**5 benefits of reading Taraweeh**

**Taraweeh is a special prayer offered during the month of Ramadan.**

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Taraweeh is one of the most auspicious and anticipated events of Ramadan; it is celebrated across the world in different forms and fashions, while some places offer 20 rakaats of Taraweeh everyday, others offer 8. All in all, [Taraveeh](https://www.islamicfinder.org/iqra/heres-what-you-should-know-about-tarawih/)is one of the most unique events during Ramadan and entails several benefits that Muslims must avail. Here are 5 absolutely jaw-dropping benefits of reading Taraweeh:

**1. You get to listen to the Holy Quran**

As all Muslims are aware, the Holy Quran is the most important book in Islam. It is intended to be a guidance for mankind till the end of time, acting as the manual for becoming the ideal Muslim. The Holy Quran also has immense barakaat, and rightly so. It is, after all, the word of Allah (SWT) and so does entail with it the special blessings that Allah Has encapsulated in the Quran. What better way to spend your Ramadan than to stand in front of the Almighty (SWT) for lengths every day and listen to His word?

**2. You adhere to two Sunnahs of the Holy Prophet (PBUH)**

The Holy Prophet (PBUH) used to offer [Taraawi](https://www.islamicfinder.org/iqra/heres-what-you-should-know-about-tarawih/)every day of Ramadan, and during those 29/30 days, he used to listen to the entire Holy Quran. The Sunnah of the Holy Prophet (PBUH) are the most recommended activities for Muslims after fardh, and so it is essential that we call upon the pleasure and happiness of Allah (SWT) in the auspicious month by following the actions of His beloved Prophet (PBUH).

**3. It makes offering salaat otherwise much easier!**

Whether you offer 8 rakaats or 20 rakaats of Taraweeh in Ramadan, it is still much more than the amount of rakaat you offer throughout the year. Taraavih hence becomes a means through which offering Salah otherwise becomes less difficult, since one is already accustomed to standing in prayer for long periods during Taraweeh. It can hence be seen as a way through which one can practice offering Salah regularly throughout the year, and is hence beneficial in actually restructuring our lives and making us more active and responsible Muslims throughout the year, not just in Ramadan.

**4. Salah is considered the most supreme form of worship**

Salah is considered the most supreme form of worship and the highest form of submission to the oneness and power of Allah (SWT). It is the most apt way of expressing obedience to the Almighty and, in that, is perhaps the fastest way to attain the love and pleasure of Allah (SWT). With His merciful nature in full-swing and with the most auspicious month of the year, what better way can one spend their time than by expressing his or her love to Allah (SWT) in one of His most appreciated ways?

*Abu Hurairah (RA) narrated that the Holy Prophet (PBUH) once said the following: “The most excellent fast after Ramadan is Allah’s month al-Muharram, and the most excellent prayer after the prescribed prayer is the prayer during night.”(Abi Dawud 2429)*

**5. It’s also good exercise!**

We often laze around a lot of Ramadan and as a result, fail to get the adequate exercise required to remain healthy. That, coupled with the usual overeating that we do during Iftaar and Suhoor means that it is essential that we get some exercise. In that, offering [Taraweeh](https://www.islamicfinder.org/iqra/heres-what-you-should-know-about-tarawih/)is killing two birds with one stone!

The Holy month of Ramadan brings with it immense opportunities to amend our relationship with Allah (SWT) and re-establish broken bonds, dependent only on our willingness to avail the various opportunities on offer. All that is required of us is that we operate with some motivation, and strive to appease our Creator (SWT).

**Here's what you should know about Tarawih**

**Tarawih is not obligatory but is still of utmost importance**

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Among the many things that one should and should not do during [Ramadan](https://www.islamicfinder.org/ramadan-2017/), offering the Tarawih tops the list, except of course the abstention from food. The word Tarawih comes from ***Tarweeha*** which literally means ‘to rest’ and refers to the rests in between the four rakats.

According to a Hadith:

*Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) made a small room (with a palm leaf mat). Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) came out (of his house) and prayed in it. Some men came and joined him in his prayer. Then again the next night they came for the prayer, but Allah's Messenger (ﷺ) delayed and did not come out to them. So they raised their voices and knocked the door with small stones (to draw his attention). He came out to them in a state of anger, saying, “You are still insisting (on your deed, i.e. Tarawih prayer in the mosque) that I thought that this prayer (Tarawih) might become obligatory on you. So you people, offer this prayer at your homes, for the best prayer of a person is the one which he offers at home, except the compulsory (congregational) prayer.” (Sahih Bukhari: 6113)*

This tradition marks the beginning of the Tarawih prayer and while the prayer is not obligatory, it is still of utmost importance in the month of Ramadan.

Abu Dharr (may Allah be pleased with him) reports that The Messenger of Allah (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

*“Whoever stands with the Imam until he finishes, it is equivalent to spending the whole night in prayer.” (Ibn Khuzaymah 3:337)*

The question, however, is why is the Tarawih prayer given so much importance?

