

Key Advices for the First Ten Days of Dhul-Hijjah

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Refrain from Disobedience to Allāh ﷻ

- Special care should be taken to stay away from every disobedience to Allāh ﷻ, as the gravity of sin increases during blessed moments. One should also keep away from *lā ya'nī* (futile activities), unnecessary mixing and misuse of social media.

2

Carry out Good Deeds

- Endeavour to carry out as many good deeds as possible because good deeds carried out in the first ten days of Dhul-Hijjah are more beloved to Allāh ﷻ than those carried out in other days of the year.

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Fasting

- Try your utmost to fast on all of the first 9 days of Dhul-Hijjah, as this was the blessed practice of our Beloved Nabī ﷺ. If not, then fast as many days as possible. If that too is difficult, then one should make it a must to at least fast on the day of 'Arafah (9th Dhul-Hijjah). Remember, one fast during these days is equivalent to fasting the whole year. Fasting on the 9th secures another virtue too; ones minor sins for the previous year and coming year are forgiven.

4

Night Worship

- Try spending the night or a portion of the night in worship, especially the night of 'Īd. Remember, worship on these nights is equivalent to worship on Laylatul-Qadr.
- If you are unable to spend time in 'ibādah at night, then at least perform Maghrib and 'Ishā in congregation, and after 'Ishā perform at least 2/4 raka'āt of tahajjud between the sunnah and witr and engage in du'ā. Thereafter, retire to bed with a firm intention to perform fajr salah in congregation.

5

Increase Dhikr

- Increase daily dhikr.
- Increase tilāwah (recitation of the Glorious Qur'ān). One should try to complete the whole Qur'ān during these days.
- Increase the recitation of durūd sharīf.
- Recite the following two adhkār as much as possible:

1- سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ

2- اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

6

Ṣadaqah (Charity)

- Give ṣadaqah daily for the Pleasure of Allāh ﷻ, in the day and also at night. Ṣadaqah is an easy way of securing reward. It does not require much physical effort or time but yields immense reward.

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Du'ā

- Make du'ā for yourself, your near and dear ones and the whole Ummah. Make du'ā for the needs of this world and the Hereafter. Also make specific du'ā for the alleviation of hardships and suffering from the Ummah.