



We're filled with gratitude at the arrival of another blessed Ramadan. A month for us to come together and increase in worship and connection to the Divine.

Our hearts have been heavy with the atrocities in Gaza and the suffering of our brothers and sisters around the world. In this darkness, our hearts crave Ramadan. We look forward to a beautiful month of fasting and prayer in community and collective healing.

In this blessed time, let us seek Allah's mercy, forgiveness, and guidance as we fulfill our obligations and strive for His pleasure. WVMA looks forward to sharing the blessings of Ramadan with you, and we pray that Allah accepts our efforts and grants us a transformative and fulfilling month ahead.



This Ramadan at WVMA, we'll be centering the concept of:

# MURAQABA

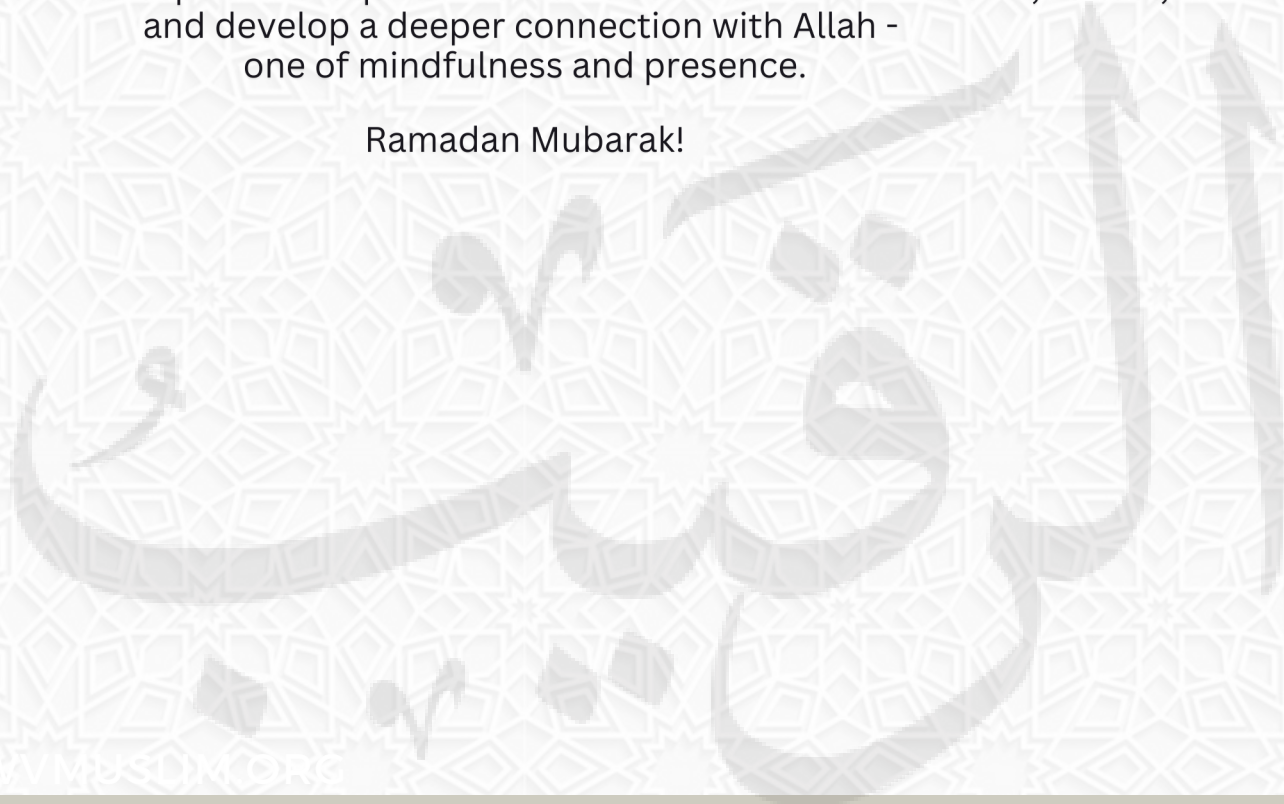
*Continuous full knowledge that  
Allah is aware of us, inwardly and outwardly.*

*A complete state of vigilant self-awareness in our relationship  
with Allah in heart, mind, and body.*

In the fast-paced world, it's easy to get caught up and distracted. Ramadan offers us a precious opportunity to pause, reflect, and realign our focus on what truly matters. Muraqaba moves us to turn inward, to observe our thoughts and actions, and to nurture a spiritual presence in all that we do for the purpose of pleasing Allah (swt).

