



# The Prayer Center of Orland Park

## News & Prayer Times

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THE PRAYER CENTER OF ORLAND PARK MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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### Call of Prayer

Call of Prayer  
Fajr: 30 minutes after Adthan  
Dhuhr: 1:10pm  
Asr: 2 Rak'as after Adthan  
Maghrib: 2 Rak'as after Adthan  
Isha: 8:00pm  
Jumuah: 1:00pm

### Hadith of the Month

Abu Ayyub al-Ansari (Allah be pleased with him) reported Allah's Messenger (may peace be upon him) as saying: He who observed the fast of Ramadan and then followed it with six (fasts) of Shawwal, it would be as if he fasted perpetually.

~ *Muslim* ~

<u>Day</u>	<u>Oct.</u>	<u>Hijri</u>	<u>Fajr</u>	<u>Sunrise</u>	<u>Dhuhr</u>	<u>Asr</u>	<u>Maghrib</u>	<u>Isha</u>
Thu	1	Shawwal	5:33	6:47	12:42	4:48	6:35	7:51
Fri	2	13	5:35	6:49	12:41	4:45	6:32	7:47
Sat	3	14	5:36	6:50	12:41	4:44	6:30	7:46
Sun	4	15	5:37	6:51	12:40	4:42	6:28	7:44
Mon	5	16	5:38	6:52	12:40	4:41	6:26	7:42
Tue	6	17	5:39	6:53	12:40	4:39	6:25	7:41
Wed	7	18	5:40	6:54	12:40	4:38	6:23	7:39
Thu	8	19	5:40	6:54	12:40	4:38	6:23	7:39
Fri	9	20	5:41	6:55	12:39	4:37	6:22	7:37
Sat	10	21	5:44	6:58	12:39	4:34	6:18	7:34
Sun	11	22	5:45	6:59	12:39	4:32	6:17	7:32
Mon	12	23	5:46	7:00	12:38	4:31	6:15	7:31
Tue	13	24	5:47	7:01	12:38	4:29	6:13	7:29
Wed	14	25	5:48	7:02	12:38	4:28	6:12	7:28
Thu	15	26	5:49	7:03	12:38	4:26	6:10	7:26
Fri	16	27	5:49	7:03	12:38	4:26	6:10	7:26
Sat	17	28	5:51	7:06	12:37	4:24	6:07	7:23
Sun	18	29	5:52	7:07	12:37	4:22	6:06	7:22
Mon	19	30	5:53	7:08	12:37	4:21	6:04	7:20
Tue	20	Dhul-Qadah	5:54	7:09	12:37	4:19	6:03	7:19
Wed	21	2	5:55	7:10	12:36	4:18	6:01	7:18
Thu	22	3	5:56	7:11	12:36	4:17	6:00	7:16
Fri	23	4	5:56	7:11	12:36	4:17	6:00	7:16
Sat	24	5	5:57	7:12	12:36	4:15	5:58	7:15
Sun	25	6	6:00	7:15	12:36	4:13	5:55	7:12
Mon	26	7	6:01	7:16	12:36	4:11	5:54	7:11
Tue	27	8	6:02	7:17	12:36	4:10	5:53	7:10
Wed	28	9	6:03	7:18	12:36	4:09	5:51	7:09
Thu	29	10	6:04	7:20	12:36	4:08	5:50	7:07
Fri	30	11	6:04	7:20	12:36	4:08	5:50	7:07
Sat	31	12	6:05	7:21	12:36	4:06	5:49	7:06

**Dates to Remember:**

**Family Portraits:** Snapshots of a Muslim Family from The Life of the Prophet Muhammad(S)  
By Sheikh Yaser Birjas  
Friday, October 9th, 2009  
After Isha Prayer (8:00pm)

**Sisters Lace Em Up Basketball Tournament**

Sunday, October 4th, 2009  
Orland Park Sportsplex  
10:30 am – 6:00 pm  
Contact Fatima for more information:  
(708) 351-8011

**2009 Executive Committee Members**

- Dr. Mohamed Krad - President
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To volunteer at the Prayer Center of Orland Park please contact volunteers@op-pc.org.

