

What to do/pray on the Night of Qadr

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Sheikh Muhammad Nasir-ud-Deen Al-Albani states: *“Laylat Al-Qadr is the most blessed night. A person who misses it has indeed missed a great amount of good. If a believing person is keen to obey his Lord and increase the good deeds in his record, he should strive to encounter this night and to pass it in worship and obedience. If this is facilitated for him, all of his previous sins will be forgiven.”*

What to do on this night?

In addition to performing your obligatory prayers on this night, you should:

Pray Qiyam

The Prophet (PBUH) enjoined staying up and praying on Laylat Al-Qadr out of faith and in the hope of reward. It was narrated from Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) that the Prophet (PBUH) said, **“Whoever stays up and prays on Laylat Al-Qadr out of faith and in the hope of reward, his previous sins will be forgiven.”** (Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim).

Sheikh Muhammad states: *“It is recommended to make a long Qiyam prayer during the nights on which Laylat Al-Qadr could fall. This is indicated in many Hadiths, such as the following:*

Abu Dhar, may Allah be pleased with him, relates: "We fasted with Allah's Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, in Ramadan. He did not lead us in Qiyam (Night Vigil Prayer) at all until there were seven nights of Ramadan left. Then he stood with us (that night, in prayer) until one third of the night had passed. He did not pray with us on the sixth. On the fifth night, he prayed with us until half of the night had passed. So we said, 'Allah's Messenger! Wouldn't you pray with us the whole night?' He replied: 'Whoever stands in prayer with Imam until he (the Imam) concludes the prayer, it will be recorded for him that he prayed the whole night...' (Recorded by Ibn Abi Shaybah, Abu Dawood, At-Tirmidhi (who authenticated it), An-Nasa'i, Ibn Majah, At-Tahawi (in Sharhu Ma'an il-Athar, Ibn Nasr, Al-Faryabi, and Al-Bayhaqi. The Hadith's chain of narrators is authentic.)

The Ramadan section of this series contains detail on how to pray Qiyam.

Make Supplications (dua):

Sheikh Muhammad recommends that we make extensive supplication (dua) on this night. This is a night you should repent and beg the Almighty for forgiveness.

“A'ishah, may Allah be pleased with her, reported that she asked the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, "O Messenger of Allah! If I knew which night is *Laylat Al-Qadr*, what should I say during it?" And he instructed her to say:

"Allahumma innaka `afuwwun tuh.ibbul `afwa fa`fu `annee

O Allah! You are Oft-Forgiving, and you love forgiveness. So forgive me." (Recorded by Ahmad, Ibn Majah, and At-Tirmithi. Verified to be authentic by Al-Albani)

Abandon Worldly Pleasures for the Sake of Worship:

Sheikh Muhammad: "It is further recommended to spend more time in worship during the nights on which *Laylat Al-Qadr* is likely to be. This calls for abandoning many worldly pleasures in order to secure the time and thoughts solely for worshipping Allah. This is based on the following Hadith narrated by `A'ishah, may Allah be pleased with her: "Upon entering into the last ten (of Ramadan), the Prophet, peace and blessings be upon him, would tighten his Izaar (i.e. he stayed away from his wives in order to have more time for worship), spend the whole night awake (in prayer), and wake up his family." (Reported by Al-Bukhari and Muslim) She also said: "Allah's Messenger, peace and blessings be upon him, used to exert more efforts (in worship) on the last ten than on other nights." (Reported by Muslim)."