Throughout this Ramadan, our programming will be thoughtfully crafted around the concept of Muraqaba. We'll take some time to slow down, reflect, and develop a deeper connection with Allah - one of mindfulness and presence.

Ramadan Mubarak!







# Ramadan Information and Guidelines

## Taraweeh Prayers

### **LGIC:**

In alignment with city noise ordinances, our prayers will conclude by 10:30 PM. We will pray 8 rakats each night, led by Imam Albaraa Abdullah, focusing on the corresponding juz for that night. Women's restrooms are located towards the back of the building. We kindly ask everyone to maintain quietness outside the mosque after 10 PM.

### **PROSPECT CENTER:**

We encourage minimal noise outside after 10:30 PM. Here, 20 rakats will be led nightly by Imam Ebrahim Alareqi and Imam Hasan Lohos.

### **GENERAL:**

All community members aged 6 and above are encouraged and expected to participate in or respectfully listen to the prayers. There will be insightful talks before Isha prayer each night. For a serene prayer environment, please step outside if necessary to avoid disturbances. Our volunteers, identifiable by lanyards, are here to assist with maintaining order. Your cooperation in keeping the prayer hall peaceful and in following the prayer line etiquette is greatly appreciated. For your convenience, we recommend bringing your own water bottle and prayer rug.

### **BABYSITTING DURING TARAWEEH:**

To support parents during taraweeh prayers, WVMA is offering complimentary babysitting for children aged 2-5 at LGIC on weekends. While this service is free, a suggested donation of \$5 per child is appreciated. Space is limited to 18 children, so early arrival is recommended. Please ensure your child has eaten beforehand as no food will be provided. Parents must remain on-site, and prompt attention to any notifications about your child is essential.

### **SPIRITUAL RETREAT (ITIKAF)**

We're looking forward to the Itikaf during the last 10 days of Ramadan. If you're interested in joining, kindly register by emailing [info@wvmuslim.org](mailto:info@wvmuslim.org). To ensure everyone's safety and a smooth planning process, we have 20 spots available on a first-come, first-served basis. We hope to accommodate everyone interested, but spaces are limited.





## **FUNDRAISING AND SOLICITATIONS**

To maintain focus, fundraising efforts during Ramadan will be dedicated to WVMA and related activities, unless an urgent need arises. Registered non profit organizations (501c3) will be able to table during Friday prayers based on application and approval.

## **IFTARS**

Iftars will be served Monday - Friday and are intended for new Muslims, and anyone in the community who may not have family around to break fast with. These iftars are smaller (about 50 people) and are not community iftars.

Community iftars will be held every Saturday, three at Prospect Center and one at LGIC. These iftars are intended to bring the WVMA community together. Due to space restrictions, we prepare for about 500 people and ask that guests RSVP so we have an accurate count.

## **QIYAMS**

Special qiyams are planned for the last 10 nights of Ramadan. To respect our neighbors, no external microphone use is planned. A light suhoor will be provided, and we encourage labeling any personal food items for community fridge use.

## **PARKING AND NEIGHBORHOOD CONSIDERATIONS**

Please observe all parking regulations, showing consideration for our neighbors. Extra parking is available at the synagogue next to Prospect Center for its visitors

## **SUSTAINABILITY AND CLEANLINESS**

We encourage the use of reusable water bottles to minimize environmental impact. Let's commit to leaving spaces cleaner than we found them and to being mindful of our resource usage.

## **ZAKAT AL-FITR**

Your Zakat al-Fitr contributions are crucial for ensuring all community members can celebrate Eid joyously. Please contribute at your earliest convenience before Eid to allow for timely distribution.

We thank you for your understanding, cooperation, and support in creating a harmonious and spiritually fulfilling Ramadan for everyone.