# Calendar of Events

**EVERY DAY**

After Fajr Brothers Quranic Reading (all levels) // Sheikh Jamal Shaker

**MONDAY**

11:00am – 1:00pm Sisters Quran Reading // Sheikh Jamal Shaker

Maghrib-Isha Fiqh Class in Arabic (Men and Women) / Sheikh Jamal Shaker

**TUESDAY**

After Isha Book Study- The Etiquette of Seeking Knowledge [all ages]// Shk Yaser Birjas  
\*Beginning Oct. 6

**WEDNESDAY**

12:00pm – 1:00pm English Halaqa [women]// Sr. Hanan Mansour

6:00pm – 8:00pm Surat Yaseen Memorization// Sr. Iman Ali, (708) 203-9223

After Isha The Life of the Prophet SAW (The Sealed Nectar) [all ages]// Shk Yaser Birjas  
\*Beginning Oct. 7

**THURSDAY**

9:00am – 11:00am Juz' Amma Memorization, Tafsir, and Tajweed//Sr. Iman Ali  
(708) 203-9223

12:00pm – 1:00pm Women's Arabic program // Sr. Zainat Abuzzir & Sr. Aisha Rahima

Maghrib – Isha Sisters Quran Reading//Shk Jamal Shaker

**FRIDAY**

12:30pm – 1:00pm Arabic Fiqh Halaqa [women] //Sr. Aisha Rahima (Um Siraaaj)

12:30pm-1:00pm Fiqh Class in Arabic

1:00 pm – 1:35pm Jummah Prayer

7:00pm – 8:00pm English Al-Huda (Guidance) Halaqa [women] // Sr. Aisha Rahima (Um Siraaaj) and Sr. Layla Amine

**SATURDAY**

10:00am – 1:00pm Ali ibn Abi Talib Weekend School Program (youth ages 4-12)  
(Quran, Islamic Education, Arabic Language)  
*\*This is a paid course, seats limited, registration in office*

2:00pm – 4:00pm Youth halaqa [Orland Muslim Girls- Junior High] // Srs. Aidah, Amina, and Lamies

Asr – Maghrib Youth Karate // Brother Musa

Maghrib - Isha Big Brother Program [1st Grade - High School] // OMC Counselors

**SUNDAY**

After Fajr Tafsir Lecture in Arabic // Sheikh Jamal Shaker

12:00pm – 2:00pm Youth halaqa [High School Girls] // Srs. Fatima Noubani and Saleha Meah

Maghrib – Isha Brothers Youth Quranic Reading [12-21] // Sheikh Jamal Shaker

# Community Address

## Sheikh Yaser Birjas

Alhamdulillah, it was a great blessing to attend Ramadan this year and enjoy its virtues, don't you think? We thank Allah subhanahu wa ta'ala for enabling us to complete the days of Ramadan this year, and we ask Him to enable us to live until the next Ramadan and more Ramadans to come so we can worship Him the way it pleases Him subhanahu wa ta'ala.

Many brothers and sisters after Eid Salat and Eid day came to me and thanked me for making their Ramadan experience this year so unique, and I was thanking them back for making mine unique as well. I have to confess that Ramadan this year at our Prayer Center in Orland Park was one of the best Ramadans I have ever attended for so many years. I enjoyed the Salat and the Qiyam, I enjoyed the congregation and the location and I enjoyed being part of this spiritual experience through lecturing as well as through learning.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all those who helped make Ramadan this year a special occasion and especially Sh. Jamal for the beautiful recitation and du'a, the volunteers who made the in and out process go so smooth and cared for our safety and comfort, the child care team for giving us the peace we wanted during our Salat, the brothers and sisters who had to be in the Masjid before anybody else arrived to make sure everything was ready for us to enjoy our Salat and our worship.

Now that Ramadan this year has come to an end, and as we celebrated the Eid, which was like a graduation ceremony from the school of Ramadan, our hearts are focusing on what is next and what we can do to keep the spirit of Ramadan alive even long after it has ended. Well, here's our plan on how to get that started.

Beginning in this month of October 2009, we will insha'Allah resume our pre-Ramadan program with Sh. Jamal, and we shall start our new English programs during the weekdays and some of the weekends. Our programs will be knowledge and ilm based series of lectures and spiritual activities to ensure that we build confidence and spiritual drive in the heart and the mind of the Muslims, youth and adults.

