



So as for those whose scale is heavy [with good deeds], they will be in a life of bliss. And as for those whose scale is light, their home will be the abyss. [Al-Qur'an 101:6-9]

Newsletter

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Putting Things in Perspective: The Hour Draws Near, Are We Prepared?

As believers, no matter how long we stay on this earth, we know that our time here is short compared to the Hereafter. So what can we do to prepare for it? Following are some ayat and ahadith as reminders that we may all benefit from in shaa Allah.

Nearness Of The Hour

[The time of] people's judgment has drawn near, yet they are heedlessly turning away. [Al-Qur'an 21:1]

This [Prophet] is a warner like earlier ones. The approaching [Hour] has drawn near. None but Allah can disclose it. [Al-Qur'an 53:56-58]

Messenger of Allah (peace be upon him) said, "How can I feel at ease when the Angel of the Trumpet, (Israfil) has put his lips to the Trumpet and is waiting for the order to blow it?" [At-Tirmidhi, Riyad as-Salihin 409]

Death Is The Beginning

Anas reported that a person asked Allah's Messenger (pbuh) as to when the Last Hour would come. He had in his presence a young boy of the Ansar. Allah's Messenger (pbuh) said: If this young boy lives, he may not grow very old till (he would see) the Last Hour coming to [all of] you (meaning your death). [Sahih Muslim 2953a]

But no! In fact, you love this fleeting world, and neglect the Hereafter. On that Day [some] faces will be bright, looking at their Lord. And [other] faces will be gloomy, anticipating something devastating to befall them. But no! [Beware of the day] when the soul reaches the collar bone [as it leaves], and it will be said, "Is there any healer [who can save this life]?" And the dying

person realizes it is [their] time to depart, and [then] their feet are tied together [in a shroud]. On that day they will be driven to your Lord [alone]. [Al-Qur'an 75: 20-30]

What Have We Prepared For It?

A man asked the Prophet (pbuh) "When will the Hour be established O Allah's Messenger?" The Prophet (pbuh) said, "What have you prepared for it?" The man said, "I haven't prepared for it much of prayers or fasts or alms, but I love Allah and His Apostle." The Prophet (pbuh) said, "You will be with those whom you love." [Sahih Al-Bukhari 6171]

Whoever comes [at Judgement] with a good deed will have better than it, and they, from the terror of that Day, will be safe. [Al-Qur'an 27:89]

The weighing on that Day will be just. As for those whose scale will be heavy [with good deeds], they will be successful. [Al-Qur'an 7:8]

A'isha, the wife of Allah's Apostle (pbuh), reported that Allah's Messenger (pbuh) used to say: Observe moderation (in doing deeds), and if you fail to observe it perfectly, try to do as much as you can do and be happy for none would be able to get into Paradise because of his deeds alone. They (the Companions of the Holy Prophet) asked: Allah's Messenger, not even you? Thereupon he said: Not even I, but that Allah wraps me in His Mercy - and bear this in mind that the deed loved most by Allah is one which is done constantly even though it is small. [Sahih Muslim 2818a] ♦

Ramadan Food Distribution to Over 40,000 Families in 20 Countries

Every year, Hidaya Foundation provides millions of meals to the poor throughout Asia and Africa during Ramadan and throughout the rest of the year. Dry ration food distribution is done mostly via our One Million Meals project, but also through the Fidya, Sadaqat-ul-Fitr/Zakat-ul-Fitr, and Kaffara Projects. Meat is also given to families via the Sadaqah Meat, Aqiqah, and Qurbani/Udhiya projects.

Hidaya Foundation is distributing food to over 40,000 families in around 20 countries this Ramadan. Distribution is currently going on in: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Myanmar (Burma), Yemen, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Senegal, Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia, Somaliland, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Gambia, and Zimbabwe, with more to add in shaa Allah.

Dry Ration Packages typically consist of wheat, rice or flour (25-50kg), lentils (5-10kg), cooking oil (3-5 liter), sugar (3-5kg), bathing soap for hygiene purposes, and at times fresh produce from the area of distribution. A package to feed a family for a month can cost anywhere from \$30-\$50, depending on the size of the family and region. Due to buying in bulk, it costs around 50 cents per meal. ♦



Clean Drinking Water - Water Hand Pump

Installing Over 150 Water Hand Pumps Each Month!



One of Hidaya's most prominent efforts is our water hand pump installation via the Clean Drinking Water project. Each year, our teams go village to village in Pakistan and Bangladesh, installing water hand pump in the yards of each family in the village - eliminating their need to go to dirty and at times far away sources for water. Last year we installed over 1,800 water hand pumps, which comes to about 150 hand pumps each month - a pace we have been at for several years now and we are continuing at again this year, al-hamdulillah.

For just \$300, we can install a water hand pump on your behalf to greatly increase a family's quality of life for generations, in shaa Allah, a most excellent sadaqah jariah! ♦

Widow/Orphan Support

Supporting Over 17,000 Orphans & 9,000 Widows in 13 Countries!

Hidaya is currently providing monthly support to over 17,000 orphans and 9,000 widows in 13 countries: Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Cameroon, Guinea, Ghana, Gambia, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Yemen, and Turkey for Syrian Refugees.

Each month cash stipends are given of about \$40 - \$70 to each family (\$30 for each widow or guardian for household needs, and \$10 per orphan child, up to 4 per family for educational needs). Please donate towards Widow/Orphan Support project so the weakest of society can grow with dignity in shaa Allah! ♦



Hidaya Institute of Farming & Agriculture

Tunnel Farming - Teaching Farmers How to Maximise Land Use & Feeding the Poor with Harvest!

