



6 Easy Steps to Recite the Entire Qur'an this Ramadan

It has been said that everything has a beloved & that the month of Ramadan has a beloved, too: The Glorious Qur'an.

So, for the duration of this month, Muslims worldwide honour Ramadan's beloved and aspire to complete the recitation of the Qur'an.

In this article you'll learn how you too can work towards achieving this noble goal, Insha'Allah.

Step 1: Establishing An Intention

Our beloved Messenger (peace and blessings of Allāh be upon him) taught us – through his words & actions – the importance of one's intent or purpose. Establishing one's intention is an effective catalyst for implementation. Once your intention has been established, remember to renew it often. Whilst reciting and even upon completion of the Qur'an, recall your intention and renew it, thus ensuring that it is constantly purified & you are seeking His Divine Acceptance, Insha'Allah.

Step 2: Don't Be Overwhelmed

For some, as much as they aspire to complete the recitation of the Qur'an during Ramadan, they are overwhelmed by the number of pages or the length of some Surahs. Remove 'I can't' from your vocabulary and eliminate negative thinking, for the believer puts their trust in Allah, matched by striving with their actions. Remind yourself that you are (if Allah wills) fully capable of achieving your Qur'anic aspirations, whether it be completing Qur'an 1 or 5 times. This second point is key. Put your heart into this accomplishment & reap the rewards throughout, Insha'Allah.

Step 3: Plan Ahead

Prior to commencing with your recitation it's important to plan around your routine and block out time for your Qur'an goal e.g. your work hours, rest hours & any other commitments which you may have. Structure a realistic plan of how to complete the recitation of Qur'an within the month by dividing each Juz up per day. Draw up this personal plan, review it constantly, and put it into action!

As you put your plan to paper, consider past Ramadaans and; ask yourself if there have been instances where you were unable to complete Qur'anic recitation. Reflect over why and how this occurred. Is there a different mechanism that you could put into place? How could you enhance your daily Qur'an routine if these distractions were dealt with?

Take the first opportunity that comes, to begin your Qur'anic quest. So when the moon is sighted & the announcement has been made for the 1st Salaatul-Taraweeh, begin in earnest, with Surah Al-Fatiha, Surah Al-Baqarah etc.

Step 4: Find Qur'an Buddies And Compete In Good

Develop close bonds with sisters who are known for their attachment to the Qur'an. They'll be your spiritual friends. Engage a Qur'an Buddy in your noble Qur'an productivity goals. Request that they remind you to fulfil your goals and spiritual aspirations so they can help you in times of slacking.

In life, we compete with many materialistic goals and race with one another, but what about following the footsteps of the best of generations that had come before us in a competition this Ramadan? In striving and competing with our friends and colleagues towards our noble goals, in a good-natured way, we can motivate ourselves to finish our Qur'an goal.

One of the common aspects which deter a Muslim from completing this task is excessive communication. Often, many of us spend too much unnecessary time surfing the net, chatting, texting, etc.... Reduce this even by a third and you will see, feel and witness the blessings in your time, Insha'Allah.

Step 5: Remain Steadfast And Consistent

The key to any success is consistency. Once you've mapped your plan, stick to it. Remind yourself of the greatness of this month, of the opportunities that it provides for your spiritual growth and your relationship with the Qur'an. Don't be willing to compromise it in this month.

Step 6: Make Du'aa To Allah (Glorified And Exalted Is He)

Nothing can be achieved without the aid and guidance of Allah (glorified and exalted is He). When making your intention to complete your recitation of the Qur'an, supplicate to Allah (glorified and exalted is He) to ease this noble pathway and to crown your efforts with success, Insha'Allah.

These are the 6 ways I wanted to share with you on starting and completing your journey through recitation of the Qur'an this Ramadan. Indeed, Allah (glorified and exalted is He) says in Surah Al-Baqarah: "This is the Book about which there is no doubt, a guidance for those conscious of Allah." In the hours of the days and nights of this sacred month, may the Qur'an be your companion of light and guidance, resonating through your words, actions and life mission. May your relationship with the Qur'an be strengthened, enriched & enlivened with the profound wisdom and divine message from Allah (glorified and exalted is He)