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Putting Things in Perspective: Sending Salawat on Prophet Muhammad

Sending salawat (blessings and salutations) upon Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him (pbuh), is highly encouraged in Islam, both as a sign of love and respect for the Prophet and as a means of gaining numerous blessings from Allah (SWT). The significance of sending salawat on the Prophet is supported by the Qur'an and hadith (sayings of the Prophet pbuh).

The Qur'anic Command:

Allah Himself instructs the believers to send salawat on His Prophet in the Qur'an: "Indeed, Allah showers His blessings upon the Prophet, and His angels pray for him. O believers! Invoke Allah's blessings upon him, and salute him with worthy greetings of peace." [Al-Qur'an 33:56]

Virtues of Sending Salawat on Prophet Muhammad (pbuh):

- The Prophet (pbuh) said: "Increase your supplications of blessings upon me on the day of Friday and night of Friday. Whoever blesses me once, Allah will bless him ten times." (Sahih Bukhari Book 72, Hadith 834)
- Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said: "The closest of you to me on the Day of Judgment will be the one who sent the most blessings upon me." (Tirmidhi)
- Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) said, "A visitor came to me from my Lord Almighty and he said: Whoever among your nation blesses you, Allah will record for him ten good deeds, He will erase ten bad deeds, He will raise him ten degrees, and the angel will respond with the same." (Musnad Ahmad #16352)

Salawat as Part of your Du'a (Prayers):

Ubayy ibn Ka'b reported: I said, "O Messenger of Allah, I send blessings upon

you often. How many of my prayers should be for blessings upon you?" The Prophet said, "As you wish." I said, "A fourth?" The Prophet said, "As you wish, but more is better for you." I said, "A half?" The Prophet said, "As you wish, but more is better for you." I said, "Two-thirds?" The Prophet said, "As you wish, but more is better for you." I said, "Should I say all of my prayers for blessings upon you?" The Prophet said, "If so, your worries will be resolved, and your sins will be forgiven." (Al-Tirmidhi #2457)

Ways to Send Salawat:

- *Allahumma salli 'ala Muhammad*

Translation: "O Allah, send blessings upon Muhammad."

- *Allahumma salli 'ala Sayyidina Muhammad wa 'ala alihi wa sahbihi wa sallim*

Translation: "O Allah, send blessings upon our master Muhammad, and upon his family and companions, and grant them peace."

- *Allahumma Salli 'ala Muhammadin wa 'ala aali Muhammadin, kama sallaita 'ala Ibrahima wa 'ala aali Ibrahima innaka Hamidum-Majeed. Allahumma barik 'ala Muhammadin wa 'ala aali Muhammadin kama barakta 'ala Ibrahima wa 'ala aali Ibrahima innaka Hameedum-Majeed*

Translation: "O Allah! Send Your Mercy on Muhammad and on the family of Muhammad, as You sent Your Mercy on Abraham and on the family of Abraham, for You are the Most Praise-worthy, the Most Glorious. O Allah! Send Your Blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as You sent your Blessings on Abraham and on the family of Abraham, for You are the Most Praise-worthy, the Most Glorious." ♦

Disaster Relief Updates

Palestine Relief - Food & Medical Assistance in Gaza

The people of Gaza continue to inspire the world by modeling unwavering faith and high spirit in the face of ruthless oppression. Please continue to keep them in your prayers, share their stories and donate towards causes to help them.

Hidaya Foundation has been supporting partner organizations with teams on the ground in Gaza for humanitarian assistance. Current efforts include:

Cooked Meals: We are sponsoring 3 kitchens and serving about 12,000 meals daily. It costs about **\$1.50 per meal**.

Dry Ration Food: We are distributing dry ration food in Ramadan to families, it costs about **\$50 per package** for a family.

Medical Clinics: We are sponsoring 5 medical clinics capable of serving up to 25,000 patients each month. It costs about **\$15,000 per month** to support a medical clinic.

The road to rebuilding will be very difficult. Please join us in our efforts to continue supporting innocent civilian families in need. ♦



Widow/Orphan Support



Hidaya spends almost 50% of its donations for the betterment of widows and orphans under its Widow/Orphan Support Project and No Orphan without Education projects.

It costs around **\$50 – \$80** per month to support a widow and orphan(s) in a family, which includes \$40 for each widow for household needs, and \$10 per orphan for educational needs (for up to 4 orphans). ♦



Clean Drinking Water

Hidaya's Clean Drinking Water has really grown over the years. Currently we are able to:

- Install around 1,500 water hand pumps in Pakistan and Bangladesh each year (**\$300 per hand pump**)
- Make 24 deliveries daily with 1,200 gallon water tankers to poor localities in Pakistan (**\$15 for each trip by tanker**)
- Install up to 100 artisan water wells in Pakistan each year (**\$800 - \$1,000 each**)
- Install up to 80 community bathrooms with water bore well each year (**\$3,000 each**)

Please donate so the poor can enjoy clean water. ♦



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Sudan Relief - Food Assistance to War Torn People

Since April 2023, there has been a civil war in Sudan resulting in the deaths of hundreds of thousands of civilians through bombardments, massacres, starvation and disease. Nearly 10 million residents of Sudan have been displaced due to the fighting, and there are mass shortages of basic goods such as food, water, medicines and fuel. The war is affecting agriculture activity which is decreasing production and increasing prices.

