

# FEBRUARY '18 SALAAT TIMINGS

February	JumAwwal	Day	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
<b>Jamaat</b>			<b>6:30</b>		<b>1:30</b>	<b>3:45</b>	<b>Sunset</b>	<b>8:00</b>
1	14	Thu	5:48 AM	7:07 AM	12:10 PM	3:31 PM	5:12 PM	6:31 PM
2	15	Fri	5:47 AM	7:06 AM	12:10 PM	3:32 PM	5:13 PM	6:32 PM
<b>Jamaat</b>			<b>6:30</b>		<b>1:30</b>	<b>4:00</b>	<b>Sunset</b>	<b>8:00</b>
3	16	Sat	5:46 AM	7:05 AM	12:10 PM	3:33 PM	5:14 PM	6:33 PM
4	17	Sun	5:46 AM	7:04 AM	12:10 PM	3:34 PM	5:16 PM	6:34 PM
5	18	Mon	5:45 AM	7:03 AM	12:10 PM	3:35 PM	5:17 PM	6:36 PM
6	19	Tue	5:44 AM	7:01 AM	12:10 PM	3:37 PM	5:18 PM	6:37 PM
7	20	Wed	5:43 AM	7:00 AM	12:10 PM	3:38 PM	5:20 PM	6:38 PM
8	21	Thu	5:41 AM	6:59 AM	12:10 PM	3:39 PM	5:21 PM	6:39 PM
9	22	Fri	5:40 AM	6:58 AM	12:10 PM	3:40 PM	5:22 PM	6:40 PM
<b>Jamaat</b>			<b>6:15</b>		<b>1:30</b>	<b>4:00</b>	<b>Sunset</b>	<b>8:00</b>
10	23	Sat	5:39 AM	6:57 AM	12:10 PM	3:42 PM	5:23 PM	6:41 PM
11	24	Sun	5:38 AM	6:55 AM	12:10 PM	3:43 PM	5:25 PM	6:42 PM
12	25	Mon	5:37 AM	6:54 AM	12:10 PM	3:44 PM	5:26 PM	6:44 PM
13	26	Tue	5:36 AM	6:53 AM	12:10 PM	3:45 PM	5:27 PM	6:45 PM
14	27	Wed	5:35 AM	6:52 AM	12:10 PM	3:46 PM	5:28 PM	6:46 PM
15	28	Thu	5:33 AM	6:50 AM	12:10 PM	3:47 PM	5:30 PM	6:47 PM
16	29	Fri	5:32 AM	6:49 AM	12:10 PM	3:49 PM	5:31 PM	6:48 PM
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17	30	Sat	5:31 AM	6:48 AM	12:10 PM	3:50 PM	5:32 PM	6:49 PM
18	<b>JumAakhir</b>	Sun	5:29 AM	6:46 AM	12:10 PM	3:51 PM	5:33 PM	6:50 PM
19	2	Mon	5:28 AM	6:45 AM	12:10 PM	3:52 PM	5:35 PM	6:52 PM
20	3	Tue	5:27 AM	6:43 AM	12:10 PM	3:53 PM	5:36 PM	6:53 PM
21	4	Wed	5:25 AM	6:42 AM	12:10 PM	3:54 PM	5:37 PM	6:54 PM
22	5	Thu	5:24 AM	6:40 AM	12:09 PM	3:55 PM	5:38 PM	6:55 PM
23	6	Fri	5:23 AM	6:39 AM	12:09 PM	3:56 PM	5:39 PM	6:56 PM
<b>Jamaat</b>			<b>6:00</b>		<b>1:30</b>	<b>4:15</b>	<b>Sunset</b>	<b>8:00</b>
24	7	Sat	5:21 AM	6:37 AM	12:09 PM	3:57 PM	5:41 PM	6:57 PM
25	8	Sun	5:20 AM	6:36 AM	12:09 PM	3:59 PM	5:42 PM	6:58 PM
26	9	Mon	5:18 AM	6:34 AM	12:09 PM	4:00 PM	5:43 PM	7:00 PM
27	10	Tue	5:17 AM	6:33 AM	12:09 PM	4:01 PM	5:44 PM	7:01 PM
28	11	Wed	5:15 AM	6:31 AM	12:09 PM	4:02 PM	5:45 PM	7:02 PM

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### MASJID PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

#### SUNDAY ISLAMIC SCHOOL

10am-1:30pm for kids of all ages

Contact Br Irfan Moin 845-565-3295

#### WEEKDAY QUR'AN CLASSES

5:00-6:00 pm & 6:00-7:00 pm

Contact Hafiz Badar Usmani 845-297-0882

#### FOOD BANK

Support the local families in need. Contact Sr

Sahar Elsamra at 845-242-6665

#### FREE HEALTH SCREENING

Discuss your health concerns with local

Muslim doctors. For contact information go

to [www.masjidalnoor.com/services.htm](http://www.masjidalnoor.com/services.htm)

#### MHIA YOUTH CLUBS

Learn, communicate, build bonds, share faith.

