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We invoke and ask Allah the most magnificent, gracious and sublime creator of all creatures to send his mercy, tranquility, forgiveness and blessings upon all of us here today and upon all of the Muslims throughout the world.

Brothers and sisters in Islam, on this beautiful morning of June 15~~th~~th, the first of Shawwal we are gathered here to celebrate in a day of thanks, a day of gratitude and a day of remembrance. A day of thanks to Allah for enabling us to complete our fasting in the month of Ramadan, a day of gratitude to Allah for making it easy for us to fulfill the fourth pillar of our religion, and a day of remembrance in which we are encouraged to remember Allah's favors, blessings and bounties that He's bestowed upon us.

This is our eid celebration, a day of happiness, a day of congratulating each other, a day of experiencing

happiness, bliss and joy with the believers. A day of visiting our family members, our loved ones and our friends. Indeed today is a blessed and sacred day.

What a wonderful and beautiful sight we see today, Muslims of all different nationalities, languages, races and cultures all gathered here today, to give thanks to our magnificent creator.

Allahu Akbar...

What we see today is a clear manifestation of the unity and solidarity of the Muslims, something that is fundamental and extremely important in our days and times especially as believers here in America. Now is the time to renew our friendships with our brothers and sisters in Islam, now is the time to do everything in our abilities to be a close and unified community, to establish and renew our ties and bonds of Islamic brotherhood and sisterhood.

(واعتصموا بحبل الله جميعاً ولا تفرقوا)

(وتعاونوا على البر والتقوى...)

يا أيها المسلمون  
أنا خلقناكم  
من نساء  
و رجلاً  
و جعلناكم  
شعوباً  
لتنافروا

"يؤمن أحدكم حتى يبى لأخيه ما يحب لنفسه"  
 - "مثل المؤمنيين في توادهم وتراحصهم وتغافلهم  
 كجسد واحد..."

Work together brothers and sisters, strive to continue upon goodness throughout the year. The month of Ramadan is gone, Laylatul Qadr has passed, the best ten nights of the year are out the door. What have we done in our past month of Ramadan, did we seize the endless opportunities to acquire and attain Allah's forgiveness, mercy and guidance? Were we from amongst those whom Allah freed from the hellfire? Were we from those who seized the opportunities in Ramadan to get closer to Allah? The doors of the hellfire were closed for us during Ramadan, but now they're opened again, the devils and shayateen were chained up, but now they are loose and rampant... Shaytaan and his agents are waiting for us to revert back to our old sins, our old ways, our old behaviors,-----

\* need the rewards of deeds depends upon how they are completed and finished...

After the passing days of Ramadan it is clear to us that!

1. we can Mondays + Thursdays throughout the week and it is not as difficult as we thought

2. that we can pray 11 Rakat every night and it is not impossible

3. we complete the reciting the surah once and a month and Allah loves it

4. that charity is ongoing and the needy are always there in our community

5. How many goals in our lives have we set and failed to accomplish

just because we tell ourselves we can't do it is impossible

This Ramadan we can pray every night we can read surah every night we can give charity every day

Shaytaan and his disciples are eager to distract us and take us far away from Allah after attaining closeness to Him in the month of Ramadan. \* ↑

Brothers and sisters, don't let Shaytaan distract us from continuing upon the path of righteousness, don't let Shaytaan deceive us from fasting throughout the year, don't let Shaytaan deceive us from praying five times a day as we were doing in Ramadan, don't let Shaytaan distract us from praying the night prayer after Ramadan, don't let the Shaytaan distract us from paying our zakat and giving charity after Ramadan. Indeed the Shaytaan and his agents from the jinn and humankind want to misguide us and bring us away from Allah and being obedient to Allah as ~~we~~ we were in Ramadan.

beloved ~~congregants~~ be informed that being obedient to Allah is not only for the month of Ramadan, so be assured that with the help of Allah we can do anything

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and avoiding disobedience and the prohibited things is something we should do throughout the year not just the month of Ramadan.

Also be informed ~~brothers and sisters~~ that the signs of the acceptance of our deeds in Ramadan, is that we continue upon goodness and obedience to Allah after Ramadan, we fulfill our obligations and master them with all of their pillars, and sunan. Continue praying on time as we were doing in Ramadan, continue coming to the masjid <sup>everyday after Ramadan</sup> as we were doing for iftaar and taraweeh, continue giving your zakat and charity - helping and aiding the poor throughout the year, continue reciting and studying the Quran throughout the year... Indeed if we do so, and are sincere to Allah, and refrain from returning back to ~~the sins~~ we may have been committing before Ramadan, we will be granted guidance, safety, unity, solidarity and all good things that we are seeking in this world as well as the next.

the sins

Brothers and sisters... Ramadan is over, Ramadan packed it's bags and left us, will we meet Ramadan again? Will we be alive next year to fast and pray taraweeh and recite the Quran on a daily basis?

Some of us will be here, others may not, some of our loved ones passed away before Ramadan, some passed away during Ramadan and some will pass away after this Ramadan...

And we ask Allah to grant all of our muslim brothers and sisters who passed away during Ramadan and the past year, we ask Allah to give them the highest place in the paradise and descend tranquility and peace upon the hearts of their loved ones.

Ramadan is gone my dear believers, but does the good that we were doing cease? Does the recitation of Quran stop? Do the night prayers stop? Does the fasting stop, the charity, the visits, the feeding of the poor... From the mercy and graciousness

of Allah is that he's given us endless opportunities throughout the year to attain His endless rewards and bounties, he's given us countless <sup>chances</sup> ~~opportunities~~ to remain close to Him and continue upon righteousness throughout the year and throughout the rest of our lives.

The prophet Muhammad said:  
"من صام رمضان تم آتت من"   
سؤال كان كصيام القرآن"

- The types of voluntary fasting ... Ayt/hadith
- The voluntary night prayer ... Ayt/hadith
- Voluntary Charity ... Ayt/hadith
- Hajj
- Recitation of Quran

- Fulfill <sup>your</sup> obligations with Allah and ~~your~~ ~~brothers~~ ~~sisters~~ fulfill the rights of your muslim brothers and sisters, fulfill the rights of your family, be kind and dutiful to your wives, and sisters be obedient and patient with your husbands, be merciful with your children, and constantly work together to make our community a better place for ~~all~~ <sup>all</sup> ~~people~~ <sup>people</sup>.

O my beloved brothers in Islam: ---

Husbands and fathers be dutiful to Allah and fulfill the responsibilities of your wives and children ---

respect your wives, give time to them, spend time with your children... spend upon them, treat them with kindness ---

① My beloved sisters in Islam ---

mothers, daughters, sisters, aunts, grandmothers --- you are precious to our community, you are more valuable

and important than the finest gold and the most rarest of jewels. Fulfill the rights of your husbands, <sup>continue to</sup> nurture and raise your children well, <sup>continue to</sup> observe modesty when leaving your homes, <sup>and</sup> protect yourselves with supplications to Allah and other <sup>worldly</sup> means

~~as well~~ as well, be cautious and observant <sup>at the same time</sup> and be reminded that as long as one is guarding and protecting Allah's rights and obligations, that Allah will protect us and send his angels to protect us as well. Sisters in Islam, you are all well known for your generosity and graciousness, continue to give charity throughout the year, continue to help and aid the poor, and continue to be virtuous wives, mothers and sisters.

May Allah accept all of our good deeds in the past Ramadan and make it easy for us to continue upon goodness  
O Allah also give us all that