

Laylat al-Qadr, one night worth a lifetime of worship

The Night of Decree is better than a thousand months. Its uncertainty teaches believers to seek Allah through steady worship rather than one guessed date.

CENTREPIECE Surah al-Qadr 97:1-5, Sahih al-Bukhari 1901

FIRST KHUTBAH

1. Allah measures the night beyond our imagination

Laylat al-Qadr is better than a thousand months, and the angels descend by their Lord's permission (al-Qadr 97:1-5). A short human life is given access to a scale of reward it could never produce alone.

Source: Quran 97:1-5

2. Faith and hope give the standing its meaning

The Prophet (peace be upon him) promised forgiveness of previous sins to the person who stands on Laylat al-Qadr with faith and hope for reward (Bukhari 1901). The night is not a performance of exhaustion. It is an act of belief.

Source: Bukhari 1901

3. Seek it across the last ten nights

Do not let arguments about a single date steal the wider Sunnah of seeking the night. Keep a simple pattern across the last ten: Isha and Fajr in congregation where possible, Quran, dua, repentance and quiet charity.

SECOND KHUTBAH

Speak to people with work, illness and caring responsibilities. Encourage a sincere plan they can keep rather than making them feel that only an all-night programme counts.

Suggested closing: O Allah, allow us to meet Laylat al-Qadr with faith and sincerity. You are Pardoning and love to pardon, so pardon us and those we love.

ONE ACTION FOR THIS WEEK

Prepare a short personal dua list before the last ten nights and arrange your responsibilities so the nightly practice is realistic.

PREPARATION NOTES

1. Read every cited verse or hadith in full before using it.
2. Add one example your own congregation will recognise.
3. Check questions of fiqh and recognised disagreement with a qualified local scholar.

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