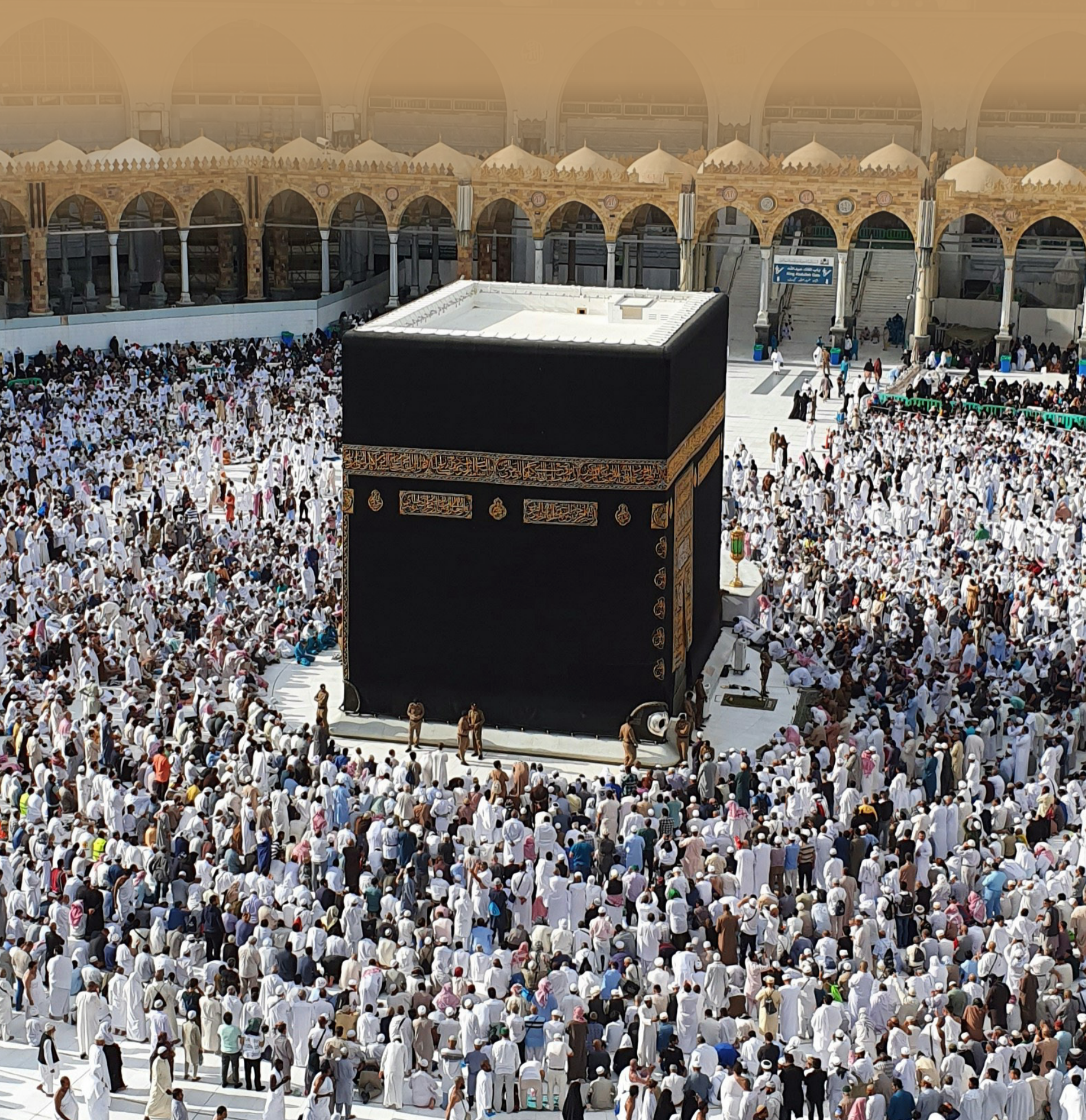




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THE BEST DAYS: A TO-DO-LIST



The Best Days - you have likely heard this phrase recently. As a new Muslim, you may be wondering - “What makes these days so special?” and “What do I need to do on these days?”

The Best Days are the first days of the twelfth and final month of the Islamic lunar calendar, the Month of Pilgrimage (Thul-Hijjah).

God completed the regulations of the religion of Islam on these days in the final year of Muhammad’s mission. He says, “Today I have perfected your religion for you, completed My blessing upon you, and chose for you Islam as a way of life.” (5:3)

They are the ten best days of the year in the most absolute sense. The Messenger Muhammad said, “The best days of this worldly life are the ten days of Thul Hijjah.” He also said, “There is no deed more precious in the sight of God nor greater in reward than a good deed done during these ten days.”



So in order to help you make the most of these very special days, we've created a short "To-Do List" for you. Hopefully it helps! Enjoy these blessed days and may Allah accept your good deeds!

In preparation:



Have a trustworthy translation of the Quran. Or use an online source like [Quran.com](https://quran.com)

"Have a list of Islamic Organizations you would like to donate to."



