

Journey of Faith

Ramadan Reflections from The Mecca Center

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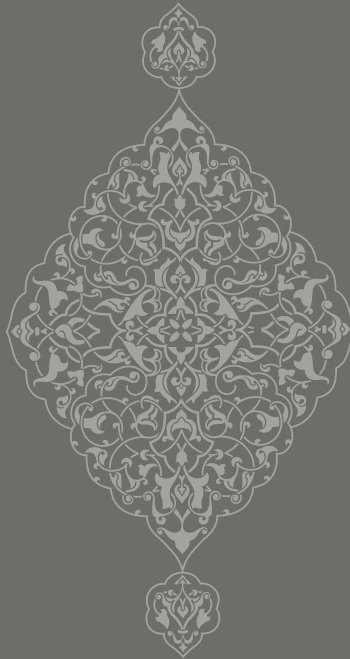


بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

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O you who have believed, decreed upon you is fasting as it was decreed upon those before you that you may become righteous –

(Al-baqarah 183)



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A Message from the President

Dear Community Members,

As-Salamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh,

Alhamdulillah, we are blessed to welcome another Ramadan, a month of immense mercy, forgiveness, and spiritual renewal. As we embark on this sacred journey of fasting, prayer, and reflection, let us take full advantage of this opportunity to strengthen our faith, purify our hearts, and grow closer to Allah (SWT).

Ramadan is more than just abstaining from food and drink—it is a time to cultivate patience, gratitude, and compassion. It is a time to uplift one another, seek forgiveness, and extend kindness to those in need. As a community, let us come together in worship and service, supporting one another through our shared devotion.

At The Mecca Center, we are honored to provide a welcoming space for all during this blessed month. We invite you and your families to join us for nightly Taraweeh prayers, community iftars, and special programs designed to enrich our spiritual journey. May this Ramadan be a source of blessings, peace, and unity for us all.

May Allah (SWT) accept our fasting, prayers, and good deeds, and may He grant us strength and sincerity in our worship. Ramadan Mubarak to you and your loved ones!

With prayers and best wishes,



Akram Kholoki M.D.

The Mecca Center President



Fasting and Self-Realization: From Brokenness to Blessedness



By Dr. Ahmed Arafat
Resident Scholar



One of our spiritual masters was once asked: Is the journey to Allah a long path to take? “The spiritual journey is not about a long path to take but many veils to remove,” answered the wise man. Allah’s light of guidance is graciously available for all at all times. However, failing to see the truth and live in the presence of Allah is usually caused by the invisible veils on our spiritual heart. One of these veils is referenced in the Quran: **“Nay, man does transgress all bounds, when looking upon himself as self-sufficient!” (Quran 96:7-8)**. This Quranic reminder warns us against the illusion of *istighna’* or self-sufficiency. Since we are contingent beings, only Allah is the Self-Sufficient and the Unneeding.

It is easy to be deceived by the luxury we have, the technological advancement we enjoy, the military power we develop, and the medical services we are offered. Some may unconsciously feel that they do not need Allah, and others may act as gods! However, none of these material advancements will change our intrinsic human reality; that is, we have a built-in need for our Creator, who makes our very existence and sustenance possible. Without Allah, we cannot be here; and without Him, we cannot continue to survive. Being aware of this fact is called *iftiqar* (realizing our intrinsic need of and dependence on Allah). Our possessions, skills or titles do not remove our intrinsic nature of *iftiqar*. To make it simple, if you *need* to breathe, allow yourself to feel your *iftiqar* to Allah. If you *need* to sleep, allow yourself to feel your *iftiqar* to Allah. If you *need* to eat, allow yourself to feel your *iftiqar* to Allah. If you *need* what you have (health, wealth, or the like), allow yourself to feel your *iftiqar* to Allah.

Do not let your talents, skills, possessions, achievements, or reputation make you forget your unavoidable characteristic of essential need. To fight back self-delusion that emanates from the delusionary sense of self-sufficiency, the Quran reminds us of the spiritual significance of self-realization through *Iftiqar*: **“O people, you are those who stand in need of Allah, and Allah is the Self-sufficient and Praiseworthy”** (Quran 35:15). The phrase *“those who stand in need of”* in Arabic is *al-fuqara’* which means *“the poor.”* The word does not originally mean a lack of money or material assets; however, it refers to ‘broken bones,’ which eventually cause inability and need.

Fasting offers a spiritual exercise that generates the antidote of *istighna’*; that is, *iftiqar*. Fasting does this by compelling a break from some of the gifts we take for granted (like food and drinks) and reminds us that these gifts are granted by Allah. In this way, fasting is not starvation; it is a spiritual discipline that awakens us to embrace our own *iftiqar*. A mindful fast generates *iftiqar* as we recognize how fragile and weak we become in the absence of some morsels and water. Having talked about our helplessness and fragility as babies, Ibn al-Qayyim is puzzled over how our awareness of *iftiqar* starts to fade as we grow into adulthood.

