with the best of human character, Adab.

Let us read books, inspire children, and help create a better world for our future.

Here is Dr Bari's concise recommended reading list:

### Children Related

1. Islam for Children Series
2. Children's books on various topics – Khurram Murad
3. Golden Domes and Silver Lanterns: A Muslim book of Colors – Hena Khan
4. Crescent Moons and Painted Minarets: A Muslim Book of Shapes – Hena Khan
5. A Guide to Parenting in Islam: Cherishing Childhood – Muhammad Abdul Bari

### Hadith/Prophet

1. The Complete Forty Hadith – Imam an-Nawawi
2. Stories of the Prophets – Ibn Kathir
3. Muhammad – Martin Lings
4. Companions of the Prophets 1 and 2 – Abdul Wahid Hamid
5. The Sealed Nectar: Biography of the Noble Prophet – Safiur Rahman Al-Mubarakpuri
6. In The Footsteps of the Prophet – Tariq Ramadan

### Islam & General

1. Ihya Ulum Id Din: Book of Religious Learning Hardcover – Imam Ghazali
2. In The Early Hours: Reflections on Spiritual and Self Development – Khurram Murad
3. The Road to Mecca – Muhammad Asad
4. Islam Between East and West – Alija Izetbegović
5. Islam and the Destiny of Man – Gai Eaton
6. Autobiography of Malcolm X
7. Inescapable Questions: Autobiographical Notes – Alija Izetbegović

8. To Be a European Muslim – Tariq Ramadan
9. A Long Jihad: My Quest for the Middle Way – Muhammad Abdul Bari
10. 1001 Inventions: Muslim Heritage in our World – Chief Editor, Salim TS Al-Hasani

### Other

1. Amusing Ourselves to Death – Neil Postman
2. Long Walk To Freedom: The Autobiography of Nelson Mandela
3. The Impossible State: Islam, Politics, and Modernity's Moral Predicament – Wael Hallaq

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## Building Confidence and Courage

By Adam Salaam

The key to confidence and courage is having trust in Allah, or Tawakkul. Tawakkul represents one's absolute confidence and trust in Allah. We must believe and accept that nothing can happen to us or hurt us unless it is by Allah's Will. In the following verses, Allah asserts this fact.

*"... And when you have decided, then rely upon Allah. Indeed, Allah loves those who rely [upon Him]. If Allah should aid you, no one can overcome you; but if He should forsake you, who is there that can aid you after Him? And upon Allah let the believers rely."*  
(Qur'an 3: 159-160)

*Say, "Never will we be struck except by what Allah has decreed for us; He is our protector." And upon Allah let the believers rely."* (Qur'an 9:51)

In addition, we have the story of the prophet Musa (PBUH) and many examples from our Prophet (PBUH). Confidence and

courage may be natural, but they must be developed in ourselves to keep with us for extended periods of time. We must do everything we can to develop them. These two characteristics are extremely important at every stage of our life. They help us to stay strong and deal with the challenges we face in day-to-day life.

Prophet Musa (PBUH) is the most mentioned prophet in the Qur'an. He is known to have stood fearlessly in the face of the Pharaoh. He asked Allah for help at every step of his journey.

Here are some points to improve your confidence and build courage.

### Awareness - Accept Feelings

Regardless of how strong we are, at times we feel intimidated by the challenges before us. It is important to recognize your feelings and accept the fact that they are natural. Doing so allows us to handle them rather allowing them to build up the fear inside us.

When Musa (PBUH) was called upon by Allah to go back to

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Theme: Ikhlas And Ihsan (Sincerity and Pursuing Excellence in faith) - Those /Who...

