

How can these people feel the greatness of fasting, the humility of evening prayers, and the joys of Ramadan within their hearts? Those are the ones who I pity, and I pray to God to remove the mist from their eyes and the blackness in their hearts. They are people amongst us in prayer and fasting. Some of them observe *itikaf* in the mosque and others promote themselves in *dawah*, or missionary work, yet they are unable to cleanse their own hearts. I don't mean those who use hypocrisy and deceit merely as a means to earn a living way. I mean those who deliberately clothe their fraud in a cloak of religion. There is no difference between them and the thieves and frauds in jail, but their sin against God is greater for using religion as a veil to hide their wickedness.

On the occasion of the holy month of Ramadan, let's remind all the believers of some useful advice. Be careful while you're driving and look after the lives of others. Low blood sugar and a lack of sleep may leave you moody and grumpy, but this doesn't justify breaking the law or the rules of common courtesy.

In conclusion, I offer to His Highness the Emir, his Crown Prince, the people of Kuwait, and all people living in our lands my most warm and heart-felt congratulations. I pray to the Almighty to bring health and wellness to you and to preserve Kuwait as a safe homeland for all.

Say Ameen.