In his *Tariq al-Hijratayn*, Ibn al-Qayyim writes: *“As God perfects our hearing, sight, and reason, and as He makes the universe subservient to us; we, poor humans, start thinking that we have a share in this kingdom and look at ourselves with different lenses. We even forget our early state of helplessness, poverty, and need as if we never experienced these features and as if we are different creatures!”* Here Ibn al-Qayyim invites us to observe how a baby is needy and helpless and then remember that we still have the same needs. The only difference is that Allah blessed you with the ability to take care of your needs.

These divine gracious blessings should generate more humility and gratitude, not rebellion and self-sufficiency. Once we deny our human limitations and think of ourselves as little gods, we will always see the doors of guidance closed! The Quran reads: *“I shall turn away from My Signs those who magnify themselves wrongfully in the earth, and if they see each token believe it not, and if they see the way of righteousness choose it nor for (their) way, and if they see the way of error choose it for (their) way. That is because they deny Our revelations and are used to disregard them”* (Quran 7:146). On the other side, when we embrace our own *iftiqar* and approach Allah with our brokenness, we will be able to see Allah as truly the Self-Sufficient, rely on Him and trust Him. That is a great step towards spiritual enlightenment.

To utilize and nurture the spiritual *iftiqar* generated by fasting, I recommend the following practices in Ramadan:

1. Engage in a dhikr that emphasizes the state of *iftiqar* such as *“la hawla wala quwwata illa billah”* (There is no strength or power without the help and support of Allah).
2. Dedicate the last few minutes of the fast hours for earnest heartfelt du’as since these prayers are great demonstrations of our dependence on Allah.
3. Meditate on a verse from the Quran that highlights *iftiqar* such as the above-discussed ayah (Quran 35:15).
4. Start your *iftar* with a light, easily digestible food or drink (soft dates/water). Avoiding overeating is mandatory to maintain our *iftiqar*.
5. Let the hunger moments during your fast remove your excessive ego and concerns about status. Allow that temporary hunger to generate humility and *iftiqar*, not anger or arrogance.

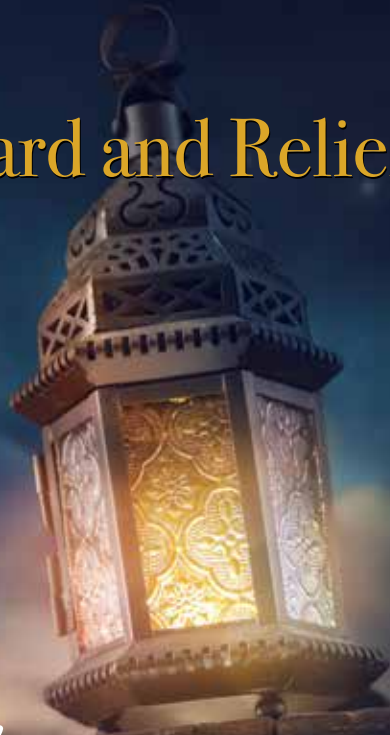
I ask Allah to make this Ramadan an enlightening experience for our beloved community. May Allah fill our hearts with guidance, discernment and inner peace. May Allah guide us to what pleases Him and grant us *qabul* and acceptance of our worship. Ameen.

Ramadan:

A Time of Reform, Reward and Relief



by *Sh. Tariq Musleh*
Outreach Director / Imam



Salaamu Alaikum, Dear Mecca Center Community,

I'd like to wish each one of you a Ramadan Mubarak! We pray this month brings you and your family moments of spiritual rejuvenation as well as countless memories with the ones you love doing what He (swt) loves.

Ramadan is a time of Reform, Reward and Relief. We reform through new norms. It becomes normal for us all to be at the masjid daily, to recite, reflect, and memorize the Quran daily. It becomes normal for us to not have the coffee and lunch breaks we've become accustomed to. It becomes normal to stand in the darkness of the night and pray extra worship and refrain from engaging in acts that displease Him (swt). Ramadan shows us what we're capable of and the potential each of us have to be upright servants of Allah and followers of the beloved (pbuh). That, my dear brother and sister, is what makes Ramadan as the Quran says, better than a thousand months.

Allah has enrolled us in the school of Ramadan, the shayateen chained for the entirety of the month, allowing us to be more in tune with and to recognize who we actually are, as the Hadith of the Prophet pbuh describes:

عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ، عَنْ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ . صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ . قَالَ: إِذَا كَانَتْ أَوَّلُ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ رَمَضَانَ صُفِّدَتِ الشَّيَاطِينُ وَمَرْدَةُ الْجِنَّ وَغُلِّقَتِ أَبْوَابُ النَّارِ فَلَمْ يُضَخْ مِنْهَا بَابٌ. وَفُتِحَتْ أَبْوَابُ الْجَنَّةِ فَلَمْ يُغْلَقْ مِنْهَا بَابٌ. وَنَادَى مُنَادٍ: يَا بَاغِيَ الْخَيْرِ أَقْبِلْ. وَيَا بَاغِيَ الشَّرِّ أَقْصِرْ. وَلِلَّهِ عِتْقَاءُ مِنَ النَّارِ. وَذَلِكَ فِي كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ.

“When the first night of Ramadan comes, the satans and mischievous jinns are chained up, and the gates of the Fire are closed, and none of its gates are opened. The gates of Paradise are opened and none of its gates are closed. And a caller cries out: ‘O seeker of good, proceed, O seeker of evil, stop.’ And Allah has necks (people) whom He frees (from the Fire), and that happens every day.”