Date	Hijri	Fajr	Iqama	Sunrise	Dhuhur	Asr	Maghrib	Isha	Iqama
11-Mar Monday	RMD 1	6:13	6:30	7:24	1:18	5:28	7:15	8:23	8:40
12 Tuesday	2	6:11	6:30	7:22	1:18	5:29	7:16	8:24	8:40
13 Wednesday	3	6:10	6:30	7:21	1:17	5:30	7:17	8:25	8:40
14 Thursday	4	6:08	6:30	7:19	1:17	5:30	7:18	8:26	8:40
15 Friday	5	6:06	6:30	7:18	1:17	5:31	7:19	8:27	8:40
16 Saturday	6	6:05	6:30	7:16	1:17	5:32	7:20	8:28	8:40
17 Sunday	7	6:03	6:30	7:15	1:16	5:32	7:21	8:29	8:40
18 Monday	8	6:02	6:30	7:13	1:16	5:33	7:22	8:30	8:40
19 Tuesday	9	6:00	6:30	7:12	1:16	5:34	7:22	8:31	8:40
20 Wednesday	10	5:59	6:30	7:10	1:15	5:34	7:23	8:32	8:40
21 Thursday	11	5:57	6:30	7:09	1:15	5:35	7:24	8:33	8:40
22 Friday	12	5:56	6:30	7:07	1:15	5:36	7:25	8:34	8:40
23 Saturday	13	5:54	6:30	7:06	1:14	5:36	7:26	8:35	8:40
24 Sunday	14	5:52	6:20	7:04	1:14	5:37	7:27	8:36	8:50
25 Monday	15	5:51	6:20	7:03	1:14	5:37	7:28	8:37	8:50
26 Tuesday	16	5:49	6:20	7:01	1:14	5:38	7:29	8:38	8:50
27 Wednesday	17	5:48	6:20	7:00	1:13	5:39	7:30	8:39	8:50
28 Thursday	18	5:46	6:20	6:58	1:13	5:39	7:31	8:40	8:50
29 Friday	19	5:44	6:20	6:57	1:13	5:40	7:31	8:41	8:50
30 Saturday	20	5:43	6:20	6:55	1:12	5:40	7:32	8:42	8:50
31 Sunday	21	5:41	6:10	6:54	1:12	5:41	7:33	8:43	9:00
1- Apr Monday	22	5:40	6:10	6:52	1:12	5:42	7:34	8:44	9:00
2 Tuesday	23	5:38	6:10	6:51	1:11	5:42	7:35	8:45	9:00
3 Wednesday	24	5:36	6:10	6:50	1:11	5:43	7:36	8:46	9:00
4 Thursday	25	5:35	6:10	6:48	1:11	5:43	7:37	8:47	9:00
5 Friday	26	5:33	6:10	6:47	1:11	5:44	7:38	8:48	9:00
6 Saturday	27	5:31	6:10	6:45	1:10	5:44	7:39	8:49	9:00
7 Sunday	28	5:30	6:00	6:44	1:10	5:45	7:39	8:50	9:10
8 Monday	29	5:28	6:00	6:42	1:10	5:45	7:40	8:52	9:10
9 Tuesday	30	5:27	6:00	6:41	1:09	5:46	7:41	8:53	9:10
10 Wednesday	SHW 1	5:25	6:00	6:39	1:09	5:47	7:42	8:54	9:10

