

# The holy month of Rabi-ul-Awwal

## Rabi-UI-Awwal

Is the third month of the Islamic calendar

The Meaning of the Word "Rabi-ul-Awwal":- The first month of spring.

Auspicious Occasions:-

The Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) was born in this month as mercy for all and departed from this world 63 years later

Events of Rabi-ul-Awwal

- The Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) emigrated from Makkah to Madina Munawwarah
- Battle of Buwaat took place in the year 2 A.H
- Battle of Saf'yaan took place in the year 2 A.H
- Hazrat Abu Bakar Siddiq (r.d.) daughter Asma (r.d.a) was born 6 year before prophecy
- Sayyida Ruqqayya (r.d.a.) the daughter of beloved prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) was born 7 year before prophecy
- Hazrat Abu Bakar Siddiq (r.d) was appointed first Caliph
- Sayyida Umm-e-Kulsum (r.d.a.) was married in this month to third Caliph Sayyidina Usman Ghani Zunnu-rein (r.d.) in 3 A.H

Deaths in Rabi-ul-Awwal

- Sayyidina Ibrahim (r.d.) the son of Sayyida Maaria Qibtiya (r.d.a) and holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) passed away on 10 A.H

## The celebration of Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi in brief

The word Milad has been derived from "viladut" which means birth. Therefore, according to Arabic language, Milad is word which signifies the place and time of birth. In the light of Shariah, we means, Milad is to remember the events which took place at the birth time of the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) and we get the opportunity of narrating the Seerat of the prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) on this occasion, we also presents the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) gifts of Durood -o- salam. We mention before the people attributes and praises of the prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw). We do not believe that Milad is specified with same night but, we believe that the remembrance of the Holy

prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) is incumbent in each minute and second of time and every Muslim should act it sunnahs in the whole life time. Milad un Nabi (saw) is a great source of preaching. It is incumbent for scholars to teach Muslims nations on this Holy occasion, moral behavior of the prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) his antiquates, His affairs, His Seerat, His dealings and His worships.

This Islamic month of Rabbi-ul-awal is the month of an immense well of charity, blessing and purity because in this month of the 12<sup>th</sup> Allah (swt) gave us Rehamatal-ul-lil-alameen holy prophet Ahmede Mujtaba Mohammed Musatafa (saw) and by doing so showered his blessing to all mankind for which Allah (swt) has made all the worlds.

### **Evidence of the Holy Quran**

The Qur'anic verses proves that to celebrate Milad is not only a proper deed but it is also a praiseworthy.

1) Allah Almighty says in Quran: "The peace is on Him the day when he was born and the day when he will die and the day when he will be raised alive." (Kanzul Iman the translation of Holy Quran, Sura Al-Maryam, Verse 15)

In the above verse Allah Almighty has mentioned the complete Milad of Sayyidina Hazrat Yahya (A.S). And before this Allah Almighty has mentioned the events which took place before the birth. It is the same way of celebrating birth day as Ahle Sunnat adopts for the Milad of the last prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) of Allah (swt). In other words the Prophet of Allah (swt) Sayyidina Hazrat Isa (A.S) celebrates his own Milad.

2) As Allah (swt) says: "And the same peace on me the day I was born and the day I will die and the day I would be raised alive." (Kanzul Iman the translation of Holy Quran, Sura Al Maryam, Verse 33)

Before this verse Allah (swt) has stated the whole story of Sayyida Bibi Maryam (r.d.a) that who she got pregnant and gave birth her great son, the Prophet of Allah (swt) Sayyidina Hazrat Isa (A.S). Allah (swt) also mentioned the words of Sayyidina Hazrat Isa (A.S) by which Sayyidina Hazrat Isa (A.S) praised himself. This style of narrating story is nothing but celebration of Milad of Sayyidina Hazrat Isa (A.S). Ahle Sunnat also narrate the story of Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) in the same style. We too narrate the events which took place before the birth and after it as Allah Almighty narrated about Sayyidina Hazrat Yahya and Sayyidina Hazrat Isa (A.S). Therefore, a person who has eyes of justice will obviously accept that to celebrate Milad is an important deed which Allah Almighty has done. So it proves that the basis of Milad is found in the Holy Quran.