Although the Ramadan curriculum is the same for everyone, it is also highly personalized, allowing us to be aware of what our potential is and what we are capable of and enabling us to reflect on what we need to improve and reform. It is an opportunity to learn about our true selves and

appreciate the blessings in our lives. Ramadan is a school, and the best of what it teaches us is that the greatest of Allah's favors upon us is Islam, and that we are factually nothing without it.

We are enrolled by Allah (swt) in this blessed school of Ramadan, and Allah has made it so easy to pass, so much so that you can only fail if you are going out of your way to fail. It is a test that's meant for all to pass, and a school that Allah swt established that's meant for all to graduate from. If it's not fasting it's charity, if it's not charity, it's standing in the night, if it's not standing in the night, it's abstaining from evil tendencies, so many avenues to pass and graduate from the school of Ramadan.

Of course such great actions don't go without great reward, therefore the multitude of deeds awarded to such a person seem immeasurable and one can feel nothing less than enveloped in the infinite mercy of Allah and having earned His divine forgiveness. The reward of the fasting is such that Allah simply says, "fasting is for me and I will reward you for it," meaning that the intimate act of worship of fasting is so powerful in nature, combining between the servitude of the heart, soul, and limbs in both internal and external matters, that the reward of it is something that Allah uniquely rewards each servant of His as He wishes based on our efforts.

Earning the reward of Jannah is not a battle for the impossible or the intangible, rather the reward of Jannah is in such easy reach that one needs only to intend and strive and it is theirs. As the angels call as Ramadan starts, "Oh seeker of good, come forward!," يَا بَاغِيَ الْخَيْرِ أَقْبِلْ

Ramadan is when we set aside everything else to come forward in seeking the reward of Allah (swt).

Over the past several months, we have witnessed first-hand for people of the world to cause such a level of destruction and harm. We have witnessed in our personal lives as well as in the global ummah of Prophet Muhammed (pbuh), the ability of harm to be done against the most vulnerable and most innocent of humans. We have witnessed our brothers and sisters being driven out of their homes, unable to find the basic human needs of food, water, and shelter. We have witnessed the world turn a blind eye to those who are oppressed and turn its back on them, all of which requires recovery from.

Ramadan is a time of relief and healing. Ramadan is when we relieve our hearts from the trials and tribulations of the world. It's when we pour out the vessels of our hearts to Allah, most confident in His divine wisdom and guidance. It is when we relieve ourselves from the expectations of society and remind ourselves of the expectations we have in Allah and the expectations He has for us. It is when we relieve ourselves of our sins, and learn to love ourselves enough to abandon the sins, the habits, and the company that takes us away from the Divine.

Ramadan is an opportunity for us to rejuvenate our relationship with the houses of Allah (swt). As community members gather for the Taraweeh and Qiyam prayers, Quran recitations, and iftars, this heightened engagement allows us all to experience the masjid's spiritual ambiance, thereby fostering a deeper connection and a healing effect on the hearts and souls of worshippers. It is no wonder that Al-Ghazali likens the masjid to a hospital for the hearts because, just as a hospital is a place where physical ailments are treated and cured, the masjid is a place where spiritual ailments and diseases of the heart are addressed and healed. Indeed, the masjid is a spiritual sanctuary and place of healing for our hearts and souls.

Furthermore, hospitals provide not only medical treatment but also a supportive environment where patients can connect with others who may be going through similar experiences. Likewise, masjid offer a sense of community and support, serving as "medicine" for one another, by providing emotional support, guidance, and comfort during times of difficulty or hardship. Moreover, our masjid become hubs of communal activities during Ramadan, hosting iftar gatherings, charity drives, and educational programs, fostering a sense of belonging and strengthening the bonds within the community.

May Allah (swt) allow this blessed month to be a door to Jannah for us. May He, the infinitely loving and merciful, accept our humble attempts at seeking His pleasure and allow our center to be one of worship, unity, and service for years and generations to come.

Your brother,


Sh. Tariq Musleh



RAMADAN: THE MONTH WHERE WE RECHARGE



by Sh. Mohamed Abbas

Imam

Assalam Alaikum Dear Mecca Center Community,

As we welcome the blessed month of Ramadan, I extend my heartfelt wishes to each of you for a Ramadan Mubarak! May this sacred time bring you and your loved ones spiritual elevation, peace, and an abundance of blessings from Allah (SWT).

Ramadan is the month where we **recharge**—our faith, our hearts, and our connection with Allah (SWT). It is a time to pause, reflect, and replenish our souls through worship, charity, and devotion. Just as our bodies need nourishment, our iman (faith) needs renewal, and Ramadan provides the perfect opportunity to reset and strengthen our spiritual core.

