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Putting Things in Perspective: Seeking Allah's Protection

Ayat-ul-Kursi

Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) put me in charge of charity of Ramadan (Sadaqat-ul-Fitr). Somebody came to me and began to take away some food-stuff. I caught him and said, "I must take you to the Messenger of Allah (pbuh)." He said, "I am a needy man with a large family, and so I have a pressing need." I let him go. When I saw the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) next morning, he asked me, "O Abu Hurairah! What did your captive do last night?" I said, "O Messenger of Allah! He complained of a pressing need and a big family. I felt pity for him so I let him go." He (pbuh) said, "He told you a lie and he will return." I was sure, according to the saying of the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) that he would return. I waited for him. He sneaked up again and began to steal food-stuff from the Sadaqah. I caught him and said; "I must take you to the Messenger of Allah (pbuh)." He said, "Let go of me, I am a needy man. I have to bear the expenses of a big family. I will not come back." So I took pity on him and let him go. I went at dawn to the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) who asked me, "O Abu Hurairah! What did your captive do last night?" I replied, "O Messenger of Allah! He complained of a pressing want and the burden of a big family. I took pity on him and so I let him go." He (pbuh) said, "He told you a lie and he will return." (That man) came again to steal the food-stuff. I arrested him and said, "I must take you to the Messenger of Allah (pbuh), and this is the last of three times. You promised that you would not come again but you did." He said, "Let go of me, I shall teach you some words with which Allah may benefit you." I asked, "What are those words?" He replied, "When you go to bed, recite Ayat-ul-Kursi (2:255) for there will be a guardian appointed over you from Allah, and Satan will not be able to approach you till morning." So I let him go. Next morning the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) asked me, "What did your prisoner do last night?" I answered, "He promised to teach me some words which he claimed will benefit me before Allah. So I let him go." The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) asked,

"What are those words that he taught you?" I said, "He told me: 'When you go to bed, recite Ayat-ul-Kursi from the beginning to the end. He added: 'By reciting it, there will be a guardian appointed over you from Allah who will protect you during the night, and Satan will not be able to come near you until morning.'" The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said, "Verily, he has told you the truth though he is a liar. O Abu Hurairah! Do you know with whom you were speaking for the last three nights?" I said, "No." He (pbuh) said, "He was Shaitan (Satan)." [Al-Bukhari]

Surah Al-Kahf

It was narrated that Ibn 'Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "The Messenger of Allaah (pbuh) said: 'Whoever reads Surat al-Kahf on the day of Jum'ah, a light will shine for him from beneath his feet to the clouds of the sky, which will shine for him on the Day of Resurrection, and he will be forgiven (his sins) between the two Fridays.'" [Al-Targheeb wa'l-Tarheeb, 1/298]

Abu Darda (may Allah be pleased with him) reported Allah's Messenger (pbuh) saying, "If anyone memorizes ten verses from the beginning of Surah Kahf, he will be protected from the Dajjal (Anti-Christ)." [Sahih Muslim]

Seek Protection from Allah Alone

Abdullah ibn Abbas (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated: Once I was riding (on an animal) behind the Prophet (pbuh) when he said: Boy, I would like to teach you something. Be careful and follow Allah's commands perseveringly. Allah will protect you. You should safeguard His rights, and you will always find Him with you; if you need something, ask Allah, and when you need help, solicit Allah alone for the same. Bear it in mind that if all the people combined together to grant you some benefit, they would not be able to do so except that which Allah has determined for you and that if all of them were combined together to do you harm, they would not be able to do so except that which Allah has determined for you. The pens have been set aside and the writings of the book of fate have become dry. [Tirmidhi #62] ♦



Help the Poor by Helping us Educate Muslims about Zakat

Allah (The Glorified and Exalted) says in Al-Qur'an: "And keep up prayer and pay the poor-due (Zakat) and obey the Messenger, so that Mercy may be shown to you." [Al-Quran 24:56]

Worldwide, poverty is rampant, and sadly a majority of Muslims today don't properly know how to calculate their Zakat, especially given the new forms of income that were not prevalent in the past. Understanding these issues, for the past several years, Hidayah has taken the challenge to consult with scholars and come up with documents to explain in detail about the importance of giving Zakat and how to properly calculate it.

