

Rasulullah (saw) said, 'Whoever wishes to look at the Day of Judgement as if he is seeing it with his own eyes, then let him read Surah Al-Takwir...'

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SURAH AL-TAKWIR
RAMADAN CHALLENGE

Memorization
Support Pack
One Verse a Day

Note: Handle with care! This packet contains
Quranic verses and dua.



The Surah Al-Takwir Challenge:

There are 29 verses in Surah Al-Takwir, if you memorize a verse a day, you will have memorized the entire Surah in this blessed month of Ramadan.

You are advised to start the memorization from first day of Ramadan.

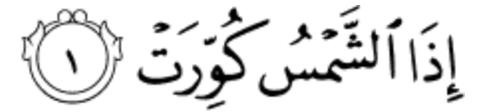
Virtues of Surah Al-Takwir:

The Prophet (SalAllahu alayhi wassalam) said, 'Whoever wishes to look at the Day of Resurrection, as if he is seeing it with this eye, then let him recite: 'When the sun is wrapped' (Takwir) and 'When the heaven is cleft sunder (Infatarat) and 'When the heaven is split asunder.' (Tirmidhi)

"Abu Bakr [may Allah be pleased with him] said: 'O Messenger of Allah! You have become gray.' He said: 'I have gone gray from (Surat) Hud, Al-Waqi`ah, Al-Mursalat, `Amma Yatasa'alun (Naba) and Idhash-Shamsu Kuwwirat (Takwir)'" (Tirmidhi)

Tips:

- Read the Tafsir of Surah Al-Takwir and its Translation: Tafsir Ibn Kathir, Ma'riful Quran, Anwarul Bayan and others are all recommended. Ponder over the meanings, and visualize them
- Listen to your favorite reciter recite one Ayah of Surah Al-Takwir. You can use www.Quran.com or www.almuqri.com for ayah repetition on your mobile phone.
- Read each ayah at least 30 times per day attentively, assuring proper pronunciation.
- Towards the end of the day, recite the Ayah to someone, preferably a Hafidh.
- The following day recite the new ayah 20 times with the Ayah from the previous day together
- On the last day or Ramadan recite the whole surah from memory to your parents, or other family members, building and strengthening the bond with Quran.



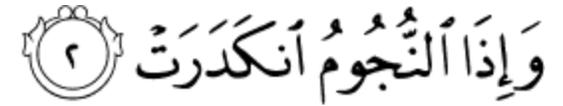
“When the sun is wrapped up,”

New Vocabulary:

1. إِذَا – When
2. الشَّمْسُ – The Sun
3. كُوِّرَتْ – folded, wrapped

Meanings and Lessons:

1. Allah is giving descriptions of supernatural events that show an inversion of the natural order. He begins by the Sun for its clarity and omnipresence for those on Earth.
2. The folding of the Sun has been interpreted to mean the light and will be extinguished.
3. Reflect on the many ways the Sun is a blessing for us, and what losing the light would mean for us.



“And when the stars fall, dispersing, losing their luster,”

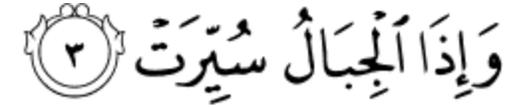
New Vocabulary:

1. النُّجُومُ – The Stars

2. انْكَدَرَتْ – Losing the shine and luster

Meanings and Lessons:

1. Inversion of events continued: Allah brings our attention to other celestial objects which shows us the greatness of Allah. Here he speaks of the stars such that they will lose their begin to drop onto the Earth. There will be no radiant celestial body remaining in the sky.
2. Reflect on the nature of the universe and how everything is created “In Truth.” This entails everything has a purpose, time limit, and ultimately points to the omnipotence of Allah. The seemingly chaotic nature of the universe is serving an ultimate purpose,



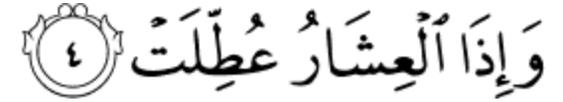
“And when the mountains will be made to travel,”

New Vocabulary:

1. الْجِبَالُ – The Mountains
2. سُيِّرَتْ – Made to travel

Meanings and Lessons:

1. Inversion of events continued: Allah sequences the next observation humans will witness which is of the mountains, pegged into the earth, keeping the Earth stable and firm.
2. The mountains will be removed from their establishments because of the severe Earthquakes and one will see them moving slowly, until they continue to break apart and ultimately become dust.