### Taraweeh

Starts 10 minutes after Isha prayer

### Kids

Babysitting for ages 2-5 at LGIC  
Weekends | After Isha prayer

### Tahajjud Prayer

Starts on Sunday, March 31  
1.5 hours before Fajr

### Laylat-ul-Qadr

Starts on Friday, April 5th

### Zakat-ul-Fitr

\$15 per person

### Eid-ul-Fitr

Wednesday, April 10th at LGIC  
Eid Prayer and Celebration

### Jummah Prayers

LGIC | 1:30 pm | 3:30 pm  
Prospect | 12:30 pm | 1:30 pm | 3:30 pm

**Dhuhur Iqama** | 1:30 pm

### Asr Iqama

Mar 11 - Mar 23 | 5:45 pm  
Mar 24 - Apr 11 | 6:00 pm



## Ramadan Programs Calender

Date	Hijri	Iftar	Qiyam	Tahajjud and Itikaf	Pre-iftar Reflection	General Programming	Kids Programs
10-Mar	Sunday	Shaban				First night of Taraweeh after Isha Prayer	
11-Mar	Monday	RMD 1	Singles		6:45 pm	First day of fasting	
12	Tuesday	2	Singles		6:45 pm		
13	Wednesday	3	Singles		6:45 pm		
14	Thursday	4	Singles		6:45 pm		
15	Friday	5	Singles		6:45 pm		
16	Saturday	6	Community Prospect	Sisters potluck style		Community Quran Reading (Online) Ramadan Saturdays with Dr. Amina Darwish	Ramadan Storytime, Crafternoons, Youth Calligraphy
17	Sunday	7	Youth			Quran Journaling	
18	Monday	8	Singles		6:45 pm		
19	Tuesday	9	Singles		6:45 pm		
20	Wednesday	10	Singles		6:45 pm		
21	Thursday	11	Singles		6:45 pm		
22	Friday	12	Singles Siraat	Youth with Imam Ahmad Deeb	6:45 pm		
23	Saturday	13	Community Prospect			Community Quran Reading (Online) Ramadan Saturdays with Ust. Maryam Amir	Ramadan Storytime, Crafternoons, Youth Calligraphy
24	Sunday	14	New Muslims			Ramadan Sundays with Sr. Heba El-Haddad	
25	Monday	15	Singles		6:45 pm		
26	Tuesday	16	Singles		6:45 pm		
27	Wednesday	17	Singles		6:45 pm		
28	Thursday	18	Singles		6:45 pm		
29	Friday	19	Singles		6:45 pm		
30	Saturday	20	Community LGIC	Siraat		Community Quran Reading (Online) Ramadan Saturdays with Sr. Ilham Malick Eid Bazaar	Ramadan Storytime, Crafternoons, Cross-stitching activity
31	Sunday	21	Muhsen		✓	Ramadan Sundays with Br. Hisham Izzeldin	
1- Apr	Monday	22	Singles		✓	7:00 pm	
2	Tuesday	23	Singles		✓	7:00 pm	
3	Wednesday	24	Singles		✓	7:00 pm	
4	Thursday	25	Singles		✓	7:00 pm	
5	Friday	26	Singles		✓	7:00 pm	
6	Saturday	27	Community Prospect		✓	Quran Memorization Contest	
7	Sunday	28			✓		
8	Monday	29	Singles		✓	7:00 pm	
9	Tuesday	30	Singles		✓	7:00 pm	No Taraweeh Prayers, Henna Night
10	Wednesday	SHW 1				Eid Prayer and Celebration at LGIC	Eid Festival 4:00-7:00 pm at LGIC

### Khateera Before Isha

10 minutes before Isha prayer  
LGIC and Prospect Center

### Daily Pre-Iftar Reflections

30 min before iftar  
On Zoom

### Sisters Quiet Circle

Monday - Friday  
9:00 am - 10:00 am  
LGIC Prayer Hall

### Community Quran Reading

12:00 pm Every Saturday  
On Zoom

### Quran Reading Daily

After Fajr prayer  
LGIC and Saratoga musalla



## Taraweeh Imams



Imam Albaraa Abdullah



Imam Ebrahim Alareqi

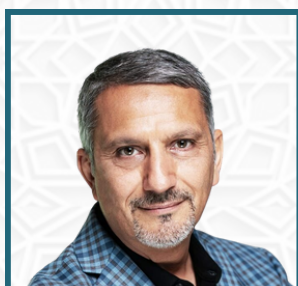


Imam Hasan Lohos

## Scholars and Teachers



Ust. Maryam Amir



Dr. Hatem Bazian



Sh. Ahmed Billoo



Dr. Amina Darwish



Imam Ahmad Deeb



Sh. Alauddin ElBakri



Sr. Heba El-Haddad



Ust. Basil Farooq



Br. Hisham Izzeldin



Sr. Ilham Malick



Imam Fuad Mohamed



Sh. Rami Nsour





## Support WVMA this Ramadan



### SUSTAINERS | \$10/DAY

This Ramadan, we're inviting you to be among those who sustain the masjid. As every righteous act is multiplied tenfold, seize the opportunity to contribute \$10 a day and gain infinite blessings, benefits, and rewards! We welcome and appreciate any daily pledge, recognizing everyone's varying financial circumstances. Join at [bit.ly/wvma-sustainer](https://bit.ly/wvma-sustainer).

### IFTAR SPONSORSHIP

Giving iftar not only means another person can share in Ramadan's blessings - it also doubles the reward of your own fast. Sponsor an Iftar at [bit.ly/wvma-iftar1445](https://bit.ly/wvma-iftar1445).

### GENERAL RAMADAN DONATION

We're building a welcoming masjid of connection and healing, a refuge for anyone looking to be rooted in faith and find nourishment to grow. Your support will help us build more programs and a sustainable, thriving masjid. Donate at [wvmuslim.kindful.com](https://wvmuslim.kindful.com).

### WAYS TO GIVE

There are so many ways to give back to WVMA. You can donate through: stocks, company matching programs, coinbase, by cheque, with Zelle and with Paypal. Visit [wvmuslim.org/waysytodotate](https://wvmuslim.org/waysytodotate) for details.

### VOLUNTEER THIS RAMADAN

Let's spend this blessed month with pleasing Allah by serving others and spreading kindness. There are various tasks and plenty of opportunities for everyone. Sign up to volunteer at [bit.ly/wvma-ramadan-volunteer](https://bit.ly/wvma-ramadan-volunteer).

### WVMA ENDOWMENT FUND

Help us reach our goal of \$10 million by 2030 towards an Endowment that will guarantee WVMA's long term success.



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