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There is no deity but ALLAH and Muhammad (upon whom be peace) is the messenger of ALLAH

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بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم
الحمد لله والصلاة والسلام على رسول الله وعلى آله وصحبه ومن والاه

ADVISORY GUIDELINES FOR TARAWEEH AND RAMADAN 1441/2020

1. According to the majority of jurists of the Madahib, Taraweeh Salah is Sunnah Muakkadah (*emphasized Sunnah*) and its congregation (*Jamaat*) is Sunnah Kefayah (*collective Sunnah*), which means if someone performs it, every Muslim will be free from that collective Sunnah. There are many Ahadith confirming the virtues and importance of Taraweeh, which is known by many Muslims. Taraweeh is the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ (peace be upon him) and the way we performed it, was introduced by second Khalifah, Hazrat Umar ؓ (May Allah be pleased with him). Every Muslim knows of the total units for Taraweeh in Hanafi Madhab so we do not need to explain it, but the true and correct number of Rakaat of Taraweeh Salah is 23 including Witr.

2. We have a practice here in Trinidad and Tobago to organize Iftar most of the time at the Masaajid. This is a good practice that is not objected to by any one, as long as we do not consider it as an obligatory or even Sunnah practice and thus there is no sin if one is unable to sponsor the Iftar due to unfavorable circumstances, but indeed it is a rewarding effort and practice of feeding fasting people (Rozah daar).

Some of us may be very grieved and sad to witness the present situation and circumstances, where we are unable to go to Masjid due to our attachment and love for the House of Allah ﷻ, but we also have to accept that nothing can happen without the will of Almighty Allah ﷻ.

Therefore, we humbly advise you and your family of the following:

1. As we know that we are living in the time of “**lockdown**” restricted movements due to Covid 19, and some restrictions have been implemented by the relevant authorities with regards to numbers of congregation, and as such therefore you are asked to perform Taraweeh Salah at home after Ishah Salah.
2. Organize your Iftar within members of your family at home. If you could afford to share the bounties of Allah ﷻ with your relatives and friends, do not hesitate to do it.

3. It is a collective responsibility of ours to protect others from this fatal virus, so please stay home and be safe and stay alive.
4. If Jumu'ah Salah and other congregational Salaat are suspended not only in Trinidad but worldwide from our Masajid, which is Fard and Wajib, then Traweeh jamaat will be suspended as well from Masaajid because Fards are higher than Sunnah.
5. Those who cannot read or recite the Holy Quran, and you wish to hear the recitation of Quran during the month of Ramadan ,then you can chose one of Qari whom you love to hear it from and fulfil your desire and love for the Quran.

Note: This advice is valid until lockdown is lifted.

Please keep me in your Dua and supplication.

Our next Advisory will be on Itikaaf, Sadqatul Fitr and Eid Salah In Sha Allah Ψ.

Allah knows best.

والله تعالى أعلم وصلى الله على سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه وسلم



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