3) Allah (swt) says: "And remind them of the days of the Allah." (Kanzul Iman the translation of Holy Quran, Sura Ibrahim, Verse5)

In this verse Allah (swt) orders his prophet Sayyidina Hazrat Musa (A.S) to remind his nation the days of Allah (swt). "The days of Allah" are those days in which great events took place or Allah Almighty bestowed his great rewards to his creature. As the Holy Quran testifies this explanation of the days of Allah Almighty. In the Holy Quran Sayyidina Hazrat Musa (A.S) says: "And when Musa said it his people remember Allah (swt) favor upon you, when he delivered you from Firawn's people who used to afflict you worstly, and slaughter your sons and let your daughters live and in it there was shown great mercy of your lord." (Kanzul Iman the translation of Holy Quran, Sura Ibrahim, Verse 6)

According to the Qur'anic verse emancipation of the nation of Sayyidina Hazrat Musa (A.S) from Firawn is a day of Allah, so the birth day of the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) is, with any doubt, also a day of Allah (swt), because the prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) emancipated whole world from the darkness of ignorance and brought them to the light of guidance. Therefore, the birthday (Milad) of the prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) deserves to be celebrated then the celebration of any other event. In case we would not be grateful to Allah Almighty for his favor, which is prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw). He will punish us severely. As Allah Almighty says: "And remember when your lord proclaimed, if you will be great full then I shall give you more and if you're thankless then my treatment is severe." (Kanzul Iman the translation of Holy Quran, Sura Ibrahim, and Verse 7)

4) Allah Almighty says: "Then remember the bounties of Allah and wander not in the earth spreading mischief." (Kanzul Iman the translation of Holy Quran, Sura Araf, Verse 74)

In the above verse Allah Almighty orders us to remember his bounties and rewards. The last Prophet of Allah Almighty prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) is, undoubtedly, great blessing of Allah Almighty for whole mankind. Allah Almighty himself considers the prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) his great favor for mankind as He says:

"Undoubtedly, Allah did a great favor to the Muslims that in them from among themselves sent a messenger who recites unto them His signs and purifies them and teaches them the book and wisdom and necessarily before that they were certainly apparent error.

(Kanzul Iman the translation of Holy Quran, Sura Ale Imran, Verse 164)

Therefore, according to the Qur'anic commandments we must remember the beloved Prophet of Allah prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) and Milad-un-Nabi is a best way of remembrance of the greatest Prophet (Allah's Grace and Peace be upon him).

In another words Allah Almighty says: "And publicize well the favor of your lord" (Kanzul Iman the translation of Holy Quran, Sura Al Duha, Verse 11)

The companion of the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) Hazrat Abdullah Ibne Abbas (Allah is well pleased with Him) explained the word favors. He says here, In this verse favor signifies the prophet hood and Islam. (Tafseer Ibne Abbas, Sure Al Duha, Page 651).

So in the light of the given explanation by the cousin of the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw), we can say that Allah Almighty orders us to remember Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) in our gatherings between the people, in our mosque between the worshiper and in our houses between our families and Milad un Nabi (Allah's Grace and Peace be upon him), as I have written is a best way for this Qur'anic purpose.

4) Allah Almighty orders us: "Say you obey Allah's grace and his mercy, on it therefore let them rejoice. That is better then all their wealth."

In this verse Allah Almighty orders us to enjoy on his grace and mercy. If we see around us we find that each favor of Allah Almighty is great mercy for us. Even our existence is also a mercy of Allah Almighty. But the greatest of Allah is the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw). As Allah Almighty says: "And we sent not you but mercy for all worlds." (Kanzul Iman the translation of Holy Quran, Sura Al Ambiyaa, Verse 107)

So according the Qur'anic teachings it is necessary for us that we must be happy and pleased on the birthday of the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw). The one who pleases with the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) is really a true follower of the Quran. And it is obvious that, in whole world Muslims celebrates Milad un Nabi (saw). Specially for enjoying the mercy of Allah Almighty that is the beloved prophet of Allah Almighty .Therefore the Holy Quran itself confirms the Milad un Nabi (saw)

