

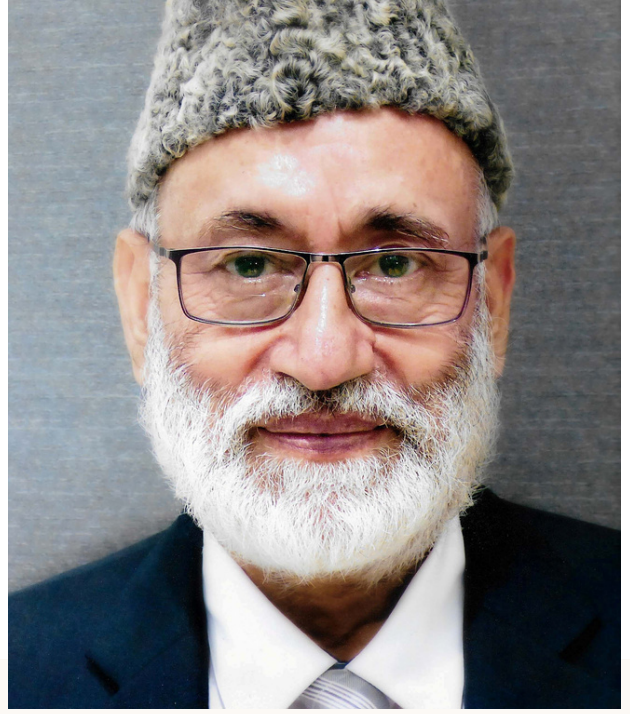
RAMADAN MESSAGE

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بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

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

The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was revealed, a guidance to men and clear proofs of the guidance and the Criterion. (Al Baqarah 2:185)

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Assalaam-o-Alaikum Wa Rakhmatullahi Wa Barakaato Hoo.

How fortunate are we that Allah has granted us, in our lives, another month of Ramadan so we may benefit from this opportunity to seek His nearness and foster friendship with Him. While we thank our Creator for granting us this opportunity, we must also be determined to avail of this gift with which He has blessed us. Allah is Al Rahman; one Who is willing to give out of His infinite mercy without any effort on our part, and Al Rahim; one Who shows mercy when we seek it and rewards us for our efforts. The month of Ramadan is also a manifestation of His being Al Rahman. He has taken upon Himself to grant His mercy to all humanity during this sacred month, irrespective of an individual's effort to deserve it. His being Al Rahman in the physical world is that He has provided equal opportunities for progress to all irrespective of their believing in Him or not. He grants livelihood to everyone. In the spiritual world, He in His infinite mercy, knowing the weakness of humans to err, sent prophets and revealed scriptures to help guide men to the right path. This guidance began with the coming of Hazrat Adam, may peace be upon him, and progressed to its final and perfect form with the coming of the Holy Prophet Muhammad, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, and the revelation of the Holy Qur'an. After him, no prophet can come, neither new nor old, as the guidance

has been perfected. Yet with the passage of time, errors in the understanding and practice of Islam creep in, requiring correction. So for this reformation, according to a saying of the Holy Prophet, may peace and blessing of Allah be upon him, Mujaddids or reformers come and will continue to come at the head of every century. We believe in the Mujaddid of this era and are fortunate to have divinely inspired guidance from him. He assigned to us the mission to spread Islam in its pristine form to the farthest corners of the world. We pray that with the help of Allah, our efforts will bear fruit.

The month of Ramadan, in which the revelation of the Holy Qur'an commenced, is a yearly reminder from Allah for us to understand and act upon its injunctions and to take its message to the rest of the world, so that they too are guided to the right path that leads to Allah.

Let us pray and through our supplications seek nearness to Him. Let us pray that we effectively spread the message of the Qur'an to all peoples of the world. Let us pray that Allah removes all obstacles in the effective fulfillment of our sacred duty. Let us pray that Allah grants us the strength to practice what we preach and, therefore, present Islam through our personal example.

I wish you all a very happy month of Ramadan and pray that you benefit spiritually from it, which is the real purpose of fasting and prayers. Please join me in my prayers for members of our Jama'at, worldwide.

Aameen summa aameen.