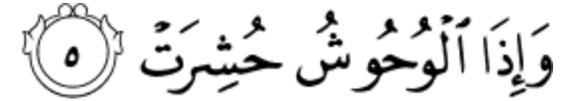
“And when the (she-camels) ten-months with young are untended,”

New Vocabulary:

1. العِشَارُ – a ten month pregnant camel
2. عُطِّلَتْ – abandoned, negated

Meanings and Lessons

1. Inversion of events continued: The next event sequenced is regarding our assets which we take pride in maintaining and expect increase. For the Arabs this was the ten month pregnant she camel to give brith.
2. Reflect on our wealth and how we use it. Does it take us away from Allah, or does it get closer to Allah? Are we following the example of Qarun or the example of Sulayman (A)?



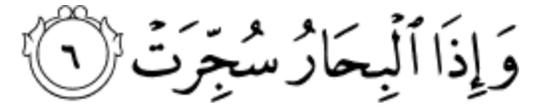
“And when the wild beasts are herded together,”

New Vocabulary:

1. الْوَحُوشُ – The wild animals/beasts
2. حُشِرَتْ – herded, gathered

Meanings and Lessons:

1. Inversion of events continued: The next event sequenced is regarding wild animals gathered together, either because the remaining parts of the land are not livable, or because they have been resurrected this way.
2. Reflect on the creation of other species: their servitude to Allah (“Each of them has known his way of prayer and glorification” Surah Nur: 41), obedience to His commands, and their rights upon us as humans.



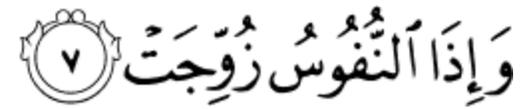
“And when the seas rise,”

New Vocabulary:

1. الْبِحَارُ – The seas
2. سُجِّرَتْ – Overflow the limit/boil over

Meanings and Lessons:

1. Inversion of events continued: The seas normally do not overlap (“He released the two seas, meeting side by side. Between them is a barrier neither transgresses” Surah Rahman: 19 – 20). However the apocalyptic events cause the seas to overflow.
2. Reflect on the vastness of seas, what they contain and the benefits received from the seas, and unfortunately how we as designated caretakers of Earth are treating the seas, such that throughout history we keep meeting our own destiny.



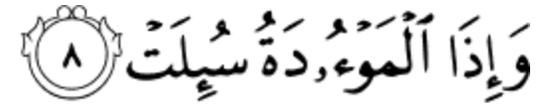
“And when the souls are joined,”

New Vocabulary:

1. النُّفُوسُ – The souls
2. زُوِّجَتْ – paired, joined

Meanings and Lessons:

1. Inversion of events continued: The most widely interpreted meaning of this verse is the joining of souls with those like them, and there are three major categories: The Foremost, The People of the Right, and The People of the Left.
2. Reflect on your friends, family, colleagues, and associates. What type of a friend are you to them, and which category would you place yourself. “A man is upon the religion of his friends, so let each one of you look at whom you befriend.”



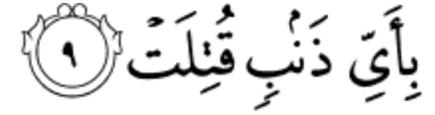
“And when the female infant buried alive is asked,”

New Words:

1. الْمَوْءُودَةُ – female infant who was buried
2. سُئِلَتْ – she is asked

Meanings and Lessons

1. Inversion of events continued: When asked a question, the one wronged is typically not the one asked the question. However there are certain crimes that are so repulsive, Allah will not ask these criminals why they did the crimes, instead He will ask the oppressed to embarrass and punish the oppressor.
2. Reflect on yourselves, what will we say to Allah when we are asked about our sins, we committed. “Whoever is asked a question, is punished.”



