

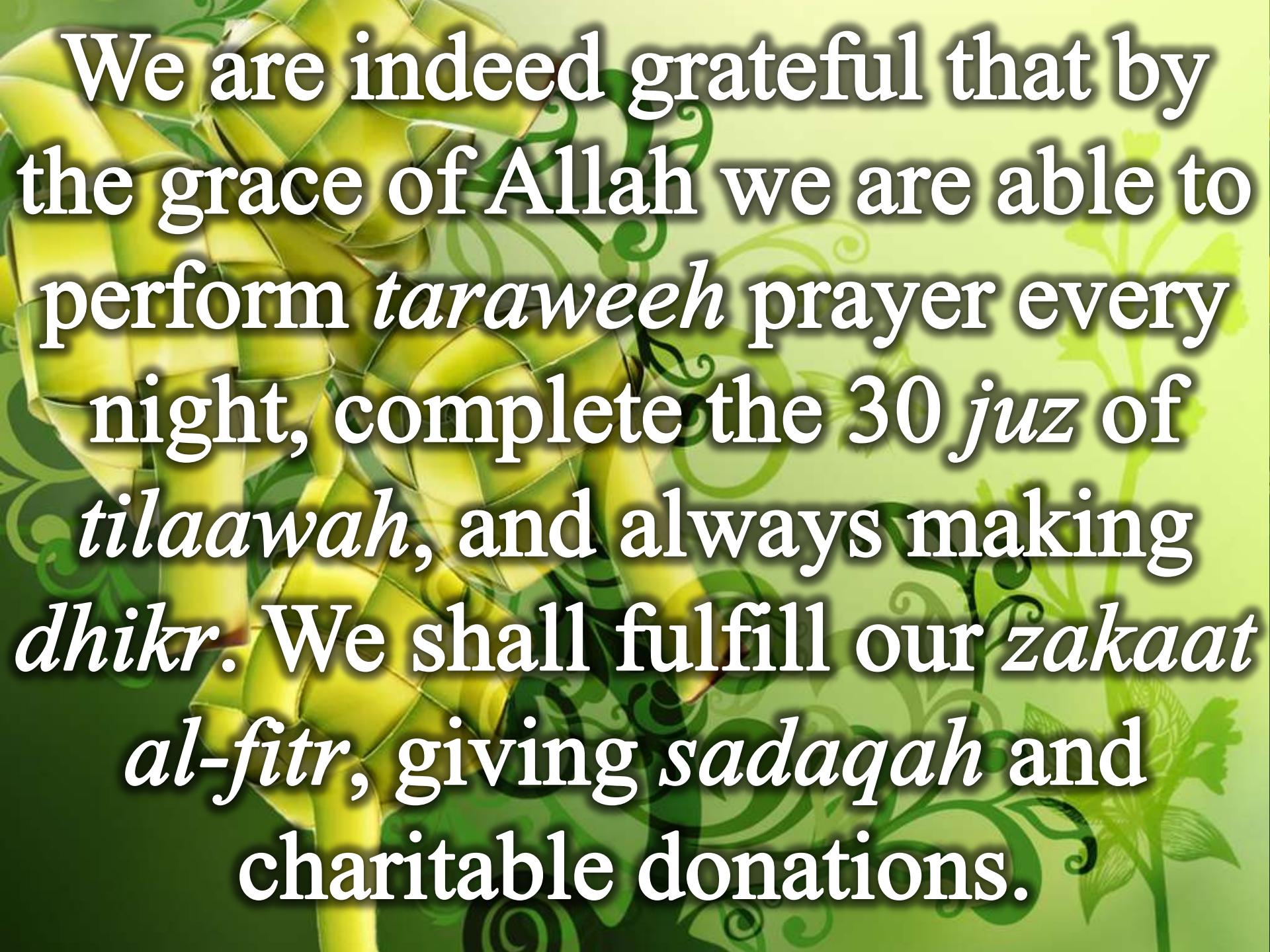


CELEBRATING 'EIDULFITR: PREPARATION BEFORE & AFTER



Let us increase our *taqwa* in its absoluteness, by ensuring that every Commands of Allah are fulfilled and every prohibitions of Allah are avoided. Take precaution to ensure that we die not except in the state of Islam.

