

Your Excellency,

It is a great honour and pleasure for me to wish you our dear brothers and sisters the blessings of Eid al-Fitr. As the feast marks the end of the holy month of Ramadan, human hearts are full of gratitude to Allah for granting them an opportunity to pause in their busy lives and to ponder on their relationship with God, the Creator of all that exists on earth and their responsibilities towards their fellow human beings, specially the poor and the needy of the society.

Fasting and praying during Ramadan helps to refocus ourselves on Allah and His purpose of creating the universe, to seek forgiveness for our sins and to recommit ourselves to build our lives and society on the noble values of the Sacred Scriptures.

The holy month of Ramadan help us in realizing that life is a precious gift of Allah and human beings must take care of it. The luxuries and comforts of life as well as seductive and lures of the world can destruct us from the divine path and taint our souls. By fulfilling our religious duties and by being faithful in carrying out our human and social responsibilities, we can overcome all temptations and trials of life.

Fasting for all believers is not just about refraining from food and drink, but also about purifying the soul by humbling themselves, practicing self-discipline by spending quality time in prayer and empathizing with those who are less fortunate by readiness to curtail their own needs and wants.

Let us with purity of heart and mind on this feast remember in prayers people living in the places where there is war and violence or parents worried to provide the necessities of life for their children or sickness in the family, may Allah bring peace in their lives.

God bless you!



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