Day	Ramadan	May	Fajr Adhan	Fajr Iqamah	Sunrise	Dhuhr Iqamah	Dhuhr Lecture	Speaker	Asr Iqamah	Maghrib	Pre-Isha Lecture	Speaker	Isha Iqamah	Taraweeh	Reflection (10 min)
Mon	1	6	4:25	4:45	5:51	1:15	-	-	6:15	7:58	Welcome Ramadan	Administration	9:45	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Administrative
Tue	2	7	4:23	4:45	5:50	1:15	-	-	6:15	7:59	Etiquette of Salah in Masjid	Br. Baker Asif	9:45	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Inee Saa'im, Innee Saa'im
Wed	3	8	4:22	4:45	5:49	1:15	-	-	6:15	8:00	Being good to your neighbor	Br. Ahmad Ansari	9:45	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Aliaahumma rabbi haathini-dawah
Thu	4	9	4:20	4:45	5:48	1:15	-	-	6:15	8:01	O youth, if you can marry...	Imam Kamil/Special Guest	9:45	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Aoothu bilahi minimal hammi
Fri	5	10	4:19	4:45	5:47	1:15	Jumuah Khutbah	Imam/Guest Khateeb	6:15	8:02	Importance of Masjid Donations	Sh. Hatem	9:45	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	POSSIBLE FUNDRAISER
Sat	6	11	4:17	4:45	5:46	1:15	Virtues of Fasting	Imam Kamal ALSayegh	6:15	8:03	Loving Eachother for Allah	Imam Kamil/Special Guest	9:45	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Ahabbak Aliaahu lila thee
Sun	7	12	4:16	4:45	5:45	1:15	Lecture in Urdu	Imam Yousef Islahi	6:15	8:04	The significance of Prostration	Imam Kamal ALSayegh	9:45	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Duaa after Wudoo
Mon	8	13	4:15	4:45	5:43	1:15	-	-	6:15	8:05	I was sent to perfect the manners	Imam Raouf	9:45	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Duaa when leaving the house
Tue	9	14	4:13	4:45	5:42	1:15	-	-	6:15	8:06	Two blessings ignored by many	Br. Baker Asif	9:45	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Duaa for knowledge
Wed	10	15	4:12	4:30	5:41	1:15	-	-	6:15	8:07	Protect Allah, he will protect you	Br. Ahmad Ansari	10:00	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Rabbanaa laa taj'alnaa fitnatan
Thu	11	16	4:10	4:30	5:41	1:15	-	-	6:15	8:08	Who should you befriend	Imam Kamil/Special Guest	10:00	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Laa ilaaha illaa anta subhaanaka
Fri	12	17	4:09	4:30	5:40	1:15	Jumuah Khutbah	Imam/Guest Khateeb	6:15	8:09	Guard your gaze	Sh. Hatem	10:00	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Aliaahumma anta rabbee
Sat	13	18	4:08	4:30	5:39	1:15	Fiqh of Zakaatul Maal	Dr. Hatem	6:15	8:10	Be excellent your parents	Imam Kamil/Special Guest	10:00	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Rabbighfirlee wa liwaalidayya
Sun	14	19	4:07	4:30	5:38	1:15	Lecture in Urdu	Imam Yousef Islahi	6:15	8:11	O my son establish prayer	Imam Kamal ALSayegh	10:00	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Aoothu billahi wa qudrathi min
Mon	15	20	4:05	4:30	5:37	1:15	-	-	6:15	8:12	And enjoining good and forbid evil	Imam Raouf	10:00	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Aliaahumma ashkoo ilayka da'fa

