

Ramadan Resources on A.L.I. website

Alhamdu lillāh we are about to begin the Holy Month of Ramadan 1444 AH. Below are some of the resources and courses for the month of Ramadan found on the A.L.I. website. At the **Academy for Learning Islam (A.L.I.)**, we are working continuously to add useful material for the benefit of all Muslims, particularly the followers of Prophet Muhammad's Household (the Ahlul Bayt). Please share any useful material or suggestions to director@academyofislam.com so we can include them too.

Holy Quran

In a Hadith received from a Ma'sūm Imam عالیٰ شریف it says: *for everything there is a season of spring, and the spring of the Quran is Ramadan*. Alhamdu lillāh, you will find a lot of useful information on the Quran at www.academyofislam.com/quran

Quran Appreciation

The Academy has been teaching children ages 7 to 16 years Quranic verses, stories, and lessons for them to appreciate the Divine Book. Many of these students have imbibed the Quranic teachings in their lives and have gone on to build strong relationships with the Quran and spread the teachings to others. Feel free to read and download Quranic Appreciation lessons for your children and madrasah students.

Quranic Arabic

Over 650 short courses and seminars online and in person have been conducted at A.L.I. Many of these courses were designed to teach the language of the Holy Quran for Muslims to comprehend the Divine message contained in it. Listen to the recordings of these course and download the slides prepared by the instructor.

Quran Reflections

For many years we have been sending out Quranic Reflections on a verse or part of it on every Friday. The Reflections are based on renown tafāsīr by Shī‘ī Muslim exegetes and it goes to about 3,000 subscribers. Join our Mailing List by filling-in your name and email at the bottom of www.academyofislam.com. Feel free to read and download over 600 Quranic Reflections posted [here](#).

Sura Familiarization

From 1439 to 1443 AH, Mu'minīn received daily in the month of Ramadan, a short write-up on the excellence, contents, and list of verses for memorization on Quranic sūrahs. The complete collection for all 114 Quranic sūrahs is available [here](#).

Tafsir sessions in English

One of the best activities in the days and nights of Holy Ramadan is listening to the *tafāsīr* of the Quran by speakers who derive the understanding of the Quran from the Holy Prophet ﷺ and his Ahlul Bayt ﷼. Instead of spending your valuable time searching these *tafāsīr* sessions all over the web, you can now find almost all English *tafāsīr* session in one [place](#).

Links to Shī‘ī Quranic Material

MāshāAllah, there is a lot of material on the Holy Quran all over the internet. The Academy has posted links to some useful resources [here](#).

Du‘ās (Supplications)

For Shī‘ah Muslims, besides regular prayers, fasting, Quran tilāwah, reciting Du‘ās (supplications) during the month of Ramadan is a highly emphasized activity. In Sūrat al-Baqarah in the section where Almighty Allah talks about fasting and its rules, He also asks His servants to do Du‘ā. Allah ﷺ says: *And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad], concerning Me - indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be [rightly] guided.*

The A.L.I. website has the following resources on Du‘ā:

Du‘ās from Sahīfah Sajjādiyyah

From the core 54 supplications found in the Sahīfah, 6 Du‘ās are recited during the Holy Month of Ramadan. These are Du‘ā Makārim al-Akhlāq (No. 20), Du‘ā al-Tawbah (No. 31), Du‘ā upon completing the recitation of the Quran (No. 42), Du‘ā for welcoming the month of Ramadan (No. 44) and Du‘ā for bidding farewell to the month of Ramadan (No. 45). All these six supplications along with the Arabic text, dual translation, and comprehensive summaries appear [here](#). Additionally, you can find in the same place, a lot of material on the *Sahīfah Sajjādiyyah*.

Other Du‘ās

As mentioned earlier, the month of Ramadan is also the season of beseeching the Almighty by invoking beautiful supplications taught by the Holy Prophet ﷺ and his Ahlul Bayt ﷼. You can find some of these supplications by clicking on [Duas](#) under resources. Amongst the popular recitations in this month are Du‘ās: Abū Hamazah Thumāli, Thanking Allah daily for the four blessings, upon entering a masjid, for increasing knowledge, before Quran tilāwah, when performing wudū, before reading and studying, during an epidemic, for good memory, Ziyārah of ‘Ahad of Imam Zaman (af), shorter method of Tahajjud salāt, etc.

Courses in Ramadan 1444 AH

This year the Academy is offering the following two courses during the holy month.

ALI 656: An Exploration of Tafsir: Selected Surahs from Juz' 29 (for ladies only)

A discussion of some selected surahs of the 29th Juz' of the Quran.

Instructor: Sr. Fatemah Meghji

Dates and Timings: Apr 3rd-6th, 2023. 2:00-3:00 pm. Fees: \$40.00

Venue: Jaffari Community Center, 9000 Bathurst Street, Thornhill ON.

ALI 657: Living Islam through Combating the Self

This course on Zoom is designed to give a 15-minute spiritual dose daily during the Holy Month of Ramadan. We will InshāAllah discuss 2 -3 Hadiths on Jihād bin-Nafs from *Wāsīl al-Shī‘ah* of Hurr al-Āmilī and see how we can implement them in Living Islam.

Instructor: Shaykh Hasanayn Kassamali

Dates: 23rd March to 20th April 2023

Timings: Karachi 3 pm, Dubai 2 pm, Dar-es-salaam 1 pm, London 11 am, NY/Toronto 6 am. The time may change after 15th Ramadan; stay tuned.

Fees: No fees, but donations to the Academy are welcome

You can register for both courses [here](#).

Publications for Ramadan

The following ALI publications are relevant to the holy month.

A Manual of Ramadan Devotions - a 267-page manual of most a‘māl. Du‘ās, tasbīhāt and ziyārāt to be recited during the month. Easy to read Arabic text with simple translation in English for children, youths and adults.

Glimpses of Sahīfa Sajjādiyya - a collection of articles and select supplications of Imam Ali Zaynul ‘Ābidīn ﷺ.

Knowing the Ma’sūmīn: Imam ‘Ali (a) – a forty-page workbook filled with stories, teachings and contributions of Amīrul Mu’minīn علیه السلام with activities and answers.

Knowing the Ma’sūmīn: Imam Hasan (a) - same as above but on the contribution, life and teaching of Imam Hasan al-Mujtabā علیه السلام.

Both workbooks are for children ages 8 – 12 years.

Visit www.academyofislam.com/publications to download digital copies and email publications@academyofislam.com to order printed copies.

Wishing you a blessed month of Ramadan. May the Almighty grant us the tawfiq to make the most of these special days and nights to gain closeness to Him.