



## As-Siddique Weekly Bulletin

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### Editorial

All praise is due to Allah ﷻ for enabling us to bring you this second edition of our newsletter. It is by His grace alone that we continue this work, fostering connection and sharing knowledge within the Stillwater Muslim community.

Our first “experimental” edition was a good start, alhamdu-lillah. I believe this bulletin reflects the vision for a dynamic and engaging publication that serves as a source of information for all our members.

This bulletin is for the community, by the community. I strongly encourage all members of the Stillwater Muslim community to contribute their voices, ideas, and talents. Whether you have an article you'd like to share, a community event to announce, a personal reflection, or an idea for a recurring feature, we want to hear from you. Your contributions are vital for our diverse and growing community.

We urge you to reach out to us with your submissions or suggestions. We look forward to seeing the wonderful contributions you'll bring to the As-Siddiq bulletin!

### From the Qur'an

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ  
 اللَّهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ وَإِنْ تُبْدُوا مَا  
 فِي أَنْفُسِكُمْ أَوْ تُخْفُوهُ يُحَاسِبُكُمْ بِهِ اللَّهُ فَيَغْفِرُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ  
 وَيُعَذِّبُ مَنْ يَشَاءُ وَاللَّهُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ (284)

*To Allah belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is in the earth. And whether you show*

*what is in yourselves or conceal it, Allah will hold you accountable for it. Then He will forgive whom He wills and punish whom He wills. And Allah is over all things competent.” (Qur'an 2:284)*

**Meaning and Interpretation:** In this verse, Allah ﷻ beautifully establishes Allah's ﷻ absolute ownership and dominion over everything in the heavens and on Earth, reminding humanity of His supreme authority. It then delivers a powerful message of universal accountability: whether our thoughts, intentions, or deeds are openly expressed or kept secret, Allah ﷻ is fully aware of them and will hold us responsible. This profound knowledge forms the basis of divine judgment, where Allah ﷻ, in His ultimate wisdom and justice, will forgive whom He wills and punish whom He wills. This divine prerogative is not arbitrary but rooted in His perfect wisdom and knowledge of each soul. The verse concludes by emphasizing Allah's ﷻ boundless power and competence over all things, affirming that His decrees are executed with perfect capability and wisdom.

### From the Hadith

وعن عبد الله بن سلام، رضي الله عنه، أن النبي ﷺ قال: "أيها الناس أفشوا السلام، وأطعموا الطعام، وصلوا بالليل والناس نيام، تدخلوا الجنة بسلام" (رواه الترمذي وقال: حديث حسن صحيح).

'Abdullah bin Salam (May Allah be pleased with him) reported: The Prophet ﷺ said, "O people, promote the greetings, feed (the poor and needy) and perform Salat when others are asleep so that you will enter Jannah safely. [At-Tirmidhi].)

**Meaning and Interpretation:** This hadith of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ highlights simple

yet profound actions that lead to eternal success. Spreading peace (afshū al-salām) fosters harmony and love among people; feeding others (aṭ‘imū al-ṭa‘ām) reflects compassion and social responsibility; and praying at night (ṣallū bi al-layl wa al-nās niyām) signifies deep sincerity and devotion to Allah ﷻ beyond public eyes. Together, these deeds nurture a righteous character and a caring community, and they earn Allah’s ﷻ pleasure and the reward of entering Paradise peacefully—without punishment or hardship. This hadith emphasizes that attaining Paradise is not through rituals alone but through genuine concern for others and a private, devoted relationship with Allah ﷻ.

### Word of Advice

I’d like to remind you, and myself, about the virtues of the first ten days of Dhul-Hajjah. Be extremely careful not to waste these days; they are truly magnificent. Increase your remembrance of Allah ﷻ (Dhikr) during them, especially seeking forgiveness (Istighfar), saying ‘La ilaha illa Allah’ (Tahleel), and ‘Allahu Akbar’ (Takbeer).

Charity, charity, charity is incredibly rewarding these days, far more so than on regular days. Also, increase your recitation of the Qur’an and fasting.