Let us increase our nearness to
Allah throughout and even after
Ramadaan, with *dhikrullah* and
righteous deeds especially
during nighttime in order to reap
the manifold reward offered by
Allah, whom promised His
Rahmah and *Maghfirah*.



We are indeed grateful that by the grace of Allah we are able to perform *taraweeh* prayer every night, complete the 30 *juz* of *tilaaawah*, and always making *dhikr*. We shall fulfill our *zakaat al-fitr*, giving *sadaqah* and charitable donations.

However, these ‘ibaadah should not only be done in Ramadaan but continued in the other months as well, so that our lives will be blessed, as a result of Ramadaan *tarbiyyah* process undergone every year.

From among the *sunnah* of Ramadaan is performing *i'tikaaf* and *qiyyaam al-layl* in the masjid especially in the last 10 nights of Ramadaan, as it was done by Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* during his lifetime.

In a *hadeeth* narrated by

‘A’ishah *radiyAllaahu ‘anha:*

The Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi*

wasallam used to practice *i’tikaaf* in

the last ten days of Ramadaan till he

died and then his wives used to

practice *i’tikaaf* after him.

(al-Bukhaari)

‘A’ishah radiyAllaahu ‘anha
explained that Rasulullah
sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
would greatly perform such
‘ibaadah at home, almost until
the time of *fajr*, that his feet
(*sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*)
would become swollen.

And in the last 10 nights of Ramadaan, he *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* would perform *i'tikaaf* in the masjid. 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha* reported in another *hadeeth*:

When the Messenger of Allah
sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam
decided to observe *i'tikaaf*, he
prayed in the morning and then
went to the place of his *i'tikaaf*,

and he commanded that a tent
should be pitched for him, and it
was pitched. He (once) decided
to observe *i'tikaaf* in the last ten
days of Ramadaan...

(Muslim)

