

Acceptance of duas on the first night of Rajab

Imam Shafi'ee (R) has said: "I have heard that Duas are accepted by Almighty Allah on five nights, the night of Jumu'ah, the nights of Eid, the first night of Rajab and the middle (15th) night of Sha'ban."

(Lataif al-Ma'arif)

We should use this opportunity to develop the capacity to make dua and continue with this practice daily, even for a few minutes. Our duas should include all, especially those suffering injustices and oppression around the world.

The gateway to the great month

RAJAB

Rajab is the seventh month in the Islamic lunar calendar and the second of the 'four sacred months' referred to as "Al-Ash-hurul hurum".

(Surah Tawbah)

Manage your time

Literally Rajab means respect or reverence. This auspicious month is a prelude to the great month of Ramadan

Dua to reach Ramadan

Rasulullah ﷺ would express his eagerness to be blessed with life to witness and experience the blessed month of Ramadan from Rajab. When the crescent of Rajab was sighted Rasulullah ﷺ would recite the following Du'a: "*Allahumma baarik lana fee Rajaba wa Sha'bana wa ballighna Ramadan*".

"Oh Allah! grant us blessings in the month of Rajab and Shaban, and make us reach Ramadan."

(Shu'abul Imaan and Ibnus Sunni)

Upon sighting of the moon recite the following Dua: "*Hilaalu khayrin wa rushdin*" Translation: Let it be a crescent of goodness and guidance.

The busy routine of life shall continue irrespective of the time, season, or part of the year. The challenge is to use our time profitably and try our best not to be deprived of the special mercies and blessings that prevail in the run up to Ramadan. The Sahabah ﷺ and pious would increase their Quran recitation during these months (especially in Sha'ban). If we are not regular with recitation of the Quran, this should commence immediately. Whatever portion is possible must be read to develop the momentum for Ramadan.

In general, we should become more conscious of our relationship with Allah Ta'ala, do introspection and reflect on our direction. We should tighten up on time wasting and abstain from committing sins. Repentance and Istighfar should begin in earnest. This will help us to be in a healthy spiritual state come Ramadan.

It should be noted that whilst Rajab is from the four sacred months, no specific method of worship has been prescribed in this month.



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