And don’t forget praying in the last part of the night, even if it’s just two rak’ahs. I swear by Allah ﷻ, there’s nothing more beautiful and wonderful than standing before Allah ﷻ in the quiet of the night while others are asleep. The joy of it is known only to those who have experienced it. The blessings and openings that Allah ﷻ bestows upon you in every aspect of life are immense.

May Allah ﷻ accept our good deeds and yours, may He be pleased with us, and may He have mercy on my father and forgive him.

### Weekly Article



#### The Day of Arafat

Dr. Hatim Hegab

June 1, 2025

As the Hajj pilgrimage reaches its spiritual zenith, the 9th day of Dhul-Hajjah stands out as the Day of Arafat, a moment of profound significance for Muslims worldwide. For the millions of pilgrims gathered on the plains of Arafat, this day marks the very essence of Hajj, a pivotal moment of intense devotion, reflection, and fervent prayer.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ famously said, “Hajj is Arafat.” This emphasizes that standing on the plain of Arafat, from noon until sunset, is the most crucial rite of the pilgrimage. Here, amidst a vast sea of humanity unified by faith, pilgrims engage in heartfelt supplications (du’a), seeking Allah’s ﷻ mercy, forgiveness, and blessings. It is a powerful display of humility and submission, as all differences of status, nationality, and wealth dissolve before the Creator.

For those not performing Hajj, the Day of Arafat still holds immense spiritual weight. Fasting on this day is a highly recommended Sunnah, carrying extraordinary rewards. The Prophet ﷺ stated that fasting on the Day of Arafat expiates the sins of the preceding year and the coming year. This immense promise encourages Muslims globally to partake in its blessings, even from afar.

The Day of Arafat is also the day when the religion of Islam was perfected and Allah’s ﷻ favor was completed upon the Muslim Ummah. This is commemorated by the revelation of the Qur’anic verse: “This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favor upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion.” (Qur’an 5:3). This verse, revealed to the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ during his Farewell Pilgrimage on Arafat, solidifies its status as a day of divine completion and blessing.

In essence, the Day of Arafat is a powerful annual reminder of unity, repentance, and divine mercy. It is a day when hearts turn wholeheart-

edly to Allah ﷻ, seeking closeness, purification, and the boundless forgiveness that He so graciously extends.

## Important Dates

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- **June 5:** Day of Arafat
- **June 5:** Arafat's dinner after Maghrib prayers
- **June 6:** 7:30 AM, Eidul Adha prayers. Prayers will be lead by Dr. Fouad Saad
- **June 6:** Reception including community potluck breakfast after Eid's prayers
- **June 6-8:** Community celebration will start after breakfast — inflatables could be available

## Announcements

- Community dinner on the day of Arafat will be after the Maghrib of June 5, 2025. The dinner is sponsored by *Dr. Ahmed Abo Basha, Dr. Abdulfattah Ali & Dr. Hatim Hegab*
- The Islamic Soccity of Stillwater has two rooms available for immediate move-in, and another will be available at the end of July.

## Call for Contributions

If you are interested in writing a column (which can be submitted on a flexible basis, not necessarily weekly), please reach out. Feel free to contact me directly at the center or use any of the provided contact methods to submit your writings.

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## Prayer Times of The Week

### Prayer Times for Stillwater, Oklahoma (June 1–7, 2025)

Date	Fajr	Sunrise	Dhuhr	Asr	Maghrib	Isha
June 1	4:46 AM	6:12 AM	1:27 PM	5:16 PM	8:40 PM	10:07 PM
June 2	4:46 AM	6:12 AM	1:27 PM	5:16 PM	8:41 PM	10:07 PM
June 3	4:45 AM	6:12 AM	1:28 PM	5:17 PM	8:41 PM	10:08 PM
June 4	4:45 AM	6:12 AM	1:28 PM	5:17 PM	8:42 PM	10:09 PM
June 5	4:44 AM	6:11 AM	1:28 PM	5:17 PM	8:43 PM	10:10 PM
June 6	4:44 AM	6:11 AM	1:28 PM	5:17 PM	8:43 PM	10:10 PM
June 7	4:44 AM	6:11 AM	1:28 PM	5:17 PM	8:44 PM	10:11 PM

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