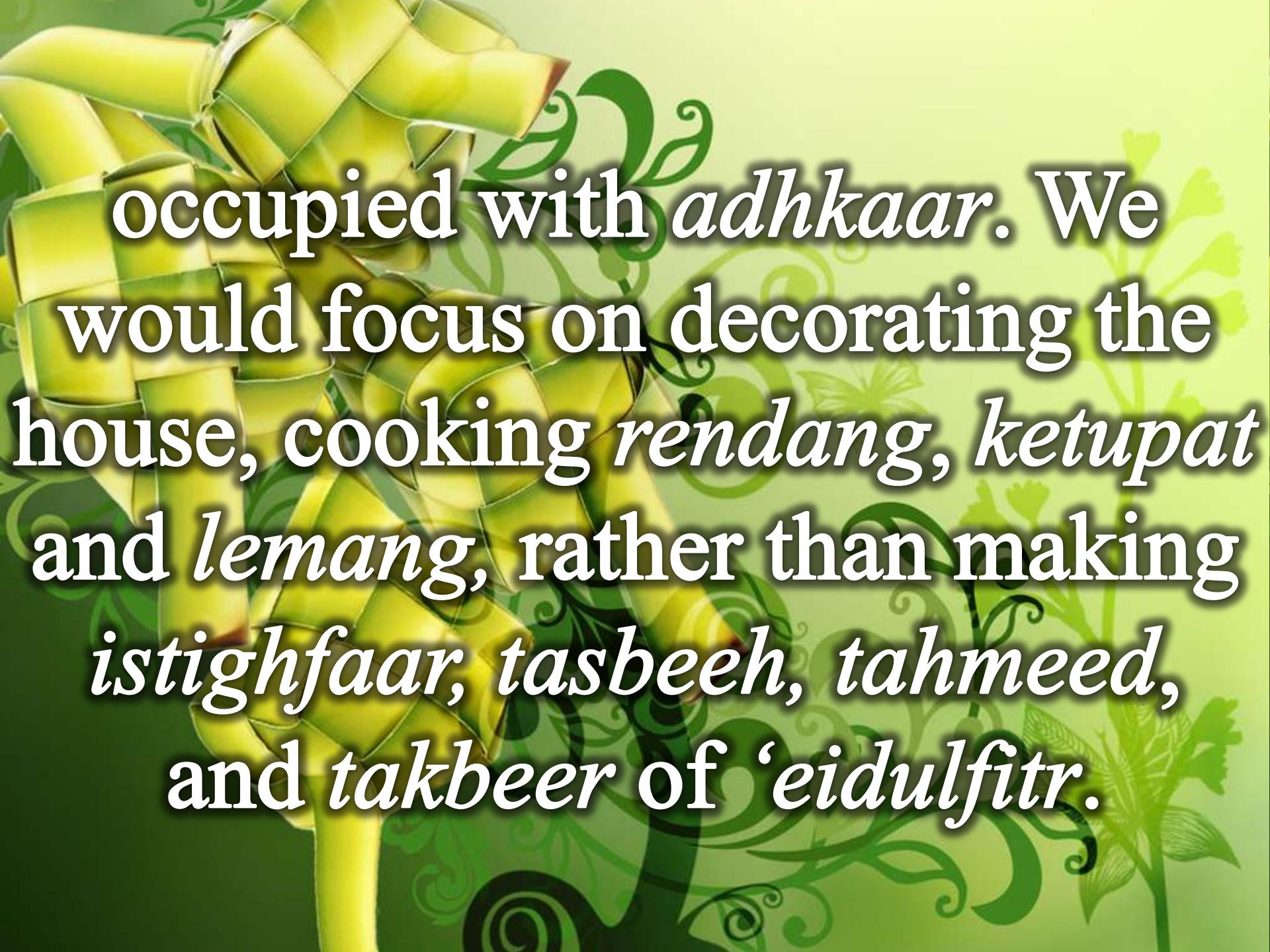
Imagine how beautiful our lives would become if our Ramadaan is full of Allah's *Rahmah*. We have been bestowed *rahmah* in our health, strength, and zeal to perform good deeds. We have been granted *rahmah* with the consciousness of not being

forgetful or heedless in His remembrance with *adhkaar*.