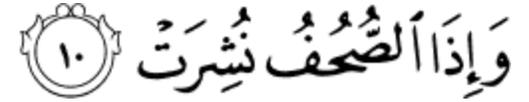
For what sin she was killed

New Vocabulary:

1. بِ - for/by
2. أَيُّ - which/what
3. ذَنْبٍ - sin
4. قُتِلَتْ - was she killed

Meanings and Lessons

1. Young children who pass away before puberty will be admitted to Jannah. They are being taken care of by Ibrahim (A).
2. The practice of burying daughters was done by some of the Arab tribes preemptively to save one's honor.
3. Reflect on what our children mean to us. Allah describes the giving of children as "Gifts!" Thus the du'a رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا



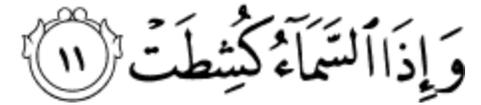
“And when the pages are spread,”

New Vocabulary:

1. الصُّحُفُ – pages/books/scrolls
2. نُشِرَتْ – spread/opened/unrolled

Meanings and Lessons

1. Inversion of events continued: No one knows what you have done, however Allah has it written down. When we are shown our deeds, we will say “What is with this book? It didn’t leave a small or big thing except that it has taken full account of it.”
2. Reflect on having our data breached and everything we have done offline and online exposed to us. We presume our deeds to be our refuge, however Allah knows what is in the hearts



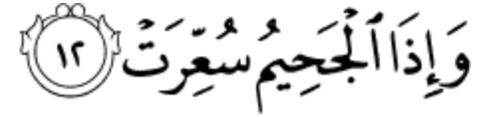
“And when the sky stripped,”

New Vocabulary:

1. السَّمَاءُ – sky
2. كُشِطَتْ – Stripped, scrapped

Meaning and Lessons

1. Inversion of events continued: The sky we see is laid out like a veil, covering us from the Heavens. As the reckoning begins, the skies will crack, burst open, and turn reddish in color.
2. Reflect upon the sky, as Allah says “[Do they not look] to the sky, how it is raised?” Ponder its vastness, mysteries, and ultimately the greatness of Allah for He is the creator of the Sky.



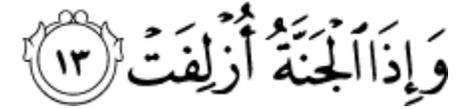
“And when the hell is kindled,”

New Vocabulary:

1. الْجَحِيمُ – Hell
2. سُعِّرَتْ - Kindled

Meaning and Lessons

1. The Hellfire is a creation in which those whom Allah is displeased with will be thrown into. The Hellfire is initially kindled by the Anger and Wrath of Allah. Later it will increase in fire each time a person or stone is thrown into it.
2. Reflect upon our intentions: The first of those who are kindled with the Hellfire are those who did outward actions for the Pleasure of Allah, however, the hearts were not sincere. They did their actions because they saw that people were witnessing them.



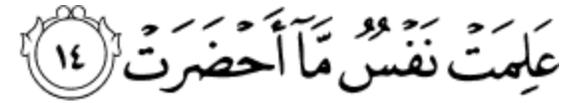
“And when Paradise is brought near,”

New Vocabulary:

1. الْجَنَّةُ – Paradise, Garden
2. أُزْلِفَتْ – made to be brought near

Meanings and Lessons

1. The Paradise is a creation made by Allah as a reward for those who have earned Allah’s Pleasure. The fragrance of which can be smelled a long distance. The bringing of the Paradise is an imagery of bringing out the rewards for those who deserve them.
2. Reflect upon our actions and what we yearn for. “Whoever wishes to meet his Lord, let him do righteous actions and not associate any partners with His Lord in worship.”



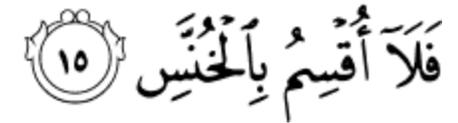
“(Then) every soul will know what it has prepared.”

New Vocabulary:

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| 1. عَلِمَتْ – to know | 3. مَا – what |
| 2. نَفْسٌ - soul | 4. أَحْضَرَتْ – prepared, brought forward |

Meaning and Lessons

1. After all of the previous twelve signs happen, every single soul will come to a certain realization of what it truly happening.
2. Reflect on our deeds before we are judged by Allah. “The intelligent one is the one who humbles himself and works for what is after death. The incapable one is the one makes his soul follow his desires and fantasizes about [the mercy of] Allah.”