Starting the first week of October, Tuesday 6th, we will insha'Allah begin our lecture series in English on Tuesdays and Wednesdays after Isha Salat. Open to all, adults and youth, men and women, and to further commence our journey on the path of seeking knowledge, Tuesday after Isha we will start studying our first book "The Etiquette of Seeking Knowledge" by sh. Bakr Abu Zayd rahimahullah. We are the Ummah of "Iqra" which signifies knowledge, and we believe that knowledge is sacred and therefore the carriers of knowledge should be responsible and observe special etiquettes and manners. This will be a heart softener and motivational series of lectures, so make sure you are there. Go online and get yourself a copy of the book and bring it with you to class. Trust me you don't want to miss any part of this program.

Wednesdays, after Isha, will be dedicated to the study of the life of our beloved Messenger of Allah salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam, from the famous Seerah book "The Sealed Nectar" by sh. Safiyyr Rahman Mubarakfoori. So prepare to immerse yourself for a profound discussion and vivid description of the life of the man who was sent as mercy for all the worlds, and as a guidance for mankind. Come and see for yourself the truth about his life salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam, and learn more on how to defend him against all acts of defamation.

There are more classes coming up discussing specific topics as well as general lectures to serve all the different age groups in our community. Exclusively for the youth, boys and girls, there will be more to come insha'Allah and for women we shall have special presentations and lecture series to suit their needs and meet their request for special topics. All shall be announced soon insha'Allah after we do the final organization of the program.

Furthermore, the larger Orland Park community will receive its share and get to experience the Muslim community first hand, insha'Allah, as we extend our hands to schools, colleges, religious communities, non-profit organizations and more through our upcoming outreach programs. If you are one of those individuals who love to give da'wah and desire to communicate with non-Muslims and if you have access to any of these organizations or groups and wish to help with it, then let me know about it so I can count you in. Meanwhile, get ready because the start is coming soon insha'Allah.

We ask Allah to help us achieve the best for His deen al-Islam and to help us build our community to become righteous and act in light of His divine guidance found in the Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Messenger of Allah, salla Allahu alayhi wa sallam.

And Alhamdulillah Rabil Aalamin, all praise is due to Allah the Lord of all the worlds.

— Yaser Birjas

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# Ramadan Highlights

This past Ramadan was one to be remembered Alhamdulillah, and our programs and services have never been better. Our community enjoyed a peaceful prayer led by Shk Jamal Shaker during Taraweeh. Shk Yaser Birjas gave dynamic and inspiring khatiras, and superbly beneficial tafsirs all throughout Ramadan. We were able to take it up a notch this year with our daily extra dose of Qiyam, led by Shk Mohammed Hassanein. Additionally, in the last ten nights we enjoyed extra prayers led by Shk Yaser Birjas and delicious sahur in the hours before fajr.

The 27th night of Ramadan was marked with a program that created a wonderful balance between prayer, lectures, and time for personal worship- like thikr and Quran. We had a full house that night, the halls buzzing with Quran Recitation, bodies bowing and prostrating in prayer, and tears flowing in dua. We had a plentiful Sahur that night Alhamdulillah, Jazakum Allah Khair to all the donors: Orland Buffet, Ziyad Foods, Grapevine, Bab Al Harrah, Al Watan Bakery. Also, Jazakum Allah Khair to all individuals who donated water, juice, and dates throughout Ramadan. May Allah reward you the reward of all our fasts!

Sweet Wednesdays added a touch of love to our Ramadan, where we enjoyed sweets after taraweeh sponsored by Nablus Sweets, Al Basha sweets, Grapevine, and Ziyad Foods. May Allah bless and reward all who participated.

Our volunteer crew at OPPC is unlike any other, with dedication like you've never seen. Because of them, our Ramadan programs ran smoothly and peacefully with the utmost professionalism and quality. Jazakum Allah Khair to our amazing volunteers! We seriously can't do it without you! To name each volunteer would take pages and pages. You know who you are....and most importantly Allah knows who you are. Another reason we had a very peaceful Taraweeh in the masjid this was the trailer that was placed in the lot, where all children were placed with a program complete with a crew of volunteers overseeing them.

Fundraising highlights- Our gracious community stepped up to the plate and aided many beneficial projects and organizations in their efforts. We'd like to highlight the projects and say Jazakum Allah Khair to all our generous donors. Please continue to donate and support beneficial projects, loaning a beautiful loan that will be repaid and multiplied in this life and the akhira by Allah SWT.