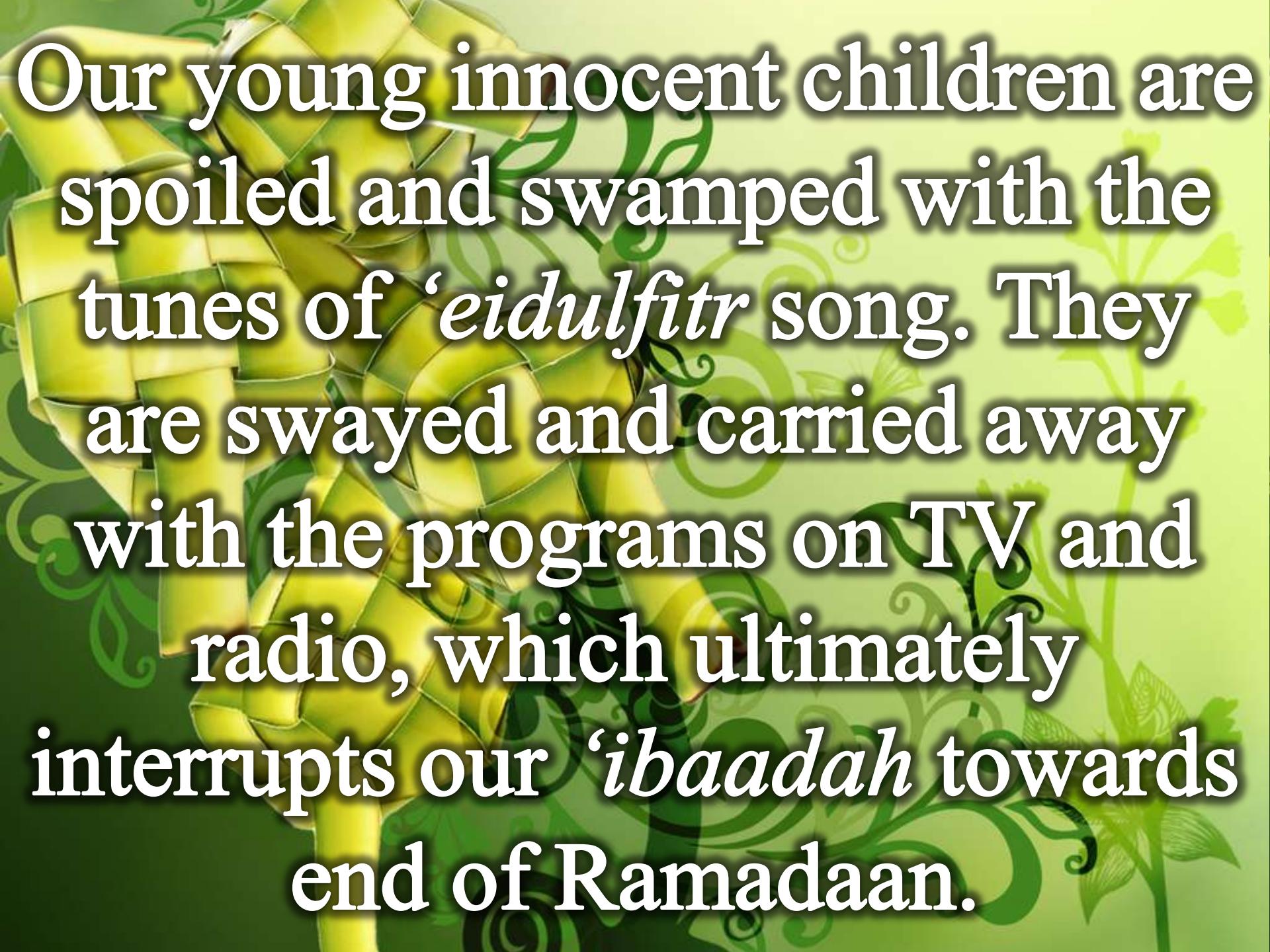
May Allah grant us *rahmah* and long life so that we can perform *'ibaadah* in becoming closer to Him in the last 10 nights of Ramadaan, until we reach '*eidulfitr* in Shawwaal.

Such unfortunate and loss upon us that as Shawwaal approaches we become neglectful of *taraweeh* prayer, distancing further from the masjid, losing zeal to perform *qiyyaam al-layl*, *tilaawah* al-Qur'an, performing *dhikr* and *i'tikaaf* in the masjid

during the last 10 days of Ramadaan. It is always the case that vast majority of the Muslim *ummah* will instead busy themselves with preparation for ‘*eid* rather than increasing ‘*ibaadah*, hoarding ‘*eid* cookies and goodies rather than being