One of the greatest blessings of Ramadan is the opportunity to reconnect with the Quran. As Allah (SWT) says:

“The month of Ramadan [is that] in which was revealed the Qur’an, a guidance for the people and clear proofs of guidance and criterion.” (Surah Al-Baqarah 2:185)

شَهْرُ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ وَالْفُرْقَانِ الْبَقَرَةُ ١٨٥

This month teaches us self-discipline and self-reflection, reminding us that our strength comes from submission to Allah (SWT). The Prophet (ﷺ) said:

“Whoever fasts Ramadan out of faith and in the hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven.” (Sahih al-Bukhari & Muslim)

مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ. صحيح البخاري ومسلم

Beyond fasting, Ramadan calls us to **recharge our compassion**—to feel the struggles of the less fortunate and extend a helping hand. We witness the suffering of our brothers and sisters around the world, and this blessed month is our chance to be a source of relief and hope. Whether through charity, kind words, or supporting those in need, our actions should reflect the mercy that Ramadan instills in us.

Ramadan is also the time to **recharge our relationships**—with our families, our community, and our masjid. As we gather for Taraweeh, Qiyam, Iftar, and heartfelt du'aa, we find unity and strength in worshiping together. I am truly excited to share



these blessed moments with all of you—standing in prayer, breaking our fasts side by side, and uplifting each other in faith.

May Allah (SWT) grant us the blessing of reaching Ramadan and help us carry the spirit of this month beyond, allowing us to recharge for the rest of the year. As the angels call out at the start of Ramadan: *“Oh seeker of good, come forward!”*—this is our moment to step up, to embrace the opportunities before us, and to leave Ramadan spiritually recharged and renewed.

May this Ramadan be a time of transformation and growth, and may Allah (SWT) accept our fasts, prayers, and good deeds.

With prayers and gratitude,

Yours, Imam Mohamed Abbas

Assalamu Alaikum,

Ramadan Mubarak to all our community members, especially our young ones! As Chair of the Education Committee at The Mecca Center (TMC), I am excited to share our journey and celebrate this holy month with you.

Our story began in 2002 with just 15 students in a small rented space at Burr Ridge Middle School. Today, thanks to the unwavering dedication of our educators—especially our beloved Principal Dr. Linda Hamadeh—our Sunday School has flourished to serve over 400 students, with many more eager to join.

In 2007, we expanded our mission with the establishment of the Mecca Quran Institute (MQI), which has since impacted over 1,000 students under the leadership of Shaykh Ahmed Alsheikhi and Sister Diana Khankan. Our Quran Blossom (Baraem) Program, launched in 2017 with just 34 students, now serves 118, with a waitlist for more under the leadership of Sister Mai Jawich and her team.

Being part of this journey has been a true blessing for my family and me. TMC is not just a place for us, but a welcoming center for all. The road to building this space was not without challenges, from navigating permits to breaking ground in 2012, a day that marked a milestone for us all.

I encourage all of you, especially our youth, to get involved. Your energy, ideas, and passion will shape TMC's future. Whether through volunteering or participating in events, your efforts are crucial.

Being part of TMC has strengthened my connection to this remarkable community. Let us continue to support, uplift, and build a brighter future together, InshaAllah.

May Allah bless you all during this blessed month of Ramadan!

Warm regards,



Syed Ajaz Hussain, Ph.D.

Chair, Education Committee



عن أبي هريرة رضي الله تعالى عنه أن رسول الله صلى الله عليه وسلم قال:
الصيام جنة، فإذا كان يوم صوم أحدكم فلا يرفث ولا
يصخب، فإذا سابه أحد أو قاتله، فليقل إني صائم

Abu Hurairah narrated that the Messenger of Allah, may the peace and blessings of Allah Subhanahu wa Ta'ala be upon him, said, "Fasting is a protection. So when you are fasting, do not behave obscenely or foolishly. And if someone curses or abuses you, say to them, 'I am fasting.'"

Dear community members, I pray that you will have a blessed Ramadan, and may the Almighty accept your fasting, salah, and qiyam. I hope that your experience at the Mecca Center has been and will continue to be rewarding, fulfilling, and pleasant.

Your experience at the Mecca Center is very important to us. If you have any comments, suggestions, or criticisms, please send an email to ghada@meccacenter.org or drop them in the suggestion box located at the entrance of the mosque. We look forward to hearing your thoughts and ideas.

BarakAllahu Feekum,

Talal Sunbulli

Dr. Talal Sunbulli, M.D

Chair, The Mecca Center Religious Affairs Committee



Assalamu Alaikum and Ramadan Mubarak,

On behalf of The Mecca Scholars Fund, it is my pleasure to wish you and your family a blessed Ramadan.

The Mecca Scholars Fund was established two years ago to reward and recognize some of our community's best and brightest—not only who achieved academic excellence through a high GPA, but those who shined in their dedication to The Mecca Center (TMC) as demonstrated by their actions of volunteering and service to our community.

Scholars are selected after completing an application that includes transcripts, essays, letters of recommendation, and volunteer hours at The Mecca Center. To date, we have awarded over \$100,000 in need- and merit-based scholarships to 28 scholars to encourage and reward those inquisitive minds who are the future of The Mecca

Center to continue to flourish and serve our community!

The uniting quality of our Scholars is their overwhelming love and appreciation for The Mecca Center and how it has impacted the person they have become, how TMC has equipped them with the tools they need to carry them forward for success in this life and the Akhirah, inshAllah. By contributing to The Mecca Scholars Fund, you are creating a lasting legacy at TMC that gives back to the community through education for many generations to come.

