

THE DUTIES OF THE MONTH OF SAFAR

As-Salāmu 'alaykum wa raḥmatu Llāhi. A'ūdhu biLlāhi mina sh-shaytāni r-rajīm.

Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-Salāmu ʻalá Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-awwalīn wa l-ākhirīn.
Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā, dastūr yā
Shaykh 'Abdu Llāh al-Fā'iz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāzim al-Ḥaqqānī. Madad.
Ṭarīqatunā ṣ-ṣuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam'iyyah.

The month of Muharram will end a day from now. Safar will start. Tomorrow we will be on a journey for two days. Safar is a challenging month, therefore they say *Safar-ul Khayr* so it would be a means towards beneficence (*khayr*). Our Prophet (SAW) says, "May it be a month of goodness"—this is because it is a hard month.

There is wisdom in everything. Sometimes Allah 'azza wa jalla does things through His wisdom so that people will keep to the straight path. With the respect towards our Prophet (SAW), the month that is bad would turn good. Everyday one must say three times the testimony of the faith, recite one hundred times "Astaghfiru 'Llah", seven times Suratu l-Fil (Alam tarā kayfa fa'ala Rabbuka bi aṣhābi 'l-fil...), and should give charity (ṣadaqa). Charity is very important—when it is given Allah protects us. We should not neglect these practices.

May its goodness fall upon us. May its goodness fall upon us, and its evil fall upon the disbelievers, because of their continual hostility towards Islam, towards Allah. Allah will give them what they deserve, but Muslims also should be careful. One must know the blessed days, blessed months, difficult [lit. "heavy"] months, more average months. Allah created everything with wisdom, [and] when we are aware of them, we receive their benefits, rewards, and our state goes higher. He causes them to be of benefit both materially and spiritually.

This means that during this month the Testimony of Faith and also asking forgiveness have much benefit. In average months these things do not occur to people, but in this month a person aware of the month of Safar certainly recites these things, gives charity. This way, in addition to being protected, one also earns a good deed. May

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all the days and months be good for us, insha'Allah. May its good fall upon us, [and] its bad fall upon those who are enemies of Islam and those who follow Satan.

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq, al-Fātiḥah

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