Tue	16	21	4:04	4:30	5:36	1:15	-	-	6:15	8:12	Patience with trials of Allah	Br. Baker Asif	10:00	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Allaahumma Ajurnee Fee
Wed	17	22	4:03	4:30	5:35	1:15	-	-	6:15	8:13	Protect yourself and your family	Br. Ahmad Ansari	10:00	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Rabbi ijahnee mugeemas salaah
Thu	18	23	4:02	4:30	5:35	1:15	-	-	6:15	8:14	Do not walk on Earth exultantly	Imam Kamil/ Special Guest	10:00	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Allaahumma habbib ilaynal imaan
Fri	19	24	4:01	4:30	5:34	1:15	Jumuah Khutbah	Imam/Guest Khateeb	6:15	8:15	The last 10 days - Itikaaf	Sh. Hatem	10:00	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	POSSIBLE FUNDRAISER
Sat	20	25	4:00	4:15	5:33	1:15	Fiqh of Wudoo	Imam Kamal ALSayegh	6:15	8:16	Respect for Elders	Imam Kamil/ Special Guest	10:00	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Allaahumma Innaka Afuwun
Sun	21	26	3:59	4:15	5:32	1:15	Lecture in Urdu	Imam Yousef Islahi	6:30	8:17	Best of you is the best to his wife	Imam Kamal ALSayegh	10:10	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Waj'alnaa lil muttaqeena imaamaa
Mon	22	27	3:58	4:15	5:32	1:15	-	-	6:30	8:18	The strong believer is better...	Imam Raouf	10:10	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Radeetu billahi rabban
Tue	23	28	3:57	4:15	5:31	1:15	-	Imam/Guest Khateeb	6:30	8:19	Reward/Honor of Night Prayer	Br. Baker Asif	10:10	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Allaahumma a'innaa alaa thikrika
Wed	24	29	3:56	4:15	5:31	1:15	-	-	6:30	8:19	And do not turn your cheek	Br. Ahmad Ansari	10:10	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Aoothu bika minal kufri wal faqr
Thu	25	30	3:55	4:15	5:30	1:15	-	-	6:30	8:20	And lower your voice	Imam Kamil/ Special Guest	10:10	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Allaahumma hassin khul luqee
Fri	26	31	3:54	4:15	5:30	1:15	Jumuah Khutbah	Imam/Guest Khateeb	6:30	8:21	Laylatul Qadr	Sh. Hatem	10:10	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Duaa of Istikhaara
Sat	27	1	3:54	4:15	5:29	1:15	Fiqh of Zakaatul Fitr	Dr Hatem	6:30	8:22	Laylatul Qadr	Imam Kamil/ Special Guest	10:10	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Rabbanaa laa turziqh quloobana
Sun	28	2	3:53	4:15	5:29	1:15	Lecture in Urdu	Imam Yousef Islahi	6:30	8:22	Steadfastness after Ramadan	Imam Kamal ALSayegh	10:10	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Hasbiyallaahu laa ilaa illaa huwa
Mon	29	3	3:52	4:15	5:28	1:15	-	-	6:30	8:23	Fiqh of Eid	Imam Raouf	10:10	Qari Abdalla Kamel & AbdulRahman El-Saadawi	Labbayk Allaahumma labbayk
Tue	30	4	3:51	4:15	5:28	1:15	-	-	6:30	8:24	No Lecture	N/A	10:10		

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Pharaoh and intercede on behalf of the oppressed Israelites, he made the following dua:

*“[Moses] said, My Lord, expand for me my breast [with assurance]. And ease for me my task. And untie the knot from my tongue. That they may understand my speech. And appoint for me a minister from my family, Aaron, my brother. Increase through him my strength And let him share my task That we may exalt You much And remember You much. Indeed, You are of us ever Seeing.” (Qur’an 20:25-35)*

This verse clearly presents his inner feelings of inadequacy and lower confidence, along with humility and self-awareness.

### **Accept Your Challenges**

Remember that Allah has chosen you and is asking you to do your best. Allah called upon Musa:

*“Indeed, I am your Lord, so remove your sandals. Indeed, you are in the sacred valley of Tuwa. And I have chosen you, so listen to what is revealed [to you].” (Qur’an 20:12-13)*

When Musa was spoken to by Almighty Allah, imagine what an incredible boost of confidence it must have been. He was told by Allah that he was chosen to fulfil an important role. Remember all challenges in our lives are from Allah.