“So I swear by the retreating stars”

New Vocabulary:

1. فَ - so

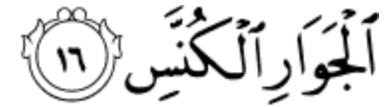
2. لَا - no

3. أُقْسِمُ – I swear

4. الْخُنُوسِ – that which withdraws

Meaning and lessons

1. When Allah swears by something in the Quran, He is typically calling our attention to His own greatness, or how blessed and important the object of oath is. Here Allah is swearing using various descriptions which resemble wild animals. Pondering over the meanings, one finds that Allah is speaking about the stars.
2. Reflect on what the Quranic benefits are of having the stars placed in the skies (3).



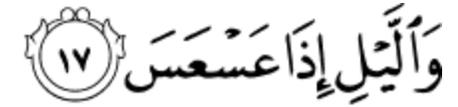
“Those that move and set,”

New Vocabulary:

1. الجَوَارِ – Those that are running, moving
2. الكُنُوسِ – Entering into its home to retire at night (used for animals)

Meanings and Lessons:

1. Allah gives more descriptions of the stars. He says they are set in a slight noticeable retrograde motion observable to our eyes, and when the light of day appears, the observer notices that the stars are taking a home, burring themselves into the space.
2. Reflect on what the interstellar has meant for humans through times. Historically it was used for astrology and today, with all our research, we are still perplexed over its mysteries. We study this creation to recognize who Allah is.



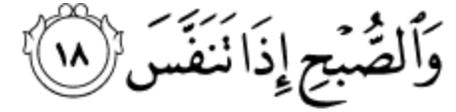
“And the night as it approaches,”

New Vocabulary:

1. اللَّيْلِ – the night
2. عَسْعَسَ – approaches/departs

Meanings and Lessons:

1. In the Quran, the night is a time that represents evil (i.e. darkness), or represents rest and sleep. Allah includes the night the later or beginning portions of the night in his swear because these are times that we see magnificent miracles of the sun and stars.
2. Reflect What the world would be without day: “Say, "Have you considered: if Allah should make for you the night continuous until the Day of Resurrection, what deity other than Allah could bring you light? Then will you not hear?"



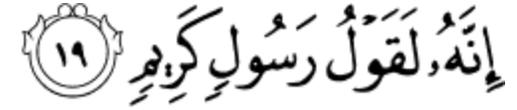
“And the morning when it breathes,”

New Vocabulary:

1. الصُّبْحِ – The morning
2. تَنَفَّسَ – breath

Meanings and Lessons:

1. Allah continues the objects He is swearing by. Morning signifies new life, and breath signifies air of this life. Moreover Allah is teaching us the art of patience. New things take time and everything must run its course. These times are not an on/off switch.
2. Reflect on the morning in the morning time. Beginning your day with not just breathing, but also your spiritual breath of dhikr, salah, and du’a gives your day a resolved purpose.



“Most surely it is the Word of an honored messenger,”

New Vocabulary:

1. إِنَّ – Most surely

3. لَقَوْلُ – word

5. كَرِيمٍ – honored, noble,

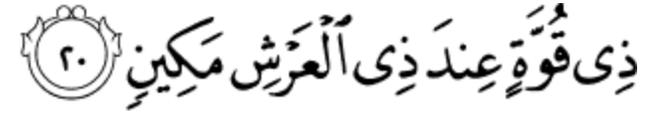
2. هُ - it

4. رَسُولٍ - messenger

dignified

Meanings and Lessons

1. This is the end of the series of oaths Allah made. It represents the dawn of a new era, where previously people were in retrograde, believing superstitions, and Allah is revealing a new life to the people. The words here are attributed to the Angel Jibreel, however they are Allah’s words and speech.
2. Reflect on our speech, and how much of it is in accordance with the Quran? How much of it is the Quran itself?