According to Abu Hurairah (May Allah be pleased with him), the Messenger of Allah (ﷺ) used to urge (the people) to perform (optional Tarawih) prayer at night during the month of Ramadan. He did not order them or make it obligatory on them. He (ﷺ) said:

*“Whosoever performs (optional Tarawih) prayers at night during the month of Ramadan, with Faith and in the hope of receiving Allah's reward, will have his past sins forgiven.” (Muslim 9:1188)*

In the respect of past sins being forgiven, the reward of offering Tarawih all month can be said to be equivalent of the reward from performing Hajj. Ramadan is the month where, any and all good deeds – no matter how small or how magnificent they are – are rewarded manifold by Allah Almighty. And if Allah is providing chances for reaping manifold rewards and favors from the Almighty then no Muslim should let such an opportunity pass by. Standing with the Imam and reciting the Quran in the Tarawih, is an act of patience and resilience and it is a Sunnah and even though Allah Almighty and the Prophet (ﷺ) did not make it obligatory, the offering of Tarawih prayer is only another chance to add to the list of good deeds; deeds that the Lord Almighty approves of and bring us closer to Allah and allowing us to maximize on this holy month and its blessings.

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taraweeh is of course a highly recommended and rewarded ibadat during Ramzan

I might venture to add that some people tend to treat its a obligatory or fard and necsseary to offer it in the mosque during congregation and insist on finishing the complete Quran during the month

Nowhere in the sunnah or actions of the holy prophet are any of these made obligatory

It is highly rewarding to recite as much QuRAN AS POSSIBLE

THERE ARE OTHER THINGS IN RAMZAN WHICH ARE ALSO RECOMMENDED; oBSERVING THE TRUE SPIRIT AND MESSAGE OF FASTING; AVOID ALL LIES, WRONGDOING AND ANGER BE PATIENT, GIVE IN THE WAY OF aLLAH TRY TO HELP PEOPLE AND BE KIND. REVIEW YOUR LIFE AND TRY TO CHANGE AND MOULD ONESELF ACCORDING TO aLLAHS DICTATES AND THE SUNNAH

May Allah guide us and accept our prayers, good deeds and ibadat and make us good muslims and human beings--Ameen

(sorry for the unintended capital font!!))

Asadullah Ali Ibn Ashfaque • 2 days ago

Asslamu Alayikum,

I request you all to think once. We do lots of sins at least in these 11 months, 1 month is for repentance. Taraweeh is like a boost, if we will not do it in Ramadhan then when? Maybe we won't even get chance to see another Ramadhan.

Please use this month as much as you can to repent and change your life, so for until another Ramadhan we have strong faith and Islamic life and habits and thinking.

May Allah grant us all place in Jannah, make us as good and one of those who can feel fragrance of Jannah, May Allah forgive us all.

Ramadhan Kareem, remember me in your prayers.

Jazak Allahu Khairan

Touch river • 4 days ago

obligatory prayers are important... I know people who are fasting and not doing obligatory prayers, but strict in taraweh..

I tried to advise them the priority of ibadath..

**7 Relatable Moments During Tarawih**

**There are different types of situations one comes across while offering Tarawih prayers.**

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Let’s face it, there are several hilarious and painfully awkward moments during [Taraweeh](https://www.islamicfinder.org/iqra/heres-what-you-should-know-about-tarawih/) that only Taraweeh-goers can relate to, and while they make for wonderful memories after the end of Ramadan, they can be slightly less fun when they actually happen. Here are 7 hilarious, relatable, and often cringe worthy instances that almost every Tarawih-goer has had to face:

1. That one uncle who thinks praying in the first row of the masjid will lead them straight to heaven.

[via GIPHY](https://giphy.com/gifs/the-flash-my-otp-just-happened-this-show-is-getting-crazy-4hRy0u1cgIYMg)

2. When the Imam takes way too long during the first few rakaat and you feel like yelling Allahu Akbar so you can go to the next rakaat.

[via GIPHY](https://giphy.com/gifs/tired-k8gPhRsi651iE)

3. The WAR you have to win to get water and return to your Taraweeh before the Imam goes into ruku.

[via GIPHY](https://giphy.com/gifs/run-forrest-gump-l2Sqc3POpzkj5r8SQ)

4. When the Imam gets super enthusiastic, making for an absolutely serene qirat.

[via GIPHY](https://giphy.com/gifs/justin-cry-crushed-michael-jordon-26FPImXfDlv4AFbBC)

5. The sigh of relief you let out when it’s time for witr prayers.

[via GIPHY](https://giphy.com/gifs/l0K45JuPPQlJdxIEU)

6. The stark difference between the enthusiasm you feel during the first rakaat vs. the last rakaat.

[via GIPHY](https://giphy.com/gifs/comedycentral-workaholics-smile-l0Iyh6fhBXWBt3kU8)

7. When you finally reach your bed.

[via GIPHY](https://giphy.com/gifs/falling-elephant-ofiR5h351IjCM)

All in all, [Tarawih](https://www.islamicfinder.org/iqra/5-benefits-of-reading-taraweeh/) can be a wonderful experience that is loved by most, and often gives us some of our fondest memories of Ramadan.