Each year, Hidayah Foundation publishes a document called "An Educational Guide to Zakat" which we distribute in order to educate Muslims about the importance of giving Zakat. This year, we have gone deeper in to the topic of how to properly calculate Zakat in a new document called

"A Practical Guide for Calculating Zakat." It is our goal to help Muslims understand how to give the proper due amount of Zakat in order to help them fulfill their religious obligations and the rights of the poor.

Join us in this Effort of Teaching Muslims, and be part of Sadaqah Jariah

Enclosed along with this newsletter, you should find a few copies of Hidayah Foundation's newly published document called "A Practical Guide for Calculating Zakat." Hidayah is asking that you join us in this effort of spreading knowledge about Zakat to other Muslims by distributing these extra copies to friends or family to read. Please contact us if you are interested in receiving more copies.

Now you can watch **Zakat Videos (Part 1 - Part 13)**, explaining in detail about Zakat at:
www.hidaya.org/publications/zakat-videos/ ♦

Automatic Recurring Donation Towards Hidayah's Projects

"Aisha (raa) narrated that, "The most beloved action to Allah's Apostle (pbuh) was that whose doer did it continuously and regularly."
 [Bukhari Vol. 8 Book 76 #469]

By creating a profile on Hidayah's secure website, you can sign up for **Automatic Recurring Donations** or make **Quick Donations** (by logging in and donating so you don't have to enter all information each time). You can donate towards any of our 32 projects according to a schedule you set (one time, daily, weekly, monthly, quarterly, etc) for any or even several of our projects: www.hidaya.org/createprofile

Program	Projects
Environment	Green Energy, One Million Trees, Clean Drinking Water
Social Welfare	Zakat (Obligatory Charity), Disaster Relief, One Million Meals, Marriage Support, Widow/Orphan Support, Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations, Sadaqah (Charity), Qurbani, Sadaqat-ul-Fitr, Fidyah, Aqiqah, Kaffara
Health Care	Medical Assistance, Medical Camps, Preventive Health Care Education
Self Employment	Animal Farming, Farmer Assistance, Small Businesses for the Poor
Education	Spread Education, No Orphan without Education, Hidayah Institute of Farming & Agriculture, Support Hidayah Schools, One Million Books, Job Skills Training, Disaster Preparedness Team
Information & Communication Technology	Basic Computer Skills, Software Development Training, System Administration Training, Network Administration Training

Find detailed information about each of our projects, including detailed explanations, project reports and updates, picture galleries, videos, and more at: www.hidaya.org

Set up a monthly donation, and may Allah (SWT) continue Protecting and Blessing you year round. ♦

Hidayah is Supporting over 5,000 Orphans and over 2,200 Widows Each Month

Currently, Hidayah is supporting 2,230 widows and 5,071 orphans for all their basic needs as well as education for the orphans under two projects.

Under **Widow/Orphan Support**, widowed mothers of orphans are provided a stipend of **\$20 per month**. Also, food, clothing, toys, shoes, and other items are given to these families.

Under **No Orphan without Education**, widowed mothers or caregivers of orphans are provided with **\$10 per child** for their ongoing education. The stipend continues for as long as the child continues to attend school. After the age of 18, a good number of children are supported via the Spread Education project.

Please donate to support orphans and widows. ♦

Feeding the Poor in Ramadan and Beyond

Ramadan has many benefits for Muslims who partake in this month of fasting both physically and spiritually. Fasting is a way for us to appreciate the bounties we are blessed with throughout the year, and to remember the poor who are not so fortunate. Every year during Ramadan, Hidaya increases its efforts to feed the poor so they will also be encouraged to fast (because they'll have a meal ready at iftar). The Hidaya projects listed below offer a way for Muslims to give in charity or fulfill certain obligations or encouraged actions which in turn benefit the poor with cooked meals, dry ration, and meat.