Under the Hidaya Institute of Farming and Agriculture, last year Hidaya initiated drip irrigation and tunnel farming training classes for farmers from remote areas where almost no one is practicing such methods. These latest innovations and technologies in farming have great potential benefits. One of the main reasons for doing drip irrigation is for water conservation. This not only cuts costs, but is especially helpful in areas that are facing shortages. With tunnel farming, a greenhouse effect is created, which allows for growing crops that do not grow in such seasons or climates. This is beneficial to people of the area, and also yields a higher return to farmers since they are producing rare commodities.

Mashallah we have yielded great results this year with our bitter melon, broccolli, cucumber, chili peppers, squash and tomato crops. These crops are harvested in our training classes and given to students in Hidaya's schools and other poor to enjoy free of cost in a time of high prices. Please donate towards Hidaya Institute of Farming and Agriculture to benefit poor farmers. ♦



Hidaya's 2021 Accomplishments

Widow/Orphan Support: Supported over 9,000 widows and 17,000 orphans with monthly assistance in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Cameroon, Guinea, Ghana, Gambia, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Zimbabwe, Yemen, and Turkey for Syrian Refugees

Support Hidaya Schools: Operated and assisted 35 schools with over 4,500 students from KG – 8th grade

Support Poor Students: Hidaya supported over 4,500 students in our schools as well as over 70 students for their higher education in 2021

Job Skills Training: Almost 600 non-literate adult women were given an education up to the 8th grade level and trained in sewing in Pakistan

Hidaya Institute of Science & Technology (HIST): Trained over 100 graduate students in software development to prepare for industry jobs

Hidaya Institute of Farming & Agriculture (HIFA): Began implementation of tunnel farming and drip irrigation methods on Hidaya's lands and started training poor farmers in these methods to yield greater results

Marriage Support: Helped 112 young couples with their marriages

Container Shipment for In-Kind Donations: Sent 25 containers (40 ft) with donated goods worth over \$420,000, and sent 16 containers with purchased materials and foods worth nearly \$320,000 to benefit the poor of Pakistan

One Million Meals: Distributed over 130,000 dry ration packages to families in 25 countries (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, Nepal, Turkey, Philippines, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Cameroon, Benin, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Ivory Coast, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Togo, Sudan, Somalia, Somaliland, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Gambia) enough for nearly 8 million meals

Sadaqat-ul-Fitr: Distributed dry ration packages to over 2,600 families in Sudan, Somalia and Sri Lanka

Fidya: Distributed nearly 8,000 dry ration packages on behalf of donors to families in Pakistan

Kaffara: Distributed over 2,200 dry ration packages on behalf of donors to families in Pakistan

Sadaqah Meat / Sadaqah Sacrifice: Sacrificed 3,428 goats and 362 oxen and distributed the meat to benefit over 75,000 families in Pakistan, Bangladesh, Guinea, Somalia, Zimbabwe, also distribution of fish and chicken benefited families in Pakistan and Bangladesh

Aqiqah: Sacrificed 300 goats on behalf of donors and distributed meat to benefit over 4,000 families

Qurbani/Udhiya: Arranged 5,959 shares of Qurbani/Udhiya on behalf of our donors (4,529 ox/buffalo shares, 1,430 goats/sheep) and distributed the meat to over 50,000 poor families throughout 23 countries (Pakistan, Bangladesh, Yemen, Turkey for Syrian Refugees, Ghana, Togo, Nigeria, Senegal, Benin, Niger, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Cameroon, Guinea, Sierra Leone, Gambia, Somalia, Somaliland, Ethiopia, Kenya, Sudan, Uganda, Tanzania)

One Million Trees: Distributed over 10,000 seedlings for planting in villages in Pakistan

Clean Drinking Water: Installed 1,808 water hand pumps on behalf of our donors in Pakistan and Bangladesh, and distributed millions of liters of water via water tanker benefiting hundreds of thousands of people in Pakistan

Medical Assistance: Arranged for 1,317 examinations and treatments for patients in need

Animal Farming: Gave 320 cows to families for producing their own milk in Pakistan and Bangladesh, and gave chickens and rabbits to dozens of families in Pakistan ♦



Sadaqah Meat



Widow/Orphan Support



One Million Meals



Support Hidaya Schools

Donation Form

Name	Card No	
Email	Expiry Date: (mm/yy)	Visa, Master, Disc, Amex
Address		
City		
State	Zip	
Phone		
Signature	Date	

Zakat	Amount	Monthly
Zakat (Obligatory Charity)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqah (Charity)	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sadaqat-ul-Fitr (\$8 per person or more if you are able)	\$ _____	
Fidya (\$4/day or more if you are able)	\$ _____	
One Million Meals	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Widow/Orphan Support	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other : _____	\$ _____	<input type="checkbox"/>
Total	\$ _____	

Set-up a Monthly Donation
(LEAVE THIS BOX BLANK IF YOU ARE DOING A ONE-TIME DONATION)

If you would like to set-up using your checking account (preferred), please include a voided check along with this donation form, or you may fill your card information in the spaces provided above. *Note - please make sure to completely fill in the donor information section so we can properly set-up your donation. By signing, I would like to make this a monthly donation for the project(s) that I have filled in above.*

Signature: _____

Starting Date: _____