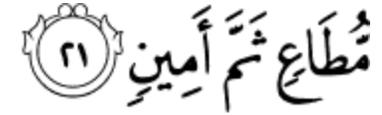
“Endued with Power, with honorable regard in the Providence of The Owner of the Throne,”

New Vocabulary:

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| 1. ذِي – possessing | 3. عِنْدَ – with | 5. مَكِينٍ – high rank, |
| 2. قُوَّةٍ – strength | 4. الْعَرْشِ – Throne | honorable regard |

Meanings and Lessons

1. Allah continues His praise for the messenger. The perfection of the speaker shows us the truthfulness of the speech itself.
2. Possessing strength includes being able to do that which others are incapable of, and also withstanding pressure under hostile arrangements.
3. Allah has raised the messenger into a high status such that he is held in honor, and has a station with Allah close to His Throne.



“Obeyed there, trustworthy.”

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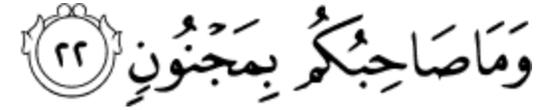
1. مُطَاعٍ – obeyed

2. ثَمَّ – there

3. أَمِينٍ – trustworthy

Meanings and Lessons

1. Continuing with the fifth and sixth characteristic: Those in the heaven are willingly to comply by any command that exudes from the messenger, because he is loved there.
2. Reflect on what our status is with Allah: “When Allah loves someone, he calls upon Jibreel, ‘I Love so and so, so love him.’ Jibreel tells the dwellers of the sky that Allah loves so and so, so love him. And acceptance is written for him on the Earth.”
3. If these are Jibreels qualities, and he is the messenger, then what about the one to whom the message is being sent?



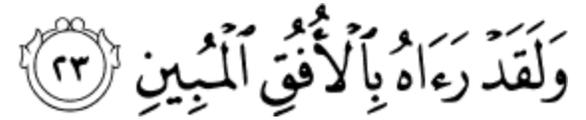
“And your companion is not gone mad.”

New Vocabulary:

1. مَا - no
2. صَاحِبُكُمْ – you companion
3. بِ - particle signifying emphasis
4. مَجْنُونٍ – crazy, gone mad

Meanings and Lessons:

1. The Pagans knew the prophet well enough to be a brother and a son amongst his own tribe. Allah attributes the Prophet (S) to them to show them he is their own blood and they know his character, intelligence, history, and background. Then Allah negates the accusations they repeated to him despite knowing its fabrication.



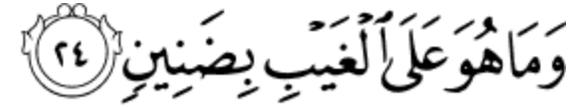
“And Surely he has seen him in the clear horizon.”

New Vocabulary:

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| 1. لَقَدْ – surely | 3. بِ - In | 5. المُبِينِ - clear |
| 2. رَأَهُ – He saw him | 4. الأُفُقِ – The horizon | |

Meanings and Lessons:

1. The Prophet (S) asked Jibreel if he can see him, and he replied that you should ask Allah. When he made du'a, a shade appeared from the eastern horizon rising causing him to faint. The Prophet (S) saw Jibreel with 600 wings blocking the horizon, and countless pearls were falling from his wings. Jibreel said, “How would it be if you saw Israfeel, his head under the throne, his legs at the border of the seventh sky, and the throne is on his back and is ever dwindling out fear of Allah.” (Ahmad, Ibn Khuzayma)



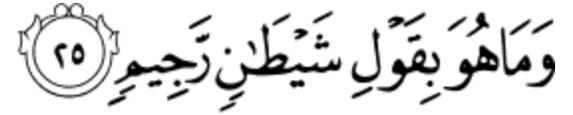
“And he is not stingy regarding the unseen.”

New Vocabulary:

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| 1. هُوَ – he | 3. الْغَيْبِ – the unseen |
| 2. عَلَى – regarding, on | 4. ضَنِينٍ – stingy |

Meanings and Lessons:

1. The Quran would be revealed to him many times in seclusion, however he did not withhold teaching to anyone, unlike the fortunetellers who would tell fortunes for payments. He is not accused of any forgery.
2. Let us check ourselves in how we promote Islam. The Quran, Islam and the Prophet are for everyone, not just Muslims.