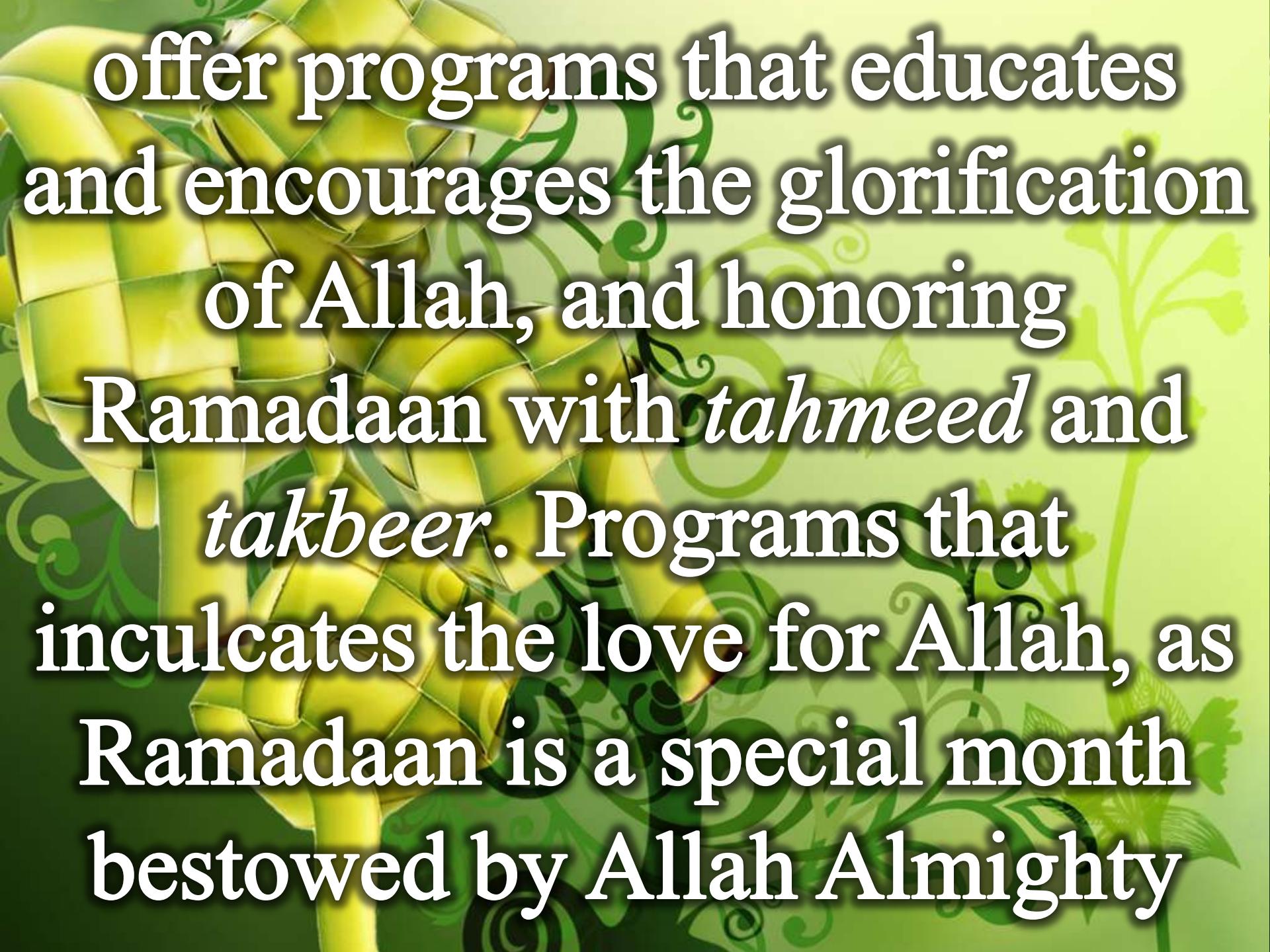
occupied with *adhkaar*. We would focus on decorating the house, cooking *rendang*, *ketupat* and *lemang*, rather than making *istighfaar*, *tasbeeh*, *tahmeed*, and *takbeer* of ‘eidulfitr.



Our young innocent children are spoiled and swamped with the tunes of ‘*eidulfitr* song. They are swayed and carried away with the programs on TV and radio, which ultimately interrupts our ‘*ibaadah* towards end of Ramadaan.

How catastrophic are those housewives that are preoccupied with hard work, fatigue, staying up all night just to prepare for ‘*eidulfitr* while neglecting *qiyyaam al-layl* and *tahajjud* prayer.