During this blessed month of generosity, I encourage you to support The Mecca Center's scholarship fund. Your contributions empower hardworking and dedicated students in our programs by recognizing their efforts and easing financial barriers that may stand in the way of their education. Together, we can invest in their future and ensure that knowledge remains accessible to all.

May all your good deeds and efforts be rewarded in this life and the next, inshAllah. Ramadan Kareem to you and your beloved families.

Belsam Kashlan

Jazakum Allahu Khairan,
Belsam Kashlan DDS

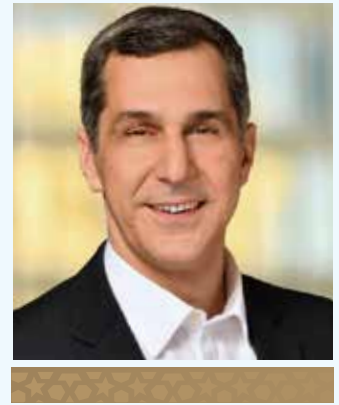
The Mecca Center Vice President



Assalamu Alaykum wa Rahmatullah wa Barakatuh,

Ramadan Mubarak! May Allah accept your good deeds, charitable efforts, and fasting during this sacred month. This is a time for generosity and giving, a period dedicated to investing in our hereafter and nurturing our Akhirah.

Throughout this blessed month, we become acutely aware of the significant impact our center has on our lives and those of our families. We gain a deeper appreciation for the lasting spiritual bond we share during this time. One of the best ways to express this experience is by establishing a legacy that will endure for future generations.



The Mecca Center Endowment Fund offers a unique opportunity for you to maintain a connection with the center, extending beyond our time on this earth. Imagine having a representative dedicated to fundraising each night during Ramadan, inspiring participation in this noble cause for generations to come. Picture being part of a legacy that promotes goodness and blessings indefinitely—this is the essence of Sadaqa Jariyah.

The Mecca Center Endowment Fund has set ambitious objectives. Insha'Allah, our goal is to generate a sustainable income of \$500,000 by the year 2030. This income will support the center's activities and operations while allowing us to engage in various fundraising initiatives, whether for humanitarian relief, advocacy, or Quran education.

Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our community.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Hani Atassi". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Jazakum Allahu khairan,

Hani Atassi

The Mecca Center Endowment Fund President





WAYS TO GIVE

Your tax-deductible planned gifts will be directed to The Mecca Center Endowment Fund. Through investments of this fund you will be able to help sustain several objectives and goals of The Mecca Center including:

- OPERATIONS
- SOCIAL SERVICES
- EDUCATION
- CAUSE CHOSEN BY DONOR
- DAWAH



CASH

Giving cash is the most basic way to give to The Mecca Center.



STOCKS & SECURITIES

Donate appreciated stocks and securities held for more than a year.



TRUST & WILLS

Designate The Mecca Center as a beneficiary in your will and trusts



RETIREMENT PLANS & LIFE INSURANCE

Give part of your retirement assets such as IRAs, 401k, 403b and pension.



REAL ESTATE & LAND

Donate your home, vacation property, commercial property or even vacant land.

The Mecca Center Ramadan Guidelines

Ramadan Mubarak! May Allah shower His blessings upon you and your family and accept your fasting, prayers, and dua. We pray that this Ramadan brings you immense spiritual growth, peace, and fulfillment.

To ensure a great experience for everyone during this holy month, we have established a few guidelines, and we kindly ask the community to follow them:

▶ **The Mecca Center has organized a variety of Ramadan programs for all age groups:**

- Ages 0-3: Mommy & Me Rooms
- Ages 3-10: Children's Program
- Ages 10-13: Youth Taraweeh
- Ages 13 and up: Taraweeh

If your children are not registered and participating in any of Ramadan's programs, please ensure they are kept at home. No roaming in or outside of The Mecca Center will be allowed.

▶ **Main Men's Musallah:**

- Children under the age of 3 are not allowed at the main area of the musallah
- Fathers with children under 3 are kindly asked to sit in the back area of the musallah, located between the two main doors
- If your child, regardless of age, becomes loud and disturbing to others at the Musallah, we kindly ask you to take them out until they calm down and are ready to join the prayer. Please expect to be approached by a staff member to assist in this matter if necessary.

▶ **Downstairs Musallah for Women:**

- No children are allowed in this space.

▶ **Upstairs Musallah for Women:**

- Children under the age of 3 are not allowed.
- Mothers with children under 3 are kindly asked to use the designated "**Mommy and Me**" rooms 215, 216, 217. These rooms will be equipped with a selection of toys for the children and Qurans and prayer rugs for the adults. Prayers will be livestreamed, allowing mothers to follow along while keeping their children engaged.
- If your child, regardless of age, becomes loud and disturbing to others at the Musallah, we kindly ask you to take them out until they calm down and are ready to join the prayer. Please expect to be approached by a staff member to assist in this matter if necessary.
- Due to limited space, **strollers are not permitted** inside the building. Parents may use car seats instead.

▶ **Wudu (Ablution):**

Wudu for men and women is located downstairs in the lower level.

▶ **Special Children's Programs:**

- Timing: Runs nightly from Isha to the end of Taraweeh prayers.
- Age Group: children ages 3–10.
 - Monthly: \$250 per child.
 - Walk-ins: \$15 per night (subject to availability).