### **Strengthen Your Trust in Allah**

Our confidence may drop, and we feel anxiety when we face any kind of challenge whether it is decision making or another difficulty. Remember that everything starts with Allah, our Creator, Provider, Sustainer, and life’s Controller. A strong trust in Allah helps us to overcome such fear and anxiety.

### **Look for direction**

Ask yourself these questions: “Is the direction you are pointed towards in your life be pleasing Allah?”, “What direction is your moral compass pointing?”, “Do those you respect and those who respect you consider this direction to be a good one?”, “Do you think you will feel positive in the future when you look back at your decisions?”. Answers to these questions may be hard but exercising this will help build confidence in you.

### **Ask for Allah’s Help**

By asking Allah to expand your faith, you may see an abundance of opportunity and obtain a vision of what success may look like in your personal life. In humility, prophet Musa (PBUH)

pleads, “My lord, expand for me my chest” (Qur’an 20:25)

Sometimes we feel our responsibilities are overbearing, that our problems are unbearable. The first thing we should do is ask Allah for help with our humility and sincerity. We may feel our resources are limited and we are constricted with our options and hope. This feeling prevents us from seeing the joy at the end. Allah is The One who grants us our resources and the abilities to utilize those resources. Keep your trust in Him at all times.

### **Be Responsible for Your Own Problems**

Owning a problem doesn’t mean that you are always being at fault. Ownership and accountability help us to derive solutions to current issues and in turn, boosts our confidence. Musa (PBUH) pleaded: “Make easy for me this task and untie the knot from my tongue,” (Qur’an 20:26-27)

Remember prophet saying, “If Allah wants to do good to somebody, He afflicts them with trials.” (Bukhari). Our problems and obstacles can be the means for us get closer to Allah and that which Allah deems good for us. So, do not let the fear take over you. Fear will only magnify the problem.

### **Acquire Support and Build Allies**

Not every challenge can be faced alone. Having only your confidence and courage may not be sufficient. Once you know your challenge, assess and know what is needed to face it.

That could be the need for knowledge, skills, a mentor, your support network, allies or possibly the combination of these and more. Ask Allah and work on acquiring them. Also make sure your family is with you. Today’s common challenge is that of having a like-minded partner and family support. It is critical to build and nurture healthy relationships with family and friends so you can have the support you need to endure your challenges.

Musa (PBUH) knew the critical nature of support and good company. So, he asked Allah: “.. and grant for me a helper from my family.” (Qur’an 20:29)

Another verse - and those who say, “Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous.” (Qur’an 25:74).

Finally, please understand the requirements of confidence and courage to endure and enjoy your life. Cultivate them in yourselves and teach your children right from their young age.

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## Children's Education at Masjid Al-Wali

*By Rashid Khan, Principal – Masjid Al-Wali Sunday Islamic School*

Home is the first educational institute that any child attends. As you all know, the basic training and behavior modification begins at home. In addition, it is extremely important that they are exposed to Islamic education and manners in an institutionalized setting at an early age. As parents, it is our responsibility to send our children to a full-time Islamic school or at least to weekend Islamic school right from a young age (starting at five or six years old).

My observation is that at a later age, many children tend to resist any religious education. Therefore, I urge all parents to connect their children with Islamic institutions at an early age, so it gets internalized at that impressionable age and insha'Allah they will remain connected even at a later age. At Masjid Al-Wali, we offer multiple programs in order to provide good Islamic education. Some of those are explained below.

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- Provide children an opportunity to meet and know each other, thereby building a bond with other children in the community
- Train children to be responsible Muslims in their society
- For elder students, help them understand current social issues and ways to deal with those. We keep flexible curriculum that incorporates debates and other activities to develop social skills



**Saturday School** - Besides Sunday School, Masjid also offers Saturday school with similar objectives run by Sr. Shaista. The hours are 10 AM to 1 PM.

**Noorani Qaida (Quran Reading)** – To teach reading Quran, Masjid offers this weekday after-school program. This program is run by Sr. Mona. It is received well by the community and is growing.

