

Reap the Rewards of the first 10 days of Dhu Al-Hijjah



1. Fast

The first nine days of Dhu al-Hijjah are a really good time to fast! It's especially recommended to fast on the ninth day. According to the Prophet (PBUH), fasting on this day erases our sins from the previous year and the next.

2. Read the Qur'an

This is a good time to read more Qur'an. Challenge yourself to see how many chapters of the Qur'an you can read during the first 10 days of Dhu al-Hijjah.

3. Do a good deed for your parents

In these blessed 10 days, make your parents a priority and dedicate a good deed to them. Say a prayer for them, plant a tree, donate money, or give charity on their behalf.

4. Give charity

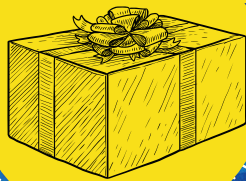
Anything you do to make another person happy is an act of charity. Go out of your way to help your neighbor, give money to those in need, or spend time with your family. Learn how you can donate, volunteer, or advocate via irusa.org.

5. Give Salaam to a stranger

Spread the spirit of brotherhood and sisterhood in these holy days by greeting someone you don't know with a "Salam."

6. Do more Dhikr

Keep your tongue moist with the remembrance of Allah (SWT). Remember Him while commuting, watching your kids play, grocery shopping, or heading to a meeting.



7. Wake up for Tahajjud

Now is a good time to wake up for midnight prayers. Think how blessed but short these 10 days are, and think of all the things that you want to ask Allah (SWT) for.



8. Spread Islam

Help people see the beauty of Islam in this blessed month. It could be as simple as telling your non-Muslim family member about Dhu al-Hijjah over Eid dinner, or telling your colleague about your reasons for fasting outside of Ramadan.

9. Make sincere repentance

The act of sincere repentance to Allah (SWT) with intention to never return to disobedience and sin is very dear to Him. Allah (SWT) says, "But as for him who repented, believed, and did righteous deeds, then he will be among those who are successful." [Qur'an 28:67]

10. Teach the kids

This is a good time for parents to connect kids with our Islamic traditions. You can tell them the story of Prophet Ibrahim (AS) and his son, the story of Ibrahim's wife, Hajar, and the Zamzam water, etc.