



In The Name Of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful

المعهد الإسلامي في تورنتو

Islamic Institute of Toronto

Education for Virtuous Living

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My Dearest Brothers and Sisters,

Assalamu Alaikum wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakatuh

Ramadan Mubarak!

On behalf of the IIT Board of Directors, Shuyukh, volunteers and staff, I extend best wishes for a blissful Ramadan. We pray for Allah's mercy and forgiveness on our loved ones who have passed away, and His infinite guidance to those who are blessed to witness another Ramadhan.

Fasting and worship in this blessed month is an opportunity to gain Taqwa (consciousness) of Allah. We are honored to have Qari Abdulfatah Jahedar and his father and mentor, Ali Salem Mohamed Jaheder, as well as IITs very own Hafiz Hassan Rahman to lead the Tarawih prayers. Sh. Abdool Hamid and one of our Qaris will lead the Qiyaamul Lail prayers in the last ten nights, and our scholars will provide inspiration at our Lecture and Iftar programs on Saturday nights. We hope you can join us for a spiritually rewarding experience.

This past year has been a very challenging one for all of us. We have witnessed the pain and suffering endured by the Yemenis, Syrians, Rohingya, Palestinians and other Muslims around the world, as well as the suffering of many others such as our First Nations, Métis and Indigenous brothers and sisters. Let us use the Spirit of Ramadan to come together and pray for peace, justice and security for everyone.

You will once again be provided the opportunity to donate to a charity of your choice in support of local and international efforts to alleviate suffering. In Ramadan, we strive to go above and beyond our support for these charities, made possible through your Zakaat, Sadaqa and Zakaatul Fitr entrusted to IIT. With a focused vision and a desire to avoid duplication, we have developed lasting partnerships through collaboration, making our communities much stronger today.

We acknowledge that we are all in need of Allah's mercy and forgiveness, and pray that our Ramadan is a beneficial and spiritually uplifting one. Please refer to the attached Ramadan prayer chart for prayer times at IIT and for further details on our programs during Ramadan.

May Allah shower you with His choicest blessings in this Month of Mercy and Forgiveness.

Sincerely,

Haniff Khan  
Chairman