Alhamdulillah, Al-Wali Weekend School has grown at a rapid pace in the last few years. This clearly shows not only the confidence that parents have in the school, but also the growing need of the community. I thank all staff and administration for their support and dedication. Insha'Allah, with the support of the community we will continue to do our best.

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## Sisters Committee: A Journey to Bond, Learn and Grow

*By Hamim Zahir & Sumaira Sarfaraz – Al-Wali Sisters Committee*

The journey of the Al-Wali Sisters Committee began in 2012, as a part of the bigger vision to bring the multicultural community of Masjid Al-Wali together. By the grace of Allah, the Glorious and Exalted, it took no time at all for the sisters of the community to join hands in the work for the pleasure of the Almighty. We aim to fulfill our goal by promoting Islamic knowledge, encouraging participation in community activities, creating a platform for the youth to connect, supporting masjid activities, and welcoming and nurturing the revert.

We recognized the first step in our journey was to know each other while learning the divine decrees. The first lectures started with Sister Sumaira Khan and Farzana Mateen. After that we had many lectures by various sisters and various sisters programs. From 2017, we started our weekly class with Sister Nuzhat Arshad on “Diseases of the Heart: Cause and Cure.” As we met every Monday evening, many broke their fast together, prayed Maghrib and Isha prayer, and listened to her beautiful lectures. Thus, our bonding as an Al-Wali sisterhood started while listening to His verses with an intention to purify our hearts and serve Allah. We also collaborated with ongoing weekly religious classes on the Quran, hadith and the life of Sahabas. Over the last couple of years, we have collaborated with sisters organizations like Nur-ul-Quran and the Ar-Rahmah institute to hold periodic sisters seminars.

We continued our journey by introducing the monthly Masjid Cleaning Activity that helped us to collaborate, contribute and



bond as a larger community. That year in December, with the help of volunteer brothers and in collaboration with Muslim Children of North America, we held the first Family Night. The theme was “We are All Equal and Together We Grow.” Masha’Allah, it was attended by more than six hundred people. The Family Night was repeated the following year as well. To further establish the sisters community, weekly health and wellbeing programs and adult stitching classes were introduced.

Al-Wali Stars, a kids and youth volunteer program, was introduced during Ramadan 2018 with a vision to encourage kids to come to the masjid and learn Islam. As part this program, we introduced Islamic educational programs like Quran with Maryam (biweekly), Young Sisters Halaqa Time (once a month), and Kids and Youth Book Club. We also introduced Arts & Crafts, Stitching & Embroidery, Baking and Cooking. While learning these skills, our kids and youth also started contributing to the social causes - making warm caps and scarfs for the Syrian refugees, sharing Eid gifts and making lunch for the younger kids, participating in back-to-school drives, serving Iftar, cleaning masjid, planting and baking sales. We also held Dr. Seuss book readings, a children’s Islamic movie night, and story time programs.

In November 2018, we introduced the STEM & Robotics classes which were received with overwhelming responses from the community. In the initial program, children were introduced to basic coding of Sphero minis, problem solving, and to the real-world applications of engineering. Currently, we are in our third session, teaching Java programming, assembling mBot and its





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functions along with competition simulations.

Understanding the potential growth as a Muslim woman is a must to boost the confidence of our youth. Therefore, to introduce our youth and sisters to some of the dynamic Muslim women through Sisters Night program, we had Sister Nuzhat (Dae), Dr. Tahini Amer (NASA scientist), Sister Ambreen (Muslim entrepreneur) and Sister Ibtesam (Muslim grass root level entrepreneur) act as speakers to share their knowledge and trust in Allah.

Under the culinary expertise of Sister Hanae and Sister Amal, we have been running Bake Sale that has been a great success. The

Al-Wali Star kids helped in the sale of these delicacies and profits have been funding some of our programs.

To integrate our revert sisters and their children, we had welcome Ramadan lunch, Eid celebrations, which helped us to connect and strengthen our bond. We are planning to continue such activities.