Below is a sample to-do list . The given are not obligatory actions, rather they are recommended and are a sample of what one can do during this special time

Day 1:



10 minutes

Morning Athkar after fajr



10 minutes

Read/learn about the history of Hajj, the Major Pilgrimage



15 minutes

Read/listen to the translation of the Quran or Quran in Arabic if you can



Make a donation

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Fast if you can!



10 minutes

Evening Athkar after asr



Arrange for animal

Sacrifice if you qualify (are financially able).



Do a good deed

Call a friend and check on them.



Day 2:



10 minutes

Morning Athkar after fajr



10 minutes

Read/learn about the history of Hajj, the Major Pilgrimage



15 minutes

Read/listen to the translation of the Quran or Quran in Arabic if you can



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Fast if you can!



10 minutes

Evening Athkar after asr



Do a good deed

Make some food for a neighbor.



Day 3:



10 minutes

Morning Athkar after fajr



10 minutes

Read/learn about the history of Hajj, the Major Pilgrimage



15 minutes

Read/listen to the translation of the Quran or Quran in Arabic if you can



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10 minutes

Evening Athkar after asr



Do a good deed

Help someone at grocery store put groceries in their car.



Day 4:



10 minutes

Morning Athkar after fajr



10 minutes

Read/learn about the Animal Sacrifice in Islam



15 minutes

Read/listen to the translation of the Quran or Quran in Arabic if you can

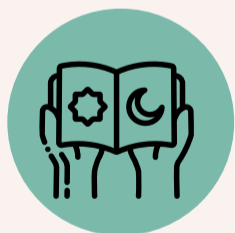


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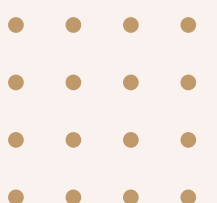
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Evening Athkar after asr



Do a good deed

Pick up some trash or make your environment better in any way.



Day 5:



10 minutes

Morning Athkar after fajr



10 minutes

Read/learn about the history of Hajj, the Major Pilgrimage



15 minutes

Read/listen to the translation of the Quran or Quran in Arabic if you can



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Fast if you can!



10 minutes

Evening Athkar after asr



Do a good deed

Call a relative to check on them.



Day 6:



10 minutes

Morning Athkar after fajr



10 minutes

Read/learn about the history of Hajj, the Major Pilgrimage



15 minutes

Read/listen to the translation of the Quran or Quran in Arabic if you can

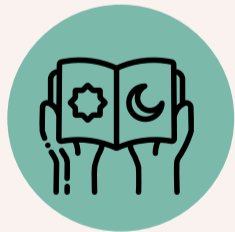


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Fast if you can!



10 minutes

Evening Athkar after asr



Do a good deed

Give a compliment to any worker - of the same gender preferably.



Day 7:



10 minutes

Morning Athkar after fajr



10 minutes

Read/learn about the history of the Day of Arafah, the ninth of the month



15 minutes

Read/listen to the translation of the Quran or Quran in Arabic if you can

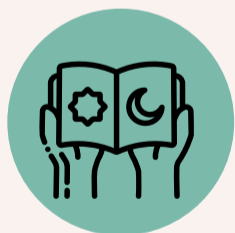


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Fast if you can!



10 minutes

Evening Athkar after asr



Do a good deed

Write a thank you note to someone who may not be appreciated.



Day 8:



10 minutes

Morning Athkar after fajr



10 minutes

Read/learn about the Day of Arafah



15 minutes

Read/listen to the translation of the Quran or Quran in Arabic if you can



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Fast if you can!



10 minutes

Evening Athkar after asr



Do a good deed

Check on an elderly neighbor and make them smile!



Day 9: This is the Day of Arafah!



10 minutes

Morning Athkar after fajr



10 minutes

Read/learn about the Day of Arafah



Watch it live

Watch it live from Mecca, Make a lot of dua and pray to God in your own words and language



15 minutes

Read/listen to the translation of the Quran or Quran in Arabic if you can



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Fast if you can!



10 minutes

Evening Athkar after asr



Do a good deed

Give a handmade gift or card to someone.



Day 10:

This is the Day of Eid - the Eid of Sacrifice



Take a shower



10 minutes

Morning Athkar after fajr



10 minutes

Put on your best clothes



Go to the local Eid Service



Sacrifice

If you are doing an animal sacrifice, then go do that.



Celebrate

Celebrate with friends or family, or local community



don't fast!

It's prohibited to fast on this day and the next 3 days, so don't fast!



Additional Resources:

The Best Days - Print

newmuslimacademy.org

Day of Arafah

<https://lifewithallah.com/publications/day-of-arafah/>

Animal Sacrifice in Islam (blog post)

Morning Athkar

<https://lifewithallah.com/dhikr-dua/main-adhkar/morning/>

Evening Athkar

<https://lifewithallah.com/dhikr-dua/main-adhkar/evening/>

“Best Days of the Year” Sermon

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=l6_BbINf-Is

“The Messenger’s Hajj”

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLd1iIFdWNC2mjDhOc8TPSgwtY2Z_vxZCD



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