5) The gathering of Milad un Nabi (saw) incite Muslims on saying Durood and Salam ( to pray for prophet (Allah's Grace and Peace be upon him) of blessing and peace) Allah Almighty says: "Oh you who I believe send upon Him blessing and salute Him fully well in abundance. (Kanzul Iman the translation of Holy Quran, Sura Al Ahzab, Verse 56)

According to the law of Shariah, a thing which is desired by Shariah, is exactly a like an aim of Shariah. And the benefits of Durood -o- salam are so much in numbers that can not be counted. Durood -o- salam causes for the help of Allah Almighty in this world and here after. So Milad un Nabi (saw) is a source of fulfilling the commandments of Allah Almighty

6) Allah Almighty says: "And all that we narrate to you of the tidings of the

messengers is for the purpose of strengthening your heart therewith." (Kanzul Iman the translation of Holy Quran, Sura Hood, Verse 121)

This Qur'anic verse reveals that the wisdom of mentioning the stories and events of prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) was to stand fast the heart of the last prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw). And it is obvious that we are, also today, in need of being stand fast. We must know that how; the prophet of Allah (Allah's Grace and Peace be upon him) faced the problems of his time so that we may face the problems of our times according to the Sunnah. Therefore Milad un Nabi (saw) provides us an opportunity to know about the affair of the prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw)

In the holy quran in many places Allah (swt) has made reference:

**“Wa rafana laka zikrak”**  
**(And raised high the esteem you are held)**  
**(Chapter 30 Surah Nashrak)**

**“la khad ja kum rasoolim min un fusikum”**  
**(O believers you have amongst your ummant)**

**“la khad minulaalah ho allul mumineena uz lay faheem e rassola”**  
**(I have done a favour on all believers that I gave you the holy prophet (saw))**

**“Waz kuru niyamat illahi alaykum”**  
**(Remember Allah (swt) favours)**

**“Wama arsalnaka illah rehmatullil alameen”**  
**(I have sent as blessing for whole mankind)**

**“By all means The Prophet Mohammed (saw) is the uzma of Allah (swt)”**

**“Allah (swt) in the holy quran has said in Surah duha chapter 30 (para)”**

**“Remember Allah (swt) blessing which is upon you Surah Al-Imran chapter 4 (para)”**

By doing milaad sharif you are performing prophet Mohammed (saw) zikr, in the above aayats Allah (swt) has ordered to do zikr of prophet Mohammed (saw).

1. Khulfa-e-Rasheedeen Hazrat Abu Bakar Siddique (r.d) has said “who so ever spend even as little as 1 dhiram(pence) in milaad sharif will be with me in paradise”

2. Hazrat Umar Farooque kayde azam (r.d) has said “who ever respects the milaad sharif has given life to islam”
3. Hazrat Usman Ghani (r.d) has said “who ever spend as little as 1 dhiram (pence) is like that person was amongst those who fought in the battle of badar and hunnain”
4. Hazrat Ali Karimullah wajhul kareem (r.d) has said “who so ever respect the milaad sharif and trys to preach will leave the world with faith and will enter paradise without questions”
5. Hazrat Khwaja Hasan Basri (r.d) has said “If I had gold as much as the mountain of uhad I would spend it on milaad-un-nabi”
6. Hazrat Imam Jallaludin sayuti (r.d) has said “whose house,mosque and area hold the milaad ceremony of the beloved prophet Mohammed (saw) then on this Allah (swt) blessed angels would surround these homes,mosques and areasand read Darood upon them”
7. Hazrat Imam Shafi (r.d) has said “those who gather people for milaad, cook for them, make arrangements in their home for them and give reason for people to attend then for him on the day of judgment Allah (swt) will raise him amongst the Siddiquin, Showdaye and Saleheen and his place will be in jannat-e-naeem”
8. Hazrat Maroof Kharkhi (r.d) has said “those who gather people for milaad-un-nabi he will be protected by all Ambiya’s and Allah(swt) will protect his household from theft, misfortune and any evil eyes”

We pray to Allah (swt) to give us the strength and love