We are still in an infancy state, and we welcome any new ideas and helping hands. May Allah always make us do what pleases Him the most and keep us away from what displeases Him. Ameen!

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5. What quality of mine was problem today? What is the plan to make it better going forward? (Humility, patience, anger, generosity, arrogance, greed, etc.)
6. How was my day today? How can I make it better tomorrow? What is my goal for tomorrow, regarding Quran, Prophet, qualities and achievements?
7. Did I commit any small or big sin today? Could I have avoided that? What should I do to avoid that next time?
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	<b>FEB 5th</b>	Tafseer: Surah Al-Fatiha (for sisters) by Sister Nuzhat Arshad
The Role of the Sunnah in Islamic Legal Theory (by Ahmed Khater)	<b>FEB 6th</b>	
	<b>FEB 7th</b>	The Importance of Following the Sunnah (by Ammar Shaheen)
Brotherhood VS. Racism in Islam (by Ammar Shaheen)	<b>FEB 9th</b>	
	<b>FEB 10th</b>	Class: Lum'at Al-tiqad by Ibn Qudamah
Queens of Jannah (with Dr. Suzi Ismail, Dr. Altaf Hussein, Imam Jawwad Ahmed)	<b>FEB 24th</b>	
	<b>FEB 25th</b>	Read, Meet & Greet with Dr Seuss (for kids 3-10 years)
Fitness classes (for sisters by Sis Ramah Abu Ghazaleh)	<b>MAR 10th</b>	
	<b>MAR 24th</b>	Defying all Doubts & Cementing your Convictions (by Imam Mohammad ElShinawi)
Inspire - A sister's only event (Key note speaker: Sister Nuzhat Arshad)	<b>MAR 24th</b>	
	<b>APR 14th</b>	Youth Night - Interactive Discussion with Professor Dalia Fahmi
Welcome Ramadan (for Sisters)	<b>APR 16th</b>	
	<b>APR 20th</b>	Youth Seerah Seminar 2018 (2 <sup>nd</sup> Annual with Br Ahmad Ansari)
Ramadan a Gift from Allah by Ustazah Najiha Hashmi	<b>APR 25th</b>	
	<b>APR 30th</b>	Young writers contest hosted by Masjid Al-Wali
Fiqh of Fasting by Shk Hatem Al-Haj	<b>MAY 5th</b>	
	<b>MAY 6th</b>	MAW - CARES (Making of CARE Packages to distribute to needy)
Eye clinic at Masjid Al-Wali	<b>MAY 12th</b>	
	<b>MAY 12th</b>	Pre Ramadan-Bazaar at Al-Wali Community Center
Graduation Day - MAW Sunday School	<b>MAY 13th</b>	
	<b>MAY 15th</b>	Weekly sisters dars - Surah Al-Baqrah Urdu (By Sister Farhana Matin)
Qura'n with Maryam (Resumed)	<b>MAY 18th</b>	
	<b>MAY 22nd</b>	Learn Tajweed (Taught by Mujtaba Qureshi)
Community Iftar/Dinner (Every Friday/Saturday)	<b>MAY 25th</b>	
	<b>JUN 10th</b>	Maulana Yousuf Islahi - Bayan in Urdu
Eid Al-Fitr Salah	<b>JUN 15th</b>	
	<b>JUN 18th</b>	Digital Seeds: Computer Science Courses
Celebrate Eid with Reverts	<b>JUN 24th</b>	
	<b>JUN 30th</b>	Fiqh of Hajj & 'Umrah with Dr. Hatem Al-Haj
Hajj Seminar 2018	<b>JUL 14th</b>	
	<b>JUL 21st</b>	Masjid Cleanup Day (Last Saturday of every month)
Back to school drive (with ICNA Relief)	<b>JUL 28th</b>	
	<b>AUG 1st</b>	Volunteer Appreciation Dinner (Sponsored by Masjid Al-Wali Sisters)
Muslim Women of America (Summer Program 7 days)	<b>AUG 2nd</b>	
	<b>AUG 10th</b>	Kids & Youth Volunteer Program by Masjid Al-Wali
Finding signs of Islam in previous Scriptures with Imam Eessa Wood	<b>AUG 17th</b>	