▶ **Entrances at The Mecca Center**

- All doors of The Mecca Center will be open for taraweeh prayers to help ease congestion
- Please exit promptly after the prayer and avoid socializing in the foyer to maintain a quiet atmosphere for those in the prayer areas.

Jazakum Allahu Khairan & Ramadan Mubarak

تقبل الله صياكم وقيامكم

إمساكية شهر رمضان المبارك

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March آذار	Ramadan رمضان	Day اليوم	Fajr/Imsak الفجر الإمساك	Sunrise الشروق	Dhuhr الظهر	Asr العصر	Maghrib المغرب الإفطار	Isha العشاء
1	1	Sat	5:11	6:27	12:05	3:58	5:42	6:58
2	2	Sun	5:08	6:24	12:04	4:00	5:44	7:01
3	3	Mon	5:06	6:22	12:04	4:01	5:45	7:02
4	4	Tue	5:05	6:21	12:04	4:02	5:47	7:03
5	5	Wed	5:03	6:19	12:04	4:03	5:48	7:04
6	6	Thu	5:01	6:17	12:03	4:04	5:49	7:05
7	7	Fri	5:00	6:16	12:03	4:05	5:50	7:07
8	8	Sat	4:58	6:14	12:03	4:06	5:51	7:08
9	9	Sun	5:56	7:13	1:03	5:07	6:52	8:09
10	10	Mon	5:55	7:11	1:02	5:08	6:54	8:10
11	11	Tue	5:53	7:09	1:02	5:09	6:55	8:11
12	12	Wed	5:51	7:08	1:02	5:10	6:56	8:12
13	13	Thu	5:50	7:06	1:02	5:11	6:57	8:14
14	14	Fri	5:48	7:04	1:01	5:11	6:58	8:15
15	15	Sat	5:46	7:02	1:01	5:12	6:59	8:16
16	16	Sun	5:44	7:01	1:01	5:13	7:00	8:17
17	17	Mon	5:42	6:59	1:00	5:14	7:01	8:18
18	18	Tue	5:41	6:57	1:00	5:15	7:03	8:20
19	19	Wed	5:39	6:56	1:00	5:16	7:04	8:21
20	20	Thu	5:37	6:54	1:00	5:17	7:05	8:22
21	21	Fri	5:35	6:52	12:59	5:17	7:06	8:23
22	22	Sat	5:33	6:51	12:59	5:18	7:07	8:24
23	23	Sun	5:32	6:49	12:59	5:19	7:08	8:26
24	24	Mon	5:30	6:47	12:58	5:20	7:09	8:27
25	25	Tue	5:28	6:45	12:58	5:21	7:10	8:28
26	26	Wed	5:26	6:44	12:58	5:22	7:11	8:29
27	27	Thu	5:24	6:42	12:57	5:22	7:13	8:31
28	28	Fri	5:22	6:40	12:57	5:23	7:14	8:32
29	29	Sat	5:21	6:39	12:57	5:24	7:15	8:33
30	Shawwal	Sun	5:19	6:37	12:57	5:25	7:16	8:34
31	2	Mon	5:17	6:35	12:56	5:25	7:17	8:36

IQAMA OF PRAYERS إقامة الصلاة

FAJR:
20 min after Adhan

DHUHR:
1:15pm

ASR:
(3/1-3/2: 4pm)
(3/3-3/8: 4:15pm)
(3/9-3/18: 5:15pm)
(3/19-3/31:5:30pm)

MAGHRIB:
5 min after Adhan

ISHA:
3/1-3/8: 8:00pm
3/9-3/18: 8:30pm
3/19-3/29: 8:45pm

JUMUAH PRAYER
1st Jumuah: 12:00
2nd Jumuah: 1:30

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Sh. MOHAMED ABBAS is an award-winning Qur'an reciter (qari'), he holds certifications in multiple recitation forms and is widely known for his beautiful recitation and nasheed. He previously served as Imam at the Illiana Islamic Association and founded the Noon Quranic Academy in Northwest Indiana



Sh. SENAN HAFEZ born and raised in Ras Al Khaimah, UAE, developed a strong passion for the Quran from a young age, guided by his parents. He obtained his bachelor's degree in business and information engineering from the UAE and Japan, followed by a master's degree in the US. Currently, he works as a Senior Clinical IT Manager in the biopharmaceutical industry. Senan remains dedicated to his passion for the Quran, volunteering as a Tarawih Qari at the Mecca Center in Chicago during Ramadan since 2018, where he serves his community with humility and gratitude. Inspired by multiple reciters, he honed his audio engineering and tech skills to found SoulsFX.com, a platform to spread content infused with spiritual enlightenment drawn from the Quran and Dhikr.



Sh. MOUSTAFA ISMAIL is a Quran teacher with over 20 years experience of teaching Quran and leading prayers. He holds Ijazah in the rendition of Shu'bah and Hafs. He has led Taraweeh at The Mecca Center for over 8 years. He has been involved with MQI college Quran program since 2022. He enjoys helping people learn Quran and understand it



Sh. SABRI ELMANSOURI born and raised in Libya, is an accomplished individual with a Bachelor's in Medicine and surgery, a Master of Public Health, and a resident physician at Insight Hospital, Chicago. Alongside his medical career, he is a Munshid and Qari, having memorized the Quran with two Rewayat(Hafs and Kallon) in 1999. He served as Imam Taraweeh in Germany and Italy, and currently at the Mecca Center since 2016. Sabri is a judge for the Annual USA National Quran Competition and secured 6th place globally in the Nasheed competition in 2018.



