



**Question and answer about**

# **I'tikaf**

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## ***What is I'tikaf?***

I'tikaf is an Islamic practice of dedicating oneself to worship Allah by staying in seclusion in a mosque, particularly during the last 10 days of Ramadan, for the purpose of worship and seeking the Night of Power.



## ***Is I'tikaf a compulsory act in Islam?***

No, I'tikaf is not compulsory. It is a recommended action, also known as Sunnah, which means it is a practice endorsed by the Prophet Muhammad (pbuh) and is meant to draw a person closer to Allah.



***What is the significance of the last 10 days of Ramadan in relation to I'tikaf?***

The last 10 days of Ramadan are significant for I'tikaf because Muslims believe that within these days lies the Night of Power (Laylat al-Qadr), which is better than a thousand months of worship. Muslims stay in the mosque during these days in hopes of attaining the rewards of this night.



***What does the Quran say about  
the act of staying in a mosque  
for worship?***

The Quran encourages the act of staying in a mosque for worship, as indicated in Surah Al-Baqarah (2:125): "And We charged Abraham and Ishmael [saying], "Purify My House for those perform Tawaf and those who are staying [there] for worship and those who bow and prostrate [in prayer]."



## ***Who can perform I'tikaf?***

I'tikaf can be performed by any Muslim who understands what they are doing and intends to dedicate their time to the worship of Allah while in seclusion in a mosque.