

# I'TIKAAF

The observation of *I'tikaaf* during the last ten days of Ramadaan was a practice which Rasoolullah ﷺ observed assiduously throughout his life in Madinah Munawwarah. The devotion that Rasoolullah ﷺ attached to this beautiful Sunnah can be understood by the fact that on one occasion when he was unable to observe *I'tikaaf*, due to being out on an expedition, he observed twenty days *I'tikaaf* the following year.

Undisturbed seclusion in the Masjid is indeed an excellent way to exclusively engage oneself in personal communication with Allah Ta'aala. Away from the comfort of the home, family members and daily work routine, *I'tikaaf* enhances one's proximity to Allah Ta'ala and secures the internal and external purification of the *Mu'takif*.

**Remember! Such precious moments come but once a year -and who can guarantee being present for the next Ramadaan. If we cannot complete the Sunnah *I'tikaaf*, let us endeavour to perform Nafl *I'tikaaf* especially in the odd nights.**

***Hazrat Ibn Abbas* ﷺ reports that Rasoolullah ﷺ said; 'Whosoever performs *I'tikaaf* for a day thereby seeking the pleasure of Allah Ta'ala, Allah Ta'ala will open three trenches between him and the fire of hell, the width of each (trench) being the distance between the heaven and the earth. (Tabraani)**

**NB. The *Sunnat I'tikaaf* for this year will commence at sunset of**

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