One Million Meals: Family packages of dry ration food are given, which due to buying in bulk, **costs only 50 cents per meal.** Cooked meals are also given under this project in which a large pot of rice biryani (feeds up to 40 people) can **cost just \$30.** Last year, Hidaya provided 1,335,414 meals to the poor throughout 10 countries in South Asia and Africa under One Million Meals project.

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr: Every Muslim required to pay Zakat must also pay Sadaqat-ul-Fitr (or Zakat-ul-Fitr) during Ramadan and before Eid-ul-Fitr so the less fortunate Muslims can enjoy Eid. This Ramadan, the cost of **Sadaqat-ul-Fitr is \$3.50 per person** according to Hanafi school of thought **or \$7.00** according to other major schools of thought. Last year, Hidaya distributed 809 dry ration packages to poor families under the Sadaqat-ul-Fitr project.

Fidya (Compensation for Missed Fasts): Muslims who can't fast due to old age or illness should give fidya for each day of fasting missed in Ramadan. The **cost of Fidya** for each missed day of fasting **is \$3.50** (Hanafi school of thought) **or \$7.00** (other schools of thought). Last year, Hidaya distributed 1,883 dry ration packages to nearly 10,800 individuals in need under the Fidya project.

Kaffara: The prescribed way of making amends for wrong actions is by giving Kaffara. There are different forms of Kaffara based on the wrong action. Some forms of Kaffara include feeding the poor, and the amount given can vary based on the wrong action committed. Hidaya arranges the distribution of Kaffara by feeding the poor. Last year, Hidaya distributed 540 dry ration packages to benefit the poor under the Kaffara project.

Sadaqah in the form of Sacrifice: Normally within 72 hours of a donors' request, we are able to purchase the animal, sacrifice it, and distribute the meat to the poor and then notify the donor that their request has been fulfilled. **It costs \$100 for a goat, or \$350 for an ox.** Last year, Hidaya sacrificed 1,541 goats and 165 ox on behalf of donors to benefit 33,987 families.

Aqiqah: Aqiqah is the Sacrificing of an animal, such as goats, sheep or camels on the occasion of a newborn child to show gratitude to Allah for Blessing them with a child. Like the Sadaqah in the form of Sacrifice project, Hidaya can perform the Aqiqah, within 72 hours of request - and upon completion, Hidaya informs donors that their Aqiqah has been done. It costs \$100 to do Aqiqah for a daughter, and \$200 for a son. Last year, Hidaya sacrificed 227 goats on behalf of donors to benefit 3,227 families for Aqiqah Project. ♦



One Million Meals



One Million Trees



Disaster Relief: Turkey Earthquake

Hidaya's 2012 Project Updates

Alhamdulillah, as of July this year, Hidaya has the following accomplishments to report:

Spread Education: Supporting 3,109 students monthly

No Orphan without Education: Supporting 5,071 orphans monthly

Hidaya Institute of Farming and Agriculture: Trained 122 individuals in agriculture and farming

Support Hidaya Schools: Operating 39 schools, with 3,109 students

Basic Computer Skills: Educating 60 students to acquire basic computer skills at Hidaya Institute of Science and Technology (HIST).

Software Development Training: Educating 151 students in Software Development at HIST

System Administration Training: Educating 63 students in System Administration Training at HIST

Disaster Relief: Distributed cash assistance to 56 families of orphans and widows (279 individuals) who were affected by last year's earthquake that devastated Van, Turkey. Distributed food to thousands of families affected by drought in Kenya and Somalia.

One Million Meals: Distributed 3,016 dry ration packages which were given to approximately 18,090 individuals.