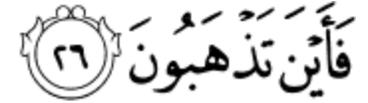
“Nor is it the word of the cursed Shaitan,”

New Vocabulary:

1. شَيْطَانٍ – Satan/Devil
2. رَجِيمٍ – cursed/casted out

Meanings and Lessons:

1. The narrations of the events that are yet to happen in the beginning of the surah can perhaps give hint that the Prophet (S) is receiving a message from a Satan about events yet to happen, thus being accused of being a fortuneteller who has connections with the evil spirits, satan, and devils. Allah continues on his series of answers to the oaths, and denies these allegations with declarative emphasis.



“So where are you going?”

New Vocabulary:

1. فَ - So
2. أَيْنَ – where
3. تَذْهَبُونَ – you going

Meanings and Lessons:

1. An Imagery – when you and your friend are walking and both know the path, but your companion takes a step forward into the wrong direction. After taking a few steps, you notice he is going astray, so you quickly ask him, “Where are you going?” This is the example of those who have accused the Message of tampering and forgery.



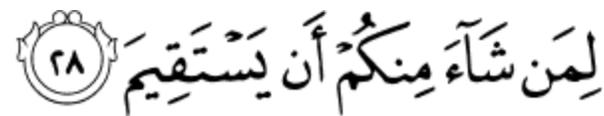
“It is nothing except a Remembrance to the al-‘Alamin (People and Jinn).”

New Vocabulary:

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| 1. إِنَّ – negating particle | 4. لِ - for |
| 2. إِلَّا – except | 5. الْعَالَمِينَ – The entire existence other than Allah |
| 3. ذِكْرٌ – remembrance | |

Meanings and lessons:

1. The Message is for everyone. This Ayah represents the universality of the message of Islam, such that it incorporates all those being that are capable of being reminded.
2. When we read the Quran, we not only seeking blessing in its words, but we seek a reminder that admonishes us, gives us words to praise Allah, commands to live our lives correctly, and narratives that will motivate us to be better individuals.



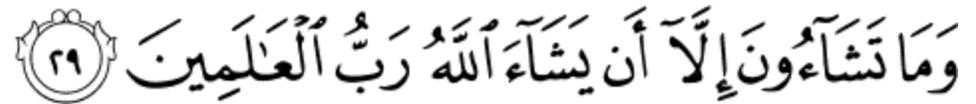
“For whomever of you who decides to go straight;”

New Vocabulary:

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| 1. مَنْ – whomever | 3. مِنْكُمْ – from you | 5. يَسْتَقِيمَ – go straight, be |
| 2. شَاءَ – wills, decides | 4. أَنْ - to | steadfast, upright |

Meanings and Lessons:

1. Previously we learned the Message is a Remembrance intended for everyone. This verse speaks about the reality of who will be reminded. It is those who actually seek it, and are willing to be upright individuals.
2. Allah is hinting to us that those who are reminded by the Quran, the only barrier between them and the remembrance is their own self, because they never desire it.
3. “The more you ask Allah for guidance, the more assistance you receive from Allah”



“And you do not will except that Allah wills - Lord of the worlds.”

New Vocabulary:

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| 1. تَشَاءُونَ – You will | 4. رَبُّ – Creator, Owner, Master, |
| 2. يَشَاءَ – He wills | Sustainer |
| 3. اللَّهُ – Allah | |

Meanings and Lessons:

1. When one’s will does not match God’s will, God is not pleased with him and the person is considered wretched. When your will matches the will of God, you obtain happiness and God is pleased with you.
2. Knowing that Allah’s will is before any of our wills, and knowing that Allah has capability over everything gives the heart of the believer peace and tranquility

Ramadan Buddy

This is the most blessed month of the year, Alhamdulillah! Try to do your best and buil your relationship with Allah, the Most Merciful, by exerting your self in worship and service. Remeber, the best of deeds are those that are constant, although they may be small. Go out there and let your faith in Allah shine!

Deeds*	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Fasted the whole day																														
Prayed 5 times today																														
Read the Qur'an																														
Woke up for Suhoor																														
Read duas or Islamic stories																														
Prayed Taraawih																														
Gave money to charity																														
Fed a fasting person																														
Helped Somebody																														
Prayed Tahajjud																														

* Add your own deeds in the extra space provided