Such is the great blessing of Allah when our children and wives are trained to make *takbeer* and *adhkaar*, making *tahajjud* prayer, and reciting al-Qur'an until the very last night of Ramadaan. The TV network and radio stations should



offer programs that educates and encourages the glorification of Allah, and honoring Ramadaan with *tahmeed* and *takbeer*. Programs that inculcates the love for Allah, as Ramadaan is a special month bestowed by Allah Almighty

upon us. In a narration by Anas ibn Maalik *radiyAllaahu 'anh*: Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam* was reported to have said: “Decorate the two ‘eid with *tahleel*, *takbeer*, *tahmeed*, and *taqdees* (*tasbeeh*).”
(ad-Daylaami: *mawdoo'*)

Hence, we will pronounce *takbeer* glorifying Allah on ‘eid.
Alhamdulillaah! How Great is Allah! Allah is the Greatest!
Allah is Most High. May Allah accept our *istighfaar* and *tawbah*, for it is a manifestation of our *ikhlaas* on ‘eidulfitr.

It is only with true *ikhlaas* of the Muslim *ummah* in uttering *takbeer* and *tahmeed* that will result in great transformation in our lives. Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

“And [wants] for you to complete the period and to glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and perhaps you will be grateful.”

(al-Baqarah 2:185)

Alhamdulillah, we are able to utter praise and glorify the Greatness of Allah on ‘*eidulfitr*, but we must remember! Will we continue to truly exalt Him after ‘*eidulfitr* has passed, and truly committed to glorify Him in all of our deeds, actions, thoughts,

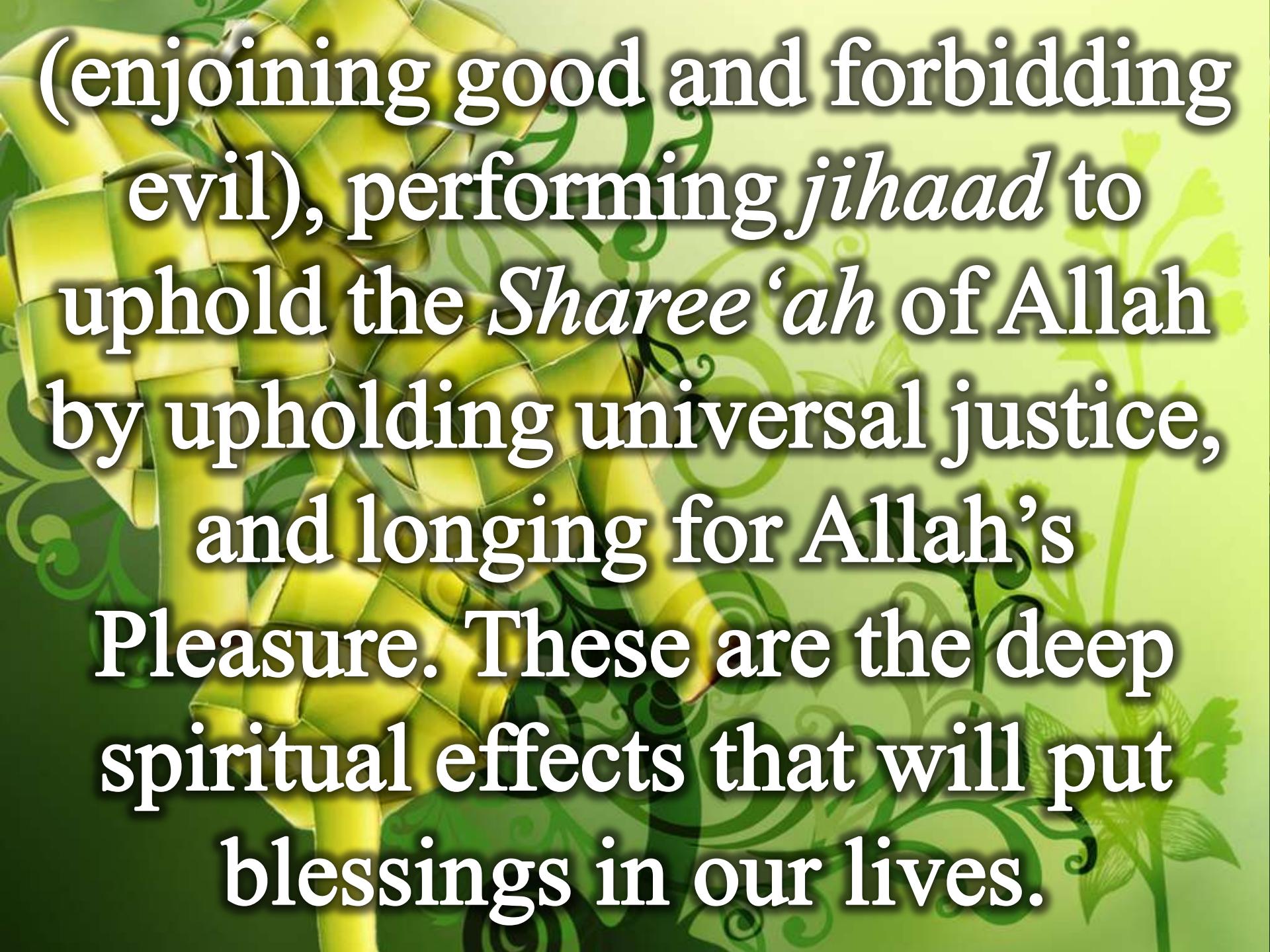
plans, and living affairs until the next Ramadaan?