Marriage Support: Supported 112 young women with their marriages

Widow/Orphan Support: Supporting 2,230 widows and their orphaned children monthly

Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations: Shipped 6 containers filled with relief supplies worth \$102,088

Sadaqah in the Form of Sacrifice: Sacrificed 635 goats and 96 cows on behalf of our donors and distributed the meat to benefit 14,571 families

Aqiqah: Sacrificed 78 goats on behalf of our donors and distributed the meat to benefit 948 families

One Million Trees: Planted 6,680 seedlings

Clean Drinking Water: Installed 267 water hand pumps which benefited over 1,602 people, and distributed 2,779,200 liters of water via water tanker to benefit over 46,320 families (approximately 277,920 individuals)

Medical Assistance: Supported 264 poor patients to receive treatment

Medical Camps: Held 43 medical camps and treated 4,653 poor patients ♦

Continued Work for East Africa Drought

Hidaya has been distributing meals to families affected by drought since last year in Kenya, Somalia, Somaliland, Djibouti. In addition, Hidaya is executing animal farming projects, in which goats are given to villagers as most of their animals have perished due to drought. Also, Hidaya is working with a partner organization to install wells. Due to the water depth being deeper, wells cost over \$1,200 each. ♦



Sadaqah Jariah

Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) said, "When a man dies, his deeds come to an end except for three things: **Sadaqah Jariyah (continuous charity)**, knowledge which is beneficial, or a virtuous descendant who prays for him (for the deceased)." (Sahih Muslim, Book 13, Hadith 4005)

Hidaya Foundation offers a variety of projects which can be a Sadaqah Jariyah including:

Clean Drinking Water: A Water Hand Pump costs just \$200 and can provide water to people for years, inshaAllah.

One Million Trees: Just \$1 is enough to plant and grow a tree that could live for hundreds of years.

Marriage Support: Just \$100 to \$300 can help a poor young women get married, and you will inshaAllah be rewarded for the good that comes from that union.

Spread Education: Under the sub-projects Support Poor Students, Female Education Dropout Prevention, and Adult Education, anywhere from \$5 - \$50 per month can help someone acquire the knowledge and skills to become a positive contributing member of society.

Animal Farming: \$200 for a pair of goats or \$50 for a flock of chickens can start a family off to farm animals for meat, milk or eggs.

Small Businesses for the Poor: Help poor families stand on their own feet. A sewing machine can be given to a woman for \$75, a push-cart and supplies can be given to start a street vending business for \$200, and a retail shop can be set up for \$200 - \$500. ♦

Donate Old Glasses & Laptops for Benefit of Poor

Through its Container Shipment Project for In-Kind Donations, Hidaya Foundation collects clothing, blankets and bedding, childrens toys, books, computers, and more for distribution and use among the poor of Pakistan.

One item that is of great need for many poor villagers is glasses and sunglasses - whether it be for correction of vision or for shielding their eyes from the scorching sun.

Also, another great need is laptop computers. Due to constant power failures in Pakistan, our staff as well as students in our IT labs experience great difficulty and delays. Laptop

computers which retain charge for hours at a time are a good solution to keep work going on during power failures.

If you would like to make a tax-deductible donation of your old glasses or laptops - please mail them to us at: **Hidaya Foundation, 1765 Scott Blvd. Ste. 115, Santa Clara, CA 95050.** A tax deductible receipt, can be printed from our website and included along with your donation which we will officialize and send back to you upon receiving, inshaAllah. You can print your receipt from: www.hidaya.org/documents/forms/containerform.pdf ♦



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Zakat (Obligatory Charity) Zakat

Fidy'a (\$3.50 Hana' or \$7 other madhab per missed day of fasting) \$ _____

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr (\$3.50 or \$7 per person) \$ _____

One Million Meals (\$50 for 100 meals, \$250 for 500 meals) \$ _____

Widow/Orphan Support (\$20 per month) \$ _____

Sadaqah (\$100 goat/sheep, \$350 ox) \$ _____

Other : _____ \$ _____

Total \$ _____

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