

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِيْ أَسْمَى بَعْدِهِ تَلَاهُ مِنَ الْمَسْجِدِ الْحَرَامِ إِلَى الْمَسْجِدِ
 الْأَقْصَى الَّذِي بَارَكْنَا حَوْلَهُ لِتُرِيكَهُ مِنْ أَيَّاتِنَا إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ
 سُورَةُ الْإِسْرَاءِ (١١٧)

عَنْ عَبْدِ اللَّهِ قَالَ لَمَّا أَسْرَى بِرَسُولِ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) ... فَأُعْطِيَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) ثَلَاثَةَ أَعْطَى الصَّلَوَاتِ الْخَمْسَ، وَأُعْطِيَ خَوَاتِيمَ سُورَةِ الْبَقَرَةِ، وَغُفْرَانَ لِمَنْ لَمْ يُشْرِكْ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ أُمَّتِهِ شَيْئًا - الْمُقْحَمَاتُ مُسْلِمٌ، الْإِيمَانُ ٢٧٩

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

On the night of Thursday, January 15, 2026, in shā' Allāh, we will observe the Night of Mi'rāj. I already congratulate you and the entire Islamic world on this blessed night. In the hustle and bustle of daily life, humans often become excessively attached to the worldly, facing a mental and emotional strain to the heart and mind. The event of Isra and Mi'rāj reminds us that a human being is not merely an earthly being but also bears responsibilities toward Allah (swt). Allah (swt) mentions this great miracle in the Qur'an: "**Glory be to Him who took His servant by night from al-Masjid al-Harām to al-Masjid al-Aqṣā, whose surroundings We have blessed, to show him some of Our signs. Indeed, He is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing.**"¹ The event of Isra and Mi'rāj took place following the Prophet's return from Tā'if. The Messenger of Allah did not receive the support he had hoped for from the people of Tā'if; he was stoned and driven away and could only return to Mecca under the protection of Mutim bin 'Adiy. It was in this moment of difficulty and fragility that this miraculous event occurred. The miracle of Isra and Mi'rāj certainly served as a source of support and honour for the Prophet (saw). However, as indicated in the Qur'anic phrase "**to show him some of Our signs,**" the event carries profound messages that go beyond mere comfort.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Abdullāh ibn Mas'ūd (may Allah be pleased with him) reported: "*When the event of Isra took place, three things were granted to the Messenger of Allah: the five daily prayers, the last verses of Sūrah al-Baqarah, and the glad tidings that the major sins of those in his ummah who do not associate partners with Allah would be forgiven.*"² This hadith clearly highlights the essence of Mi'rāj: faith, divine mercy and prayer. After the Isra and Mi'rāj event became known, the early Muslims were tested in their faith and devotion. For many, this test strengthened and increased their faith, while for some, it led them to

return to disbelief. The five daily prayers were made compulsory on that very night and entrusted to believers as the strongest bond between the servant and Allah (swt).

For this reason, prayer itself is a believer's Mi'rāj. Turning to Allah five times a day is a divine mercy, a means of ensuring that the believer is not crushed under the burdens of life. Mi'rāj also teaches us that spiritual elevation is not an escape from responsibility. The Prophet (saw), returning saddened from Tā'if, was raised to the highest ranks a servant could attain and yet he returned to live among the people of Mecca. True servitude is the ability to demonstrate justice, compassion and moral integrity within the realities of daily life.

Dear Jama'ah!

Observing this blessed night is not compulsory. However, these sacred nights serve as important opportunities for a believer to reflect on themselves. Lailat al-Miraj is a means to strengthen our bond through prayer, renew our faith and keep alive our hope in Allah's mercy. Let us honour this blessed night with prayer, repentance, dua and charity.

O Allah! Make our hearts among those that turn to You. Make us among the servants who appreciate the value of prayer and Your forgiveness. Make our prayers a means of Mi'rāj for us. Let this night be a source of revival and awakening for us. Ameen!