



INTERNATIONAL MUSLIM COVID-19 TASK FORCE

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Ramadan During the COVID-19 Pandemic

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- ❖ **Ramadan** - This will be a different Ramadan from one that any of us have ever experienced. While we seek to become spiritually closer to Allah and ask for His forgiveness, we should take advantage of these physical distancing and isolation measures as opportunities for self-reflection and piety. **Everyone should have *Iftar* at home with only their household members. Everyone should continue to pray their regular 5 daily prayers along with *Tahajjud* and *Taraweeh* prayers at home with only family members that live with them.** Follow the forthcoming guidance of your local religious leaders regarding possible adjustments to your usual Ramadan routine, during such unprecedented circumstances.
- ❖ **Support your local masjid** - Masjid and Islamic centres rely heavily on donations especially during Ramadan, in order to cover a large portion of their expenses for the whole year. They are at risk of being permanently closed due to insolvency. Despite the financial constraints that we are all under, now more than ever, we must continue to prioritize donating to our local masjid to keep them afloat, while reaping the rewards of Ramadan.
- ❖ **Pay your *Zakat*** - Maintain your commitment of paying your *Zakat*, to support the millions of less fortunate locally and worldwide that already rely on this to make ends meet, and to help ease the suffering of poverty that has been exacerbated by lockdowns during the pandemic.
- ❖ **Use social media responsibly** - There is a lot of misinformation and conspiracy theories regarding COVID-19 circulating on social media. Read, follow and share only information that you trust, have verified and comes from a reputable source. Racism, speculation and spreading rumours are not only unhelpful, but are strictly forbidden in Islam.

We ask Allah ﷻ that He protects us, gives *shifa* to all those afflicted with illness and grants *shahada* to all that succumb, that He guides us to make the right decisions and forgives us for our shortcomings.

Ameen.



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