

How to welcome Ramadan

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Welcoming Ramadan

Dr Kutty, a senior lecturer at the Islamic Institute of Toronto, Ontario, Canada, advises: “You should welcome the month of Ramadan with great fervour and spirit and expect to come out of it fully transformed in body, mind, and soul.”

Dr. Muzammil H. Siddiqi, President of the Fiqh Council of North America states¹: “Almighty Allah is giving us another opportunity in our life to witness the month of Ramadan. Ramadan is a great time of Allah’s blessings and His mercy. Every Muslim should take full advantage of this time. We should get ready to welcome this month and receive it with happiness. The following are some ways to welcome this month:

- a) **Special *du`aa***: Pray to Allah that this month reaches you while you are in the best of health and safety so that you can fast and do all your acts of devotion (*`ibadat*) with ease and enthusiasm.
- b) **Thanks and happiness**: When the month comes, then you should be thankful to Allah and show happiness. The Companions of the Prophet (PBUH) used to greet each other [with joy] on the beginning of Ramadan.
- c) **Planning and determination**: You should make a good plan for the whole month about how you are going to organise your days and evenings during Ramadan. Plan special schedules for your work so that you can pray on time, read the Qur’an, and take *sahur* and *iftar* on time. Have sincere intention and determination to take full advantage of this time. Also have a full determination and commitment that you will not do any sin or anything wrong during this time.
- d) **Learn about the rules of fasting**: Fiqh of fasting is very important so that you do not do anything that will spoil your fasts.”

¹ How to Welcome the Month of Fasting – Islamonline – 29 October 2003