

The blessed month of Dhul Hijjah



After the month of Ramadan, do you find yourself craving for that spiritual feeling again? Do you wish you could have worshipped more during the holy month?

Well, then the upcoming ten days are here to give you yet another chance to gain immense rewards, have your sins forgiven and become closer to your Lord ﷺ.

Allah ﷻ said, "And by the oath of the ten nights." [89:2]

The Prophet ﷺ said, "No good deeds done on other days are superior to those done on these (first ten days of Dhul Hijja)." Then some companions of the Prophet ﷺ said, "Not even Jihad?" He replied, "Not even Jihad, except that of a man who does it by putting himself and his property in danger (for Allah's sake) and does not return with any of those things." [Sahih Bukhari]

Here are a few tips to help you make the most of these blessed days:

1. Dhikr

Our Prophet ﷺ said: "There are no days that are greater before Allah or in which good deeds are more beloved to Him, than these ten days, so recite a great deal of tahleel, takbeer and tahmeed during them." [Ahmad]

Tahmeed: Alhamdulillah (All praises are due to Allah ﷻ)

Tahleel: Laa ilaha illallah (There is no God but Allah ﷻ)

Tasbeeh: SubhanaAllah (Glory be to Allah ﷻ)



It has been mentioned that the companions of the Prophet ﷺ would not only read the Takbeerat from the 9th of Dhul hijjah till the 13th of Dhul hijjah, but rather from the beginning of the month. They would go out into the markets and recite the takbeer loudly, thus encouraging others to join them, as well.

2. Make an effort to fast

The Prophet ﷺ said: “Fasting the day of `Arafah expiates the sins of two years: the past one and the coming one.” [Muslim]

3. Read Nawafil (voluntary) prayers

Try to read Tahajjud, along with the other voluntary prayers during the day.

4. Recite the Quran

You could make an effort to complete the Quran in these nine days, by reciting as much as you can.

5. Sadqah



Spend in the path of Allah ﷻ and earn the rewards

6. Sacrifice an animal

The Companions of the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said: 'O Messenger of Allah, what are these sacrifices?' He said: 'The Sunnah of your father Ibrahim.' They said: 'What is there for us in them, O Messenger of Allah?' He said: 'For every hair, one merit.' They said: 'What about wool, O Messenger of Allah?' He said: 'For every hair of wool, one merit.' [Sunan Ibn Majah]

7. Dua

During these days, the pilgrims have to be in the state of ihraam, wherein they cannot bath with soap or apply perfume. Although we cannot go for hajj, we have been told not to cut our hair and trim our nails so that we may resemble the pilgrims.

During these days, if our pious predecessors were unable to perform Hajj, they would spend their days crying and yearning to be there. We, too, should make Dua and desire to be among them.

