

## ***Be more charitable in Ramadan***

*As-Salaam 'Alaykum wa Rahmatullaahi wa Barakaatuh.  
Bismillah Walhamdulillah Was Salaatu Was Salaam 'ala Rasulillah*

Ramadan holds a special significance for Muslims around the world. As well as being the month of fasting, one of the five pillars of Islam, it is the month in which the holy book – The Qur'an was revealed to the Prophet Muhammad, Peace Be Upon Him (PBUH). The daylight hours are spent fasting, abstaining from food, drink, marital relations and increasing the time spent in worship taking advantage of the blessings of the month. Amongst this worship, Muslims spend their wealth and time in charity, remembering those less fortunate from amongst our families and friends locally and internationally.

The month is an opportunity to detach ourselves from all materialistic lifestyle, to eat less, sleep less, pray more and give more. It is a time to reflect, a time to change and train ourselves to become a better person for the coming year. One great service we can do this month is charity. Let us aim to empower other people with our charity.

The Prophet (PBUH) said: "Whoever draws closer to Allah therein (i.e. in Ramadan) through charity is like whoever drew closer to Him in other than it (i.e. other months) through an obligation." This proves its great reward. It was narrated by Al-Bukhari that the Prophet (PBUH) was more generous than a wind that delivers (rain) and he used to be more so in the month of Ramadan.

May Allah accept our good intentions and charity, aamin.

*Subhanakal lahomma wabihamdik. Ash-hado alla-ilaha-illa ant. Astaghfiroka w'atoobo-ilayk.*

*Glory be to You, Oh Allah, and all praise! I testify that there is no deity but You. I seek Your forgiveness and to You, I do repent.*

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