

Dear Brothers and sisters

The management committee in **Leeds Grand Mosque** prays that Allah reward you all many folds during these blessed days of the month of Muharram (The first month of the Islamic calendar)

We take this opportunity to remind our dear brothers and sisters of the great reward of fasting the 10th of Muharram (Ashura). There are many Hadiths that mention its blessings and virtues. It is good to fast on this day, although it is not obligatory.

Fasting the 9th and the 10th of Muharram is a Prophetic Sunnah.

The Prophet p.b.u.h. was asked about Fasting the Day of Ashura? He replied: Forgives the previous year. (*Muslim*)

Son of Abbas said: The Prophet pbuh came to Madina and saw the Jews fasting the day of Ashura, He asked what is this? They said it was a good day when Allah saved Moses and the people of Israel from their enemy and was fasted by Moses, The Prophet pbuh said: I'm more truthful to Moses than you; He fasted it and commanded its fasting. (*Agreed upon*)

Abdullah bin Abbas said: when the Prophet Fasted the Day of Ashura and ordered us to fast it, we said O Messenger of Allah: it is a day honoured by the Jews and the Christians? The Messenger of Allah said: from next year we shall fast the 9th.day as well, but **the Prophet p.b.u.h.** passed away before then.

Therefore, it is recommended to fast the 10th of Muharram and the day before or the day after to differentiate Muslims practices from those of the Jews and Christians

The blessed days of Muharram:

9th of Muharram: Wednesday 8th of February 2006

10th of Muharram: Thursday 9th of February 2006

May Allah accept from you all and bless this Muslim Ummah with prosperity and goodness.

**The Management Committee
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8th February 2006