	<b>AUG 19th</b>	MAW – Sandwich Program (Every 1st & 3rd Sunday) Coordinator Sister Shabnam Noor
Eid Al-Adha Prayer (Imam Humayun Bakhsh & Br. Omar Soliman)	<b>AUG 21st</b>	
	<b>AUG 21st</b>	Qurbani / Udhiya Meat Collection and Distribution (2500 lbs. of meat distributed)
Eid ul Adha Festival	<b>AUG 26th</b>	
	<b>SEP 3rd</b>	Purified Heart (Tazkiya) with Sister Nuzhat Arshad
Weekend Islamic School Registration	<b>SEP 7th</b>	
	<b>SEP 8th</b>	Youth Cooking & Baking Class (with Sister Hanae & Sister Amal)
Arts & Crafts for Kids (Instructor: Sister Shahnaz)	<b>SEP 8th</b>	
	<b>SEP 11th</b>	Daughters of Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) (Series by Sister Samia Zafar)
A look at the life of the Final Messenger (PBUH) with Sister Sumrah Khan	<b>OCT 1st</b>	
	<b>OCT 14th</b>	1 Mile Stroke Awareness Walk (with JFK Medical Center)
Kids Pajama Night (Islamic Games, Activities, Movies & Quizzes)	<b>OCT 31st</b>	
	<b>NOV 1st</b>	Stem & Robotics Program (with Sister Afreen)
The American Masjid (Book Inaugural event)	<b>NOV 8th</b>	
	<b>NOV 19th</b>	As'habul Yameen (Ustazah Iffat Maqbool)
Share the warmth (Clothing donation drive)	<b>DEC 2nd</b>	
	<b>DEC 12th</b>	Sifat-e-Mustafa (السلام عليه) by Ustazah Najiha Hashmi
Contemporary Finance Issues (Dr. Alsawy, Dr. Alduah, Sh. ElSadawi, Sh Shinawi)	<b>DEC 15th</b>	
	<b>DEC 27th</b>	Islam in Focus (For New Muslims) with Br Ahmad Ansari
Young Sister's Halaqa Time (for Sisters age 12-18)	<b>DEC 28th</b>	

## Masjid Al-Wali Year in Review 2019

	<b>JAN 5th</b>	MAW - Family FUN Night
Let's Paint Together (with Sister Uroosa)	<b>JAN 12th</b>	
	<b>JAN 24th</b>	Motherhood and Spirituality (Sister Sumara Khan)
Jinn: The Unseen Creation (Brothers Youth Event)	<b>JAN 26th</b>	
	<b>FEB 4th</b>	Riyadh-Us-Saleheen (Start of a weekly program by Imam Rauf Zaman)
Meet Imam Rauf Zaman	<b>FEB 4th</b>	
	<b>FEB 23rd</b>	Love in Islam [Brothers Event] with Imam Farhan
Story time with brother Ismail	<b>MAR 16th</b>	
	<b>MAR 19th</b>	Islamic Funeral - Sister's Dars by Sister Samia Zafar
Ramadan A Journey of Purification (Sister Nuzhat Arshad & Sister Sumara Khan)	<b>MAR 24th</b>	
	<b>MAR 31st</b>	Race to Goodness before death (with Imam Jawwad)
The Modern Muslim: Challenges Facing the Youth in 21st Century (Way of life SQ)	<b>APR 6th</b>	
	<b>APR 7th</b>	Pre-Ramadan Bazaar



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By Masjid Al-Wali Zakat Committee