Did the Ramadaan training effectively transform our lives, such as performing continuous charitable acts? If we are successful in constantly performing these ‘*ibaadah*,

this truly indicates that the *tarbiyyah* of madrasah Ramadaan was fruitful in changing our lives with blessings. We are highly encouraged to continue those righteous deeds of Ramadaan, with the six days of fasting in

Shawwaal, supererogatory
fasting on Mondays and
Thursdays, increasing the
supererogatory prayers, keeping
busy with *istighfaar*, *dhikr*, and
getting closer to Allah. Let us
make ourselves among those
that longs for the masjid,

loving the ‘*ulamaa*’, loving to perform good deeds, giving *sadaqah* in alleviating the burden of others, strengthening the kinship (*silaaturrahm*), seeking *halaal rizq*, and assisting efforts of ‘*amr bil ma’ruf* and *nahy ‘anil munkar*



(enjoining good and forbidding evil), performing *jihad* to uphold the *Sharee'ah* of Allah by upholding universal justice, and longing for Allah's Pleasure. These are the deep spiritual effects that will put blessings in our lives.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*
mentions in al-Qur'an:

“Allah being pleased with them
and they with Him. That is for
whoever has feared his Lord.”

(al-Bayyinah 98:8)

If we truly have certainty in
pure ‘*aqeedah*, obeying the
Sharee’ah and His Just Laws,
having noble *akhlaaq*, strive to
defend Islam and its teachings,
and contentment in living and
dying for the sake of Islam,
such are the signs of those that

are intelligent and truly blessed
in their lives by Allah

Subhaanahu Wata‘aala. They
are His righteous servants with
true *taqwa*, always seeking His
Pleasure, and protection from
the torment of Hellfire, with
their *du‘a*:

“O Allah! Verily we seek Your Pleasure and Your Paradise, and seek refuge from Your Anger and Your Hellfire.”

“And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad], concerning Me – indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the suppliant when he calls upon Me.

So let them respond to Me [by
obedience] and believe in Me
that they may be [rightly]
guided.”

(al-Baqarah 2:186)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقْبَلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ
تِلَاقَتِهِ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا
وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ
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وَالْأَمْوَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord,
we are grateful unto You for having
bestowed upon us Mercy and
Blessings, nourishing us to strive to
continue in strengthening the
Muslim nation especially the state
of Selangor, as an advanced,
progressive, peaceful, and
benevolent state.

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah,
to strengthen our *imaan*, increase
our good deeds, strengthen our
unity, increase our provision, enrich
us with beneficial knowledge,
nourish our soul with beautiful
akhlaaq, guide us to the Path that is
Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

Purify their wealth and soul so that
they will live according to that
which pleases You. Protect the poor
and needy from disbelief and
everlasting poverty. *Allaahummaa
ameen*



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