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As the day of Eid ul Adha dawns upon us, for some of some the $9^{\text {th }}$ of Dhul Hijjah will coincide with $8^{\text {th }}$ of July and for some $9^{\text {th }}$ of July. Nonetheless, this day holds special virtue and is marked as the Day of 'Arafah, whereby millions of pilgrims gather from all corners of the world decorating the plains of 'Arafah with their presence whilst engaged in worship. Regardless of one's race, background, wealth and status, all are cloaked in two pieces of cloth, a grand display of the core message of Islam, unity.

The blessings of this day are plentiful, as the Prophet (S) was asked about fasting on the day of 'Arafah, $\mathrm{He}(\mathrm{S})$ said "It will expiate the sins of the previous and upcoming years" (Muslim) and in another hadith, He (S) said "No good deeds can be done at a time better than these first ten days of Dhul Hijjah" (Al-Mu'jam al-Kabīr).

Amr ibn Shu'ayb reported: The Prophet ( S ) said, "The best supplication is that which is made on the day of Arafat. The best of it is what was said by myself and the prophets before me: There is no God but Allah alone, without any partners, unto Him belong the dominion and all praise and He has power over all things." (Tirmidhi)

We pray that Allah accepts our prayers and good deeds and we wish everyone Eid Mubarak.

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