Hidaya Foundation has been working in Sudan for many years through our partners. *Since the war, we have increased funding, and given over \$1,000,000 in assistance for food distribution for families affected by this humanitarian crisis.* Distribution of dry ration packages as well as cooked meals have been given throughout the country. To date we have helped nearly 150,000 people with over 25,000 monthly food packages and over 425,000 cooked meals, and are continuing with efforts in shaa Allah. Please join us in our support for the families of Sudan. ♦



Food Distribution to over 100,000 Families in 23 Countries this Ramadan



Every year, Hidaya Foundation provides millions of meals to the poor throughout the world during Ramadan as well as the rest of the year. Food distribution is done mostly via our One Million Meals project, but also through the Fidya, Sadaqat-ul-Fitr/Zakat-ul-Fitr, and Kaffara Projects. Meat is also given to families via the Sadaqah Meat, Aqiqah, and Qurbani/Udhiya projects.

Hidaya Foundation is distributing food to over 100,000 families in 23 countries this Ramadan. Distribution is currently going on in: Pakistan, Bangladesh (including Rohingya camps), Myanmar, Sri Lanka, Philippines, Afghanistan, Ghana, Nigeria, Ivory

Coast, Togo, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Somaliland, Zimbabwe, Syria, Yemen, Palestine.

Typically, dry ration packages consist of rice or wheat (25kg or 50kg), lentils (5kg), cooking oil (3-5 liter), sugar or jaggery (5kg), and soap for hygiene purposes. It costs around \$30 - 50 per package to feed a family for a month.

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Hidaya's 2024 Accomplishments

Widow/Orphan Support: Supported nearly 6,000 widows and 12,500 orphans in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Afghanistan, Cameroon, Guinea, Gambia, Ethiopia, Zimbabwe, Somalia, and Turkiye including Syrian Refugees

Disaster Relief: Provided over 4 million meals and funded over 100,000 medical patients in Gaza, provided food to over 150,000 people in Sudan, and provided food to over 6,000 families affected by Bangladesh Floods.

Support Hidaya Schools & Tuition Centers: Operated 26 tuition centers and 5 schools with over 8,000 students from KG – 8th grade

Support Poor Students: Supported 255 students for their higher education in Pakistan, Sri Lanka and Zimbabwe and several zakat deserving primary school students in USA

Job Skills Training: Educated 799 non-literate male and female adults to the 8th grade level and trained nearly 500 women in sewing in Pakistan, trained over 150 students in Computer and IT skills in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Cameroon and Tanzania, trained nearly 100 young adults for various careers including hotel & catering, tailoring, driving, construction and heavy machine operation, welding, automobile mechanics in Zimbabwe

Hidaya Institute of Science & Technology (HIST): Trained 80 graduate students in software development to prepare for industry jobs

Hidaya Institute of Farming & Agriculture (HIFA): Educated 120 young adults in ways of cultivating the land, growing vegetables, taking care of date palm trees and mango orchards

Marriage Support: Helped 30 young couples with their marriages

Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations: Shipped 21 containers (40 ft) with donated goods worth almost \$400,000 to benefit the poor of Pakistan, and distributed clothes and materials to refugee and struggling families in Northern California

Sadaqah Meat / Sadaqah Sacrifice: Sacrificed 3,213 goats and 331 oxen and distributed the meat to benefit over 60,000 families in Pakistan, Bangladesh and Zimbabwe, and distributed fish to families in Pakistan

Aqiqah: Sacrificed 192 goats on behalf of donors and distributed meat to benefit over 2,000 families

Qurbani/Udhiya: Arranged 7,588 shares of Qurbani/Udhiya on behalf of our donors (5,810 ox/buffalo shares or 830 ox/buffalo, and 1,778 goats/sheep) and distributed the meat to over 60,000 poor families in 19 countries.

One Million Meals/Fidya/Sadaqat-ul-Fitr/Kaffara: Distributed dry ration packages and cooked food to over 80,000 families in 29 countries including: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Burma, Turkiye, Syria, Yemen, Afghanistan, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Guinea, Philippines, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Somaliland, Zimbabwe, and Palestine (Gaza).

Medical Assistance: Arranged for 2,665 examinations and treatments for 292 patients, funded 5 medical clinics in Gaza, and supported a mental health clinic in San Francisco, USA.

One Million Trees: Planted 430 seedlings at a human development center in Pakistan

Clean Drinking Water: Installed 1,605 water hand pumps on behalf of our donors in Pakistan and Bangladesh, distributed over 50,000 liters of water daily via water tanker to serve over 100,000 people in Pakistan, installed 20 community water stations and restrooms, and a water well for a village in Gambia

Farmer Assistance: Leased land and provided seed and materials for 50 farmer families to grow Spring and Winter crops in Turkiye earthquake affected areas, distributed paddy to over 30,000 and wheat seeds to over 40,000 farmers in Pakistan for planting over 70,000 acres of land

Small Businesses for the Poor: Distributed 800 push carts and 725 sewing machines to deserving individuals to start their own business ♦

Donation Form

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Signature | Date |

Card No |

Expiry Date: (mm/yy) | Visa, Master, Disc, Amex

	Zakat	Amount	Monthly
Zakat (Obligatory Charity)		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqah (Charity)		\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqat-ul-Fitr (\$8 per person or more if you are able)		\$ _____	
Fidya (\$4 per missed fast per day or more if you are able)		\$ _____	
One Million Meals	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Widow/Orphan Support	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disaster Relief (Palestine Relief, Sudan Relief)	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other : _____	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total		\$ _____	

Set-up a Monthly Donation (DO NOT FILL THIS BOX IF YOU ARE DOING A ONE-TIME DONATION)

If you would like to set-up using your checking account (preferred), please include a voided check along with this donation form, or you may fill your card information in the spaces provided above. *Note - please make sure to completely fill in the donor information section so we can properly set-up your donation. By signing, I would like to make this a monthly donation for the project(s) that I have filled in above.*

Signature: _____

Starting Date: _____