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The Month of *Rabi al-Awwal*

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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله وعلى آله وصحبه ومن اهتدى بهداه

“A Messenger has come to you from amongst yourselves. Your suffering distresses him: he is deeply concerned for you and full of kindness and mercy towards the believers.” (Qur'an *al-Tawbah* : 128)

Our noble master Anas ibn Malik رضي الله عنه reported that the Messenger of God صلى الله عليه وسلم said :

“None of you believes until I am more beloved to him than his children, his father and all people.”
[al-Bukhari and Muslim]

This is an excerpt from the book *Kanz al-Naja' wa al-Surur* , a book highlighting the special qualities of each month. During this blessed month of *Rabi al-Awwal* we ask God that He graces us with a sincere connection to and love for the beloved Messenger of God صلى الله عليه وسلم.

Know that during this month it is recommended for one to increase in his or her invoking God's blessings and mercy upon the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم (Arabic: *Salawat* or Urdu: *Durud Sharif*). It was in this month that the greatest blessing was revealed to the world. It was in this month that the light of guidance emanated for mankind and jinn. It was in this month that the Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم peace and mercy be upon him, was born.

Recommended things to do in the month of *Rabi al-Awwal* :

Increase in the reciting of mercy, peace, and blessings upon the Messenger of God. God commands this in the verse :

“God and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet. O you who believe ! Blessing him and salute him with a worthy salutation!” (*al-Ahzaab*:56).

Read and reflect upon the biography (*Sirah*) of the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم. Many scholars strongly encourage people to take advantage of this month by reading about his life and inculcating his Prophetic character into one's own. Two great books that are in English are “Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم - His Life Based on the Earliest Sources” by Martin Lings, and “al-Shifa' bi ta rif Huquq al-Mustafa صلى الله عليه وسلم” by Qadi Iyaad (translated into English).



Give out charity (*Sadaqah*) in its many forms as often as possible.

Increase the reading of the Quran.

Fast as often as possible this month.

Express one's love for the Prophet ﷺ inwardly and outwardly.

Renew your oath to follow God's Messenger ﷺ in his inward and outward actions.

Attend gatherings of remembrance of God and His Messenger ﷺ, such as learning circles that discuss his life and sayings, or any other praiseworthy gathering to remember God the exalted and His beloved, peace and mercy be upon him.

May God bless us, our families and the entire Muslim nation during this month by allowing us to reconnect with the Prophet ﷺ. We should try to embody him ﷺ in all that we do, say, and think. If we attempt to actualize our love for the Prophet, peace and mercy be upon him, during this month and during our entire lives it may be that God out of His divine mercy grants us the Prophets ﷺ intercession on the Day of Judgment, a place in the highest levels of Paradise in the company of the Prophets, the True Saints (*Siddiqin*), and the Elite Angels.