Taraweeh Reciters Schedule 2025

Ramadan	March	Day	Sheikh	Rakaa	Pages	From:	To:
					From - To	Surah/ Ayah	Surah/ Ayah
	2/28	Friday	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-10	2-14	البقرة / 1	البقرة / 91
			Sh. Mohammed Abbas	11-20 & Witer	14-25	البقرة / 92	البقرة / 167
1	1	Saturday	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-10	25-37	البقرة / 168	البقرة / 232
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-20 & Witer	37-49	البقرة / 233	البقرة / 286
2	2	Sunday	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-10	50-61	آل عمران / 1	آل عمران / 85
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-20 & Witer	61-73	آل عمران / 86	آل عمران / 175
3	3	Monday	Sh. Mohammed Abbas	Ishaa & 1-10	73-84	آل عمران / 176	النساء / 35
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	11-20 & Witer	84-96	النساء / 36	النساء / 113
4	4	Tuesday	Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-10	97-107	النساء / 114	المائدة / 5
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-20 & Witer	108-119	المائدة / 6	المائدة / 69
5	5	Wednesday	Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-10	119-131	المائدة / 70	الأنعام / 35
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-20 & Witer	132-143	الأنعام / 36	الأنعام / 121
6	6	Thursday	Sh. Mohammed Abbas	Ishaa & 1-10	143-154	الأنعام / 122	الأعراف / 34
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	11-20 & Witer	154-166	الأعراف / 35	الأعراف / 137
7	7	Friday	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-10	167-177	الأعراف / 138	الأنفال / 14
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-20 & Witer	178-190	الأنفال / 15	التوبة / 22
8	8	Saturday	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-10	190-200	التوبة / 23	التوبة / 80
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-20 & Witer	200-211	التوبة / 81	يونس / 25
9	9	Sunday	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-10	212-223	يونس / 26	هود / 14
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	11-20 & Witer	223-234	هود / 15	هود / 109
10	10	Monday	Sh. Mohammed Abbas	Ishaa & 1-10	234-244	هود / 110	يوسف / 77
			Sh. Mohammed Abbas	11-20 & Witer	244-253	يوسف / 78	الرعد / 34
11	11	Tuesday	Sh. Mohammed Abbas	Ishaa & 1-10	254-264	الرعد / 35	الحجر / 50
			Sh. Mohammed Abbas	11-20 & Witer	264-274	الحجر / 51	النحل / 72
12	12	Wednesday	Sh. Hassan Abu Nar	Ishaa & 1-10	275-286	النحل / 73	الإسراء / 39
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	11-20 & Witer	286-296	الإسراء / 40	الكهف / 26
13	13	Thursday	Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-10	296-308	الكهف / 27	مريم / 50
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-20 & Witer	308-320	مريم / 51	طه / 114
14	14	Friday	Sh. Mohamed Zaher	Ishaa & 1-10	320-330	طه / 115	الأنبياء / 92
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	11-20 & Witer	330-339	الأنبياء / 93	الحج / 64
15	15	Saturday	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-10	340-349	الحج / 65	المؤمنون / 118
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	11-20 & Witer	350-359	النور / 1	النور / 64



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					From - To	Surah/ Ayah	Surah/ Ayah
16	16	Sunday	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-10	359-371	الفرقان / 1	الشعراء / 104
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	11-20 & Witer	371-380	الشعراء / 105	النمل / 44
17	17	Monday	Sh. Mohammed Abbas	Ishaa & 1-10	381-390	النمل / 45	القصص / 43
			Sh. Mohammed Abbas	11-20 & Witer	391-399	القصص / 44	العنكبوت / 27
18	18	Tuesday	Sh. Moustafa Ismail	Ishaa & 1-10	399-410	العنكبوت / 28	الروم / 60
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-20 & Witer	411-420	لقمان / 1	الأحزاب / 20
19	19	Wednesday	Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-10	420-427	الأحزاب / 21	الأحزاب / 73
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	11-20 & Witer	428-440	سبأ / 1	فاطر / 45
20	20	Thursday	Sh. Mohammed Abbas	Ishaa & 1-10	440-450	يس / 1	الصفافات / 113
			Sh. Mohammed Abbas	11-20 & Witer	450-459	الصفافات / 114	الزمر / 7
21	21	Friday	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-10	459-469	الزمر / 8	غافر / 22
			Sh. Moustafa Ismail	11-20 & Witer	469-478	غافر / 23	فصلت / 18
22	22	Saturday	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-10	478-487	فصلت / 19	الشورى / 43
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-20 & Witer	487-497	الشورى / 44	الدخان / 29
23	23	Sunday	Sh. Ibrahim Wael	Ishaa & 1-10	497-507	الدخان / 30	محمد / 11
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	11-20 & Witer	508-517	محمد / 12	الحجرات / 18
24	24	Monday	Sh. Ibrahim Dardasawi	Ishaa & 1-10	518-528	ق / 1	النجم / 62
			Sh. Mohammed Abbas	11-20 & Witer	528-537	القمر / 1	الواقعة / 96
25	25	Tuesday	Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-10	537-547	الحديد / 1	الحشر / 10
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	11-20 & Witer	547-557	الحشر / 11	التغابن / 18
26	26	Wednesday	Sh. Senan Hafez	Ishaa & 1-10	558-566	الطلاق / 1	القلم / 52
			Sh. Mohammed Abbas	11-20 & Witer	566-573	الحاقة / 1	الجن / 28
27	27	Thursday	Sh. Moustafa Ismail	Ishaa & 1-10	574-581	المزمل / 1	المرسلات / 50
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-20 & Witer	582-590	النبا / 1	البروج / 22
28	28	Friday	Sh. Mohammed Abbas	Ishaa & 1-10	591-598	الطارق	القدر
			Sh. Yousef Wahb	11-20 & Witer	598-604	البينة	الناس
29	29	Saturday	Sh. Yousef Wahb	Ishaa & 1-10	1-5	البقرة / 1	البقرة / 29
			Sh. Senan Hafez	11-20 & Witer	45786	البقرة / 30	البقرة / 61