With the permission of Allah, the Glorious and Exalted, Masjid Al-Wali Zakat Committee has been conducting various charity programs. These programs have been funded by the donations towards Zakat and Sadaqah. In addition, we have been collecting donations and supplies through various charity drives. We would like to thank all the contributors and volunteers who have been helping make this possible. We are pleased to update you on these programs. The list is as follows:

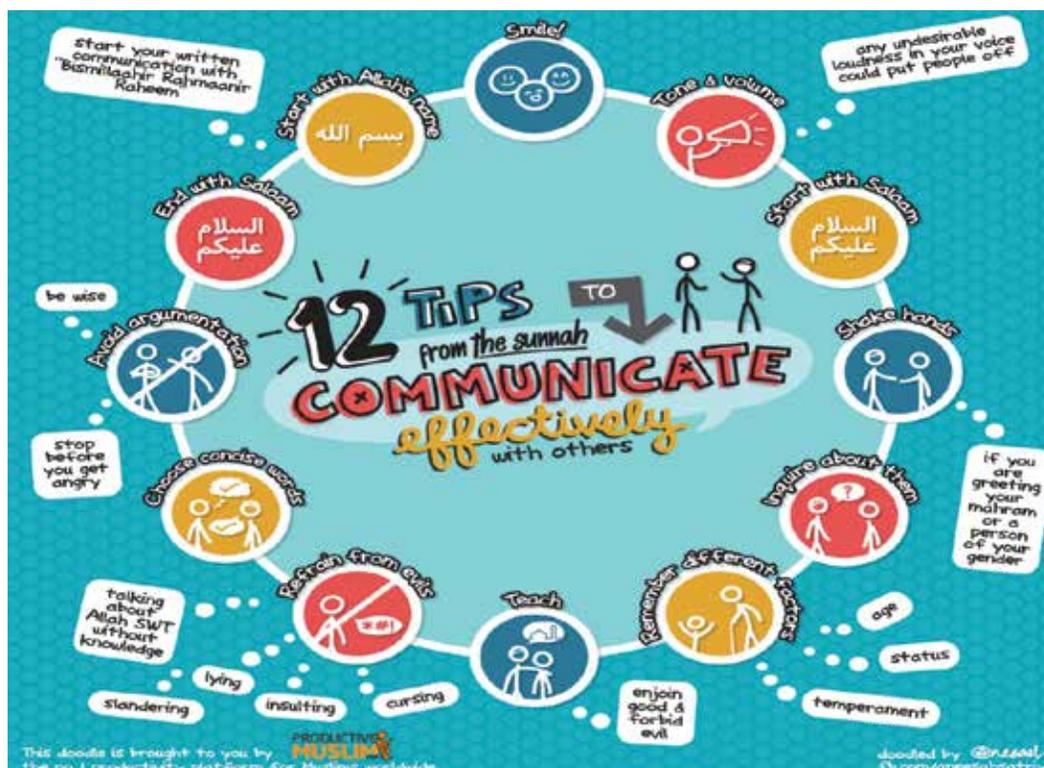
- Through zakat program, short-listed many Zakat applications and provided assistance for - Financial Aid, Career Counseling, Morale Upliftment, and General Guidance
- Distributed 225 grocery boxes previous Ramadan, each with one-month worth of supplies
- Distributed 225 Grocery boxes at Eid-Al-Adha, each with one-month worth of supplies
- Collected and distributed 2500 lbs. of Qurbani/Udhiya meat
- Donated 5 cars to the under-privileged
- Al-Wali Sandwich Program (bi-weekly – grown to approximately 350 sandwiches per occurrence)

- Mass Community Sandwich Event combined with Hygiene bag giveaway – 500 bags distributed
- Winter clothing drive was conducted
- Collected and distributed abundant amount of clothing
- Collected and distributed furniture to 13 families
- Collected and distributed appliances to numerous families
- Collected and distributed excess food from various events at Al-Wali Community Center to economically challenged Soup Kitchens

In addition to the above programs, this year we will also be conducting the below drives:

- Eid-Al-Fitr Toy Drive
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- Back To School Drive

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