# Eid Highlights

This year we prayed Eid Salat at our masjid in two prayers, at 8:30am and 10:30am, with the early salat given by Shk Jamal Shaker, and the second salat given by Shk Yaser Birjas. They encouraged us to continue the worship that we established in Ramadan, and congratulated us on graduating the school of Ramadan, enumerating the lessons for the rest of our year. Families gathered and took pictures at The Prayer Center, and met with hugs, kisses, and beautiful greetings for our lovely holiday. Our parking and volunteer crew made everything run smoothly Alhamdulillah, and thanks to our kind neighbors there was plenty of space for parking. Great thanks to our neighbors at:

- Kemel Supply Company**
- Junior Diggins**
- Surface Shields**
- Auburn Corporation**
- WTD Supply**
- Apps Communication**
- OP Orthopedics**
- Cooper Services**
- Chicago Sun-Times**



# Al Akhbar – Prayer Center

Share your news, announcements and events. If you have good news (graduations, new baby, anniversary, wedding), sad news, or an event you would like to share with the community please e-mail [mnofal@op-pc.org](mailto:mnofal@op-pc.org). Space permitting, we will do our best to publish it in the next issue.

## New Arrivals

Worood Abu Alragheb and Badie Ali are proud to announce the newest member of their family, a healthy baby boy named Malik Ali. He was born on Thursday, September 24th and was 7 pounds / 1 ounce and 19.5 inches tall. Mom and Baby are doing fine.



## Marriages/Engagements

Congratulations to the following couples on their recent marriage/engagement:

♥ Firas Farahid and Nazha Hussien

May Allah (swt) keep their marriage and faith strong, and bless them with years of happiness and joy.

## Joint OPPC and AIA SERVICE PROJECT

### Feeding the Needy during Ramadan

A group of 23 volunteers from both OPPC and AIA (Frankfort Mosque) attended an entire afternoon at the Chicago Food Depository. They packed and repacked boxes and boxes of food that will be distributed to local area food shelters that feed the needy.



The volunteers worked together and spent a full day repacking bulk products to individual/family sizes, assembling boxes with assorted food, checking expiration dates, and labeling products. A total 12,000 lbs of food was repacked by the volunteers. Alhamdulillah, all had a positive experience. We ask Allah (swt) to bless all of the volunteers and multiply their good deeds



### Next Service Project:

**Who:** Greater Chicago Food Depository

**When:** Saturday October 31, 2009  
from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

**Where:** 4100 West Ann Lurie Place,  
Chicago, Illinois

For more information,  
contact [volunteers@op-pc.org](mailto:volunteers@op-pc.org).

## OPPC Community Building Construction Update

Construction of The Quran Academy is in full swing - Alhamdulillah. The foundation has been poured, the initial rough plumbing installed, brickwork has started and steel beams erected. We invite everyone to visit The Prayer Center and witness the construction progress first hand.

The Quran Academy will be an educational learning and teaching center for Quran and Arabic. A learning center for all ages - brothers and sisters. A beautiful 3-story complex - with classrooms, lecture halls, offices, reading rooms, auditorium, study rooms, meeting/conference rooms, a large multi-purpose room, full-service kitchen, library, and bookstore.

We need your support to help keep construction on schedule. With Allah's blessing and then your support we are on schedule to be completed by next Ramadan, insha'Allah. Please donate generously to this project which will benefit our entire community - our children and grandchildren for years. You can donate on-line, via mail, or in person at the Masjid.

# Center Community News



Help keep construction on schedule. NOW is the time to fulfill your pledges and donations.

## Monthly Contributions

***“The Best of charity is that which lasts”***

Please consider making monthly contributions to OPPC. Your monthly contribution of \$25, \$50 or \$100 goes a long way. Automatic monthly contributions directly from your checking or savings account is safe and reliable. It keeps the costs down for OPPC as more of your contribution goes directly to the programs your support. No need to write checks; easy to maintain; provides stable income for OPPC; and allows for reliable budgeting. It's easy to set up your automatic monthly contribution – simply fill out the form on the back of this newsletter, sign it and send it to OPPC. You can also log onto the website and make your contribution ([www.op-pc.org](http://www.op-pc.org)).