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**PLEASE PAY YOUR MEMBERSHIP DUES BY MARCH 31, TO BE ELIGIBLE TO VOTE IN THE UPCOMING MHIA NOVEMBER ELECTIONS**

## MONTHLY POLL

15 Muslim students were asked if they felt that they had the proper resources to go to when dealing with issues related to sexual harassment or abuse within their own institutions (university, mosque, etc.)

*8 students said they had the proper resources.*

*5 students said their resources were inadequate.*

*2 students said that they had barely adequate resources and need to see some serious improvement.*

This goes to show that we need to make sure that we have proper resources available for everyone in their respective institutions to deal with issues like sexual harassment and sexual abuse. As more people are beginning to speak out about these issues, we must provide comfortable spaces in which victims can speak out without fear of retaliation.

## HADITH OF THE MONTH

Narrated by Aisha (R), "The things which annul the prayers were mentioned before me. They said, 'Prayer is annulled by a dog, a donkey and a woman (if they pass in front of the praying people).' I said, 'You have made us [i.e., women] dogs. I saw the Prophet praying while I used to lie in my bed between him and the Qibla.'" This hadith highlights the common misconceptions and demeaning attitudes toward women that is prevalent in all societies, as well as the complete inaccuracy of such attitudes proven through the most basic act of a practicing Muslim, prayer. (Rumzah Paracha)

## DID YOU KNOW

*Project Sakinah*, an initiative of Dar al Islam, is an organization dedicated to fighting Muslim domestic violence and abuse, offering support to the Muslim community to stop family violence and support Muslim women's rights. They can be reached at [projectsakinah.org](http://projectsakinah.org). (Rumzah Paracha)

## EVERY DAY IS THANKSGIVING!!

Sexual abuse and misconduct have been major themes in the media lately, but have been problems for centuries. The teachings of Islam actually try to prevent harassment of women. Islam establishes treatment of all people, even animal, with kindness. In the Quran, Surah An-Nisa (4:19) Allah says, "and live with them in kindness," to men, about their wives. Sometimes, in cases of sexual assault, people can ask what a woman was wearing at the time, or how she conducted herself. These aspects are of course, not the root of this problem, but it is interesting how attire and behavior are often thought of immediately. Even more interesting is how Islam already addresses attire and behavior, regardless of context of sexual misconduct. Islam in fact, teaches both men and women to dress modestly, and to exhibit modest behavior, which ultimately is, respect for one another. With modesty, the behavior, as an obligation for men and women, Islam helps to prevent sexual harassment against both genders. These are just two examples of how teachings of Islam try to prevent sexual harassment. However, if this is true about Islam, why are there still cases of abuse in Muslim-majority countries in addition to the rest of the world? Not really sure of an answer yet. Perhaps there needs to be a deeper understanding of how culture plays a role in certain Islamic societies, and how the problem can be solved, if culture does allow for this problem to prevail. That needs to be done, but in conjunction with the continuous speaking out against harassment and listening to the victims of abuse, in all societies and communities. (Aneesah Yasin)

## SECOND ANNUAL WOMEN'S MARCH

On January 20, 2018, hundreds of thousands of people across the United States, and in many parts of the world, participated in the second Women's March, marking one year since the widely successful and popular Women's March of 2017. Organized after the election of President Donald Trump, it aims to bring attention to women's rights, healthcare reform, immigration issues, and a variety of other movements. With almost 700 marches and rallies during this "Weekend of Women", cities from New York to Los Angeles were packed with thousands of protesters carrying bold signs and making their voices heard. Many Muslims have been actively involved in the protests. In fact, one of the co-chairs of the 2017 Women's March was Muslim activist Linda Sarsour, who gave a speech at last year's event. This year also, a large number of Muslims have taken part in the march. One such participant, Shabina Shahnawaz of Richmond, VA., said to NPR reporters, "We are Muslims and we are Americans. We are a part of America, so we need to be out here." Shahnawaz's message is one that should resonate with all Muslim Americans. The United States offers an endless number of platforms for Muslims to speak out and let their voices be heard. As Muslim Americans, we have the opportunity to let the world know that as followers of a religion that upholds the status of women, we stand with women and support women's rights. (Taskin Forkan)

## MOVEMENT SPREADING ACROSS THE WORLD

Women's empowerment has been a topic of conversation over the past year. Throughout the US, the spread of movements such as "times up", "me too", and the Women's March have highlighted the long term struggles that women are still facing in the US. On a global level, women in Muslim countries have also been pushing boundaries under strict dictatorship governments that ironically don't coincide with Islamic law. After decades of protesting, Saudi Arabia has officially announced that it would allow women to drive, ending a longstanding policy that has become a global symbol of the oppression of women in the Muslim country. In addition to Saudi Arabia, Iranian Police in Tehran have also announced they will no longer arrest people they deem to have breached Islamic values such as women with their hijabs uncovered in public. As this is a choice in Islam, no woman should be imprisoned, fined, or hurt for choosing to show parts of her hair. 1,400 years ago, Islam gave women more rights than worldwide governments have given women in the last century. Muslim women have always been empowered and will continue to be. (Farash Elsamra)