



SUMMARISED FRIDAY SERMON

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RAMADAN BUILDS A COMMUNITY OF EXCELLENCE

- Today is the last day of Ramadan and our last chance to get the blessings and forgiveness that Allah has bestowed upon us in this blessed month. Let us continue to increase our taqwa to Allah by doing what He has told us to, and avoid what He has forbidden
- Let us reflect back on the fast that we have done in this month and may all our deeds this Ramadan shape us to be a Muslim who is firm in his principles, strong in spirit, courageous and confident in his faith in facing all challenges.
- One of the blessings Allah has bestowed upon mankind is the obligation of zakat fitrah. Zakat fitrah purifies much like the fast. Through zakat, our fast is made more complete, all the sins and wrongdoings that we have done in Ramadan will be washed away.
- Through zakat fitrah, we also show kindness and compassion to the society, we can maintain good relations with others. It trains us to help those who are in greater need and we are also taught to be mindful of others' needs and to be sensitive to the difficulties that others have.
- Tonight it is sunnat for us to say the takbir and to tahmid, to praise Allah and to glorify Him, until the start of the Eidulfitri prayers. We are also encouraged to wear new and beautiful clothes, and also to visit one another to tighten the bonds between families and we are also encouraged to have a meal before we perform the Eidulfitri prayers.
- We need to strengthen our bonds between fellow Muslims, to have love and kindness amongst us. We need to help each other in striving for good and that everyone in the Muslim ummah is a brother to another Muslim.
- Remember that Rasulullah is a blessing to the entire world. And as Rasulullah's ummah we need to follow in his footsteps by being a blessing and *rahmah* to all through our good characters and through our on-going contributions.



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