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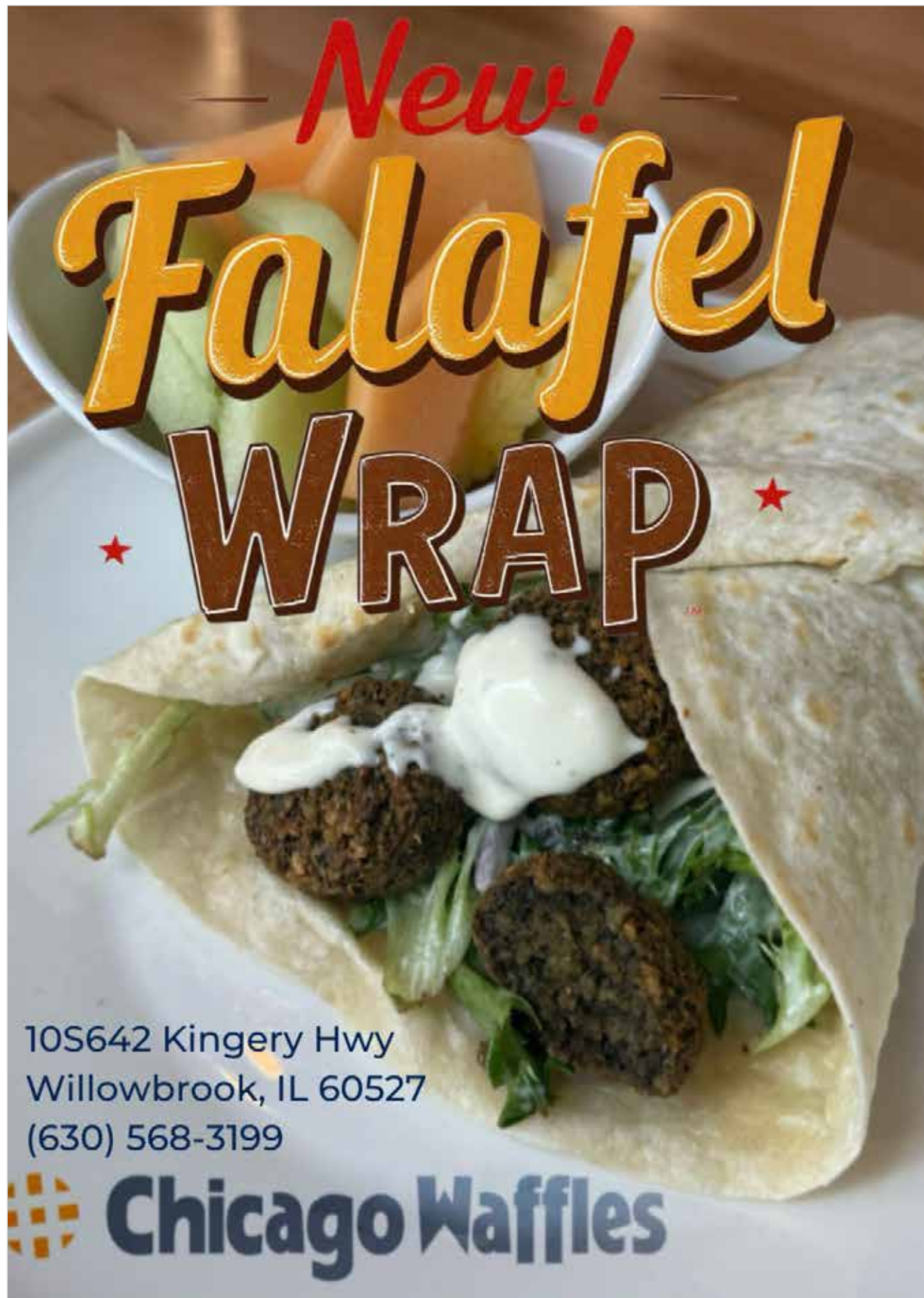
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