### Our Email List!

If you haven't already done so, please take a few minutes to join The OPPC E-Mail List. Receive frequent updates and announcements on programs, events, lectures, dinners, activities, announcements and more. To join simply log onto the website ([www.op-pc.org](http://www.op-pc.org)) and subscribe to the list.

## OPPC In the News

On September 14, 2009, Shk Yasser Birjas was a guest on Radio Islam. The topic of the discussion was “History of The Quran: Memorization, Collection, and Ramadan” - Hosted by Thaer Ahmed. Listen to the program at [www.radioislam.com](http://www.radioislam.com).

Additionally, the Orland Park Prairie Newspaper recently published an article written by our sister Suehaila Nabulsi about Ramadan at The Prayer Center. You can read the article at

[http://www.opprairie.com/Articles-c-2009-09-09-199560.112113\\_Ramadan\\_at\\_The\\_Prayer\\_Center\\_of\\_Orland\\_Park.html](http://www.opprairie.com/Articles-c-2009-09-09-199560.112113_Ramadan_at_The_Prayer_Center_of_Orland_Park.html).

Please contact The Prairie newspaper and thank them for the positive piece.

## OPPC Informational Survey Cards

**The Prayer Center of Orland Park**  
16530 S. 160th Ave. Orland Park, IL 60467  
(708) 345-6392 - [www.op-pc.org](http://www.op-pc.org)

Please fill out all fields on both sides of this card.  
Your participation will help us to better serve your needs. Jazakum Allahu Khairan.

Family Name: \_\_\_\_\_ First Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
Cell Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Home Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Do you receive a monthly newsletter in the mail?  Yes  No  
If not, would you like to receive the monthly newsletter in the mail?  Yes  No

What is your first language?  
 English  
 Arabic  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

During the month of Ramadan, Informational survey cards were distributed to all in attendance. Help us serve you better by completing an informational survey card. Cards can be pick-up at the Masjid.

## SWIFT Sounds of Faith Forum

Featuring a tapestry of sound drawn from the rich cultural traditions of Christianity, Islam and Judaism.

**Date:** Sunday 10/25/09

**Time:** 2:30 pm – 5:00pm

**Location:** B'nai Yehuda Beth Shalom 1424 183rd St., Homewood, IL.

**SWIFT**  
South West Interfaith Team

**Sounds of Faith**

Featuring a tapestry of sound drawn from the rich liturgical and cultural traditions of Christianity, Islam and Judaism!

The Chicago local cultural collaborative effort, comprising many voices of several SWIFT congregational members, is inspired by the Harmonic Productions Foundation "Sounds of Faith" project ([www.harmonicproductions.org](http://www.harmonicproductions.org)). This unique forum promises to lift your hearts and souls with a rich array of sacred sounds and related stories. At the special regional gathering, you will not only hear and experience stories together as well as new "Sounds of Faith", but also be able to join our special Forum social fellowship, learn more about SWIFT's interfaith community building activities, while enjoying delicious refreshments.

**Date:** Sunday October 25, 2009  
**Times:** 2:30pm – 5:00pm (sign-in at 2:00pm)  
**Locations:** B'nai Yehuda Beth Shalom  
1424 183<sup>rd</sup> St, Homewood, Illinois 60430

**PLEASE NOTE:**  
There are no tickets to purchase. This Forum is free!  
If you are to, you may make a free will offering to further the work of SWIFT.  
Signs at the door is required.  
For more information, send email to [info@interfaith.org](mailto:info@interfaith.org), or call Jon Shultz at (281) 111-9008.  
SWIFT (South West Interfaith Team) is a Non-Profit Organization made up of Jewish, Christian, Muslim, and Muslim congregations located in the South & South West suburbs of Chicago.  
[www.SWIFTinterfaith.org](http://www.SWIFTinterfaith.org)

No tickets required.

A free event – open to all.

For more information contacted [mnofal@op-pc.org](mailto:mnofal@op-pc.org)

## Family Lecture with Sheikh Yasser

**FAMILY PORTRAITS**  
SNAPSHOTS OF A MUSLIM FAMILY FROM THE LIFE OF THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (S)

BY SHAYKH YASSER BIRJAS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 9TH, 2009  
8:00PM AFTER 'ISHA PRAYER

[WWW.OP-PC.ORG](http://WWW.OP-PC.ORG)

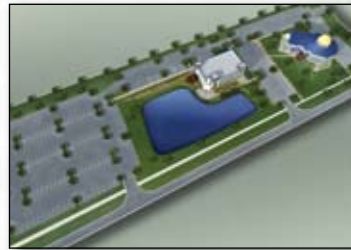
# The Prayer Center of Orland Park Quran Academy and Arabic Language Institute **PROJECT UPDATE**

Alhamdulillah, construction is well underway and we are on schedule to be completed by next Ramadan; inshallah. Everyone's support no matter how big or small is needed to ensure the project does not stop. Please donate and fulfill pledges as soon as possible. May Allah reward our ever so generous community and may He bless us in this great cause to better serve him.

**Vision:** To become a cornerstone for Islamic Knowledge in North America with the Quran being our guide.

**Mission:** To become an Islamic Education outlet for knowledge while developing our youth with the appropriate leadership skills in Islam to lead our future generations.

### **Exterior Photos:**



### **Interior Photos:**



### **Construction photos as of September 22, 2009**



# Ramadan Testimonials

"I just wanted to thank OPPC for their amazing efforts during Ramadan. This last month had been one of my favorite Ramadans yet. I wanted to especially thank the 'nitham.' They were truly self-less and made the women's side a peaceful, inviting place of worship. They spoiled us! I was extremely impressed-not to mention surprised- to have no children running in front of me, playing with my phone, crying, running around--well you get the picture. Having the children in a separate area enhanced the 'khishu3' for us women. The 'nitham' also welcomed everyone who walked in with a salam. While this doesn't sound out of the ordinary, one must admit it does not happen at every masjid. Furthermore, I was utterly shocked when we were offered bottles of water--did I mention they were chilled?--during the break. Not only did they offer chilled water, but we were given them with genuine smiles. I am so thankful for all of their hard work, and I just wanted to express my gratitude to the OPPC staff. Jazaka Allahu Khair."

– **Esra Rahima**

"Salamualaikum,  
Honestly I dont even know if I can express how much the orland masjid has meant to me, and how much I continue to love it. I've lived in several different states, and MashAllah seen beautiful masjids, but this one is closest to my heart. I'm sad to say that I have recently moved to florida because I just miss the friday, taraweeh, and ishaa prayers so much... They were all my favorite, and I feel as though I've grown a lot and am a better person because them. I wish that community continued success, and I'm sure I'll be visiting again soon. Have a blessed Ramadan!

**SA, Ala" – Ala gebarin**

"Dear brothers and sisters, I just wanted to say thank you for all that you have done for this community. You have helped us in soo many ways. May Allah(swt) bless you all and guide us on a straight path. You all have been a tremendous help from the shiek to the volunteers, and once again thank you. May Allah(swt) fulfill all of your hearts desires for he knows best! Mashallah team, keep up the good work! assalamu alaikum to all."

– **Nabeel Jaber**

"Assalamo Alykum

I recently moved from NM to Chicago, I must say that since the first day I prayed in this masjid and heard the voice of Sheikh Jamal Shakir, I still shake from thinking of his voice, MASHALLAH, may Allah bless him and his family, and OPPC for allowing him to come and be a part of our lives. JAK"

– **Sameria Ramadan**

"Jazakum Allah as you are providing an excellent Taraweh Prayer . . . Thank you!"

– **Rafiq Kiswani**

"Good taraweeh yesterday, thank you"

– **Doaa**

## Ali Ibn Abi Talib Saturday School


*"Providing a strong foundation for young Muslims by offering instruction in Qur'an, Arabic Language, and Islamic Studies"*

**First Day of Class**  
**Saturday, October 3rd**  
**School Hours: 10am - 1pm**




**Al-Maghrib**  
Institute

**LOVE NOTES**  
MARRIAGE AND FAMILY LIFE



Taught by **Shaykh Yaser Birjas**



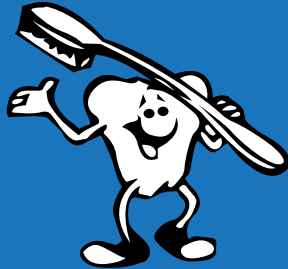
**Dates:**  
Oct. 16-18, 2009  
Friday Night is FREE  
Tuition \$85

**Location:**  
Hamburger University  
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# ماذا بعد رمضان؟

### رابعاً: الإحسان إلى الناس:

أنت قد منّ الله عليك بالإففاق على الفقراء والمساكين وكثير من أوجه الخير في رمضان فهلا عودت نفسك على الإففاق بعد رمضان حتى ولو بالقليل. ففي الحديث: (اتقوا النار ولو بشق تمرة).

### خامساً: قيام الليل:

في رمضان كنت تصلي التراويح كل ليلة فلماذا لا تستمر على هذا بعد رمضان؟

اسمع للنبي وهو يقول: ((عليكم بقيام الليل فإنه دأب الصالحين من قبلكم وقربة إلى ربكم ومكفرة للسيئات ومنهاة عن الإثم))

### سادساً: التوبة:

ما منا أحد إلا وتاب وأناب إلى الله في رمضان، فهل معنى ذلك أنه إذا انتهى رمضان انتهى زمن التوبة ولا نحتاج إلى توبة وأوبة إلى الله جل وعلا؟!

الجواب: لا، ولكن علينا أن نحرص على الاستمرار على التوبة والاستغفار بعد رمضان فقد قال: ((يا أيها الناس توبوا إلى الله واستغفروه فإنه يأتوب إليه في اليوم مئة مرة))

### سابعاً: الدعاء:

كنت تدعو الله كل يوم في صلاة الوتر، وهو درس لنا جميعاً أن نبقي ندعو الله ونسأله أمورنا دوماً.

أيها الإخوة والأخوات: قال: (إن الله أوحى إليّ أن تواضعوا حتى لا يبغى أحد على أحد ولا يفخر أحد على أحد) فلنسامح بعضنا البعض ولنخرج الأحقاد من قلوبنا على إخواننا وأقاربنا وأصدقائنا، ومن تواضع لله رفعه الله، وما زاد الله عبداً بعفو إلا عزاً.

**شاركنا في مسجد أورلاند برك في حلقات القرآن والدروس، فهي كثيرة والحمد لله، فحياكم الله في مسجديكم.**

إخواني وأخواتي: تقبل الله طاعاتكم وكل عام وأنتم بخير.

لقد كنتم في شهر الخير والبركة، صتمت نهاره، وقمتم ليله، وتقرّبتم إلى ربكم بأنواع القربات طمعاً في ثوابه، وخوفاً من عقابه، ربح في هذا الشهر من ربح وخسر فيه من خسر، ها أنتم قطعتم مرحلة من حياتكم لن تعود إليكم، وإنما يبقى ما أودعتموه.

في شهر رمضان المبارك، ألفتكم المساجد وحفظتكم المصاحف، وعرفت وجوهكم سوازي المسجد وأعمدته، فلا تنقطع عن ربك مع نهاية رمضان، واحفظ ما وصلت في رمضان، احفظ الود الذي أقمته مع القرآن حتى يكون لك شفيعاً يوم القيامة.

وسأقف معكم وقفات سريعة مع بعض الطاعات:

### أولاً: الصلاة:

لا ينبغي للمؤمن أن يستغني عن الصلاة بعد رمضان؟! انظر إلى المساجد في رمضان، وانظر إليهما بعد رمضان.

فيا من هيا الله له صيام شهر رمضان والصلاة فيه لا تضع الصلاة، فالصلاة صلة لك بالله، ومعين لك يطهرك من المعاصي والذنوب، فقد قال تعالى: حَاقِظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ وَالصَّلَاةِ الْوُسْطَى وَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ قَانِتِينَ

### ثانياً: القرآن:

إن القرآن حياة القلوب والأرواح، فهل يستغني مؤمن عن روجه؟! إن القرآن يهدي للتي هي أقوم فلا تضيع القرآن بعد رمضان، واعلم أن الله قد منّ عليك بالقرآن في رمضان فجعلت لنفسك ورداً يومياً، فلا تترك ذلك.

قال: ((اقرأوا القرآن، فإنه يأتي يوم القيامة شفيعاً لأصحابه)).

### ثالثاً: ذكر الله:

إذا كنت تحافظ على الأذكار والاستغفار في رمضان، فلا تستغني عنه بقية العام، إن الذكر شفاء من الأمراض ومرضاة للرحمن ومطرودة للشيطان، فرطب لسانك دوماً بذكر الله، وفي الحديث: (مثل الذي يذكر الله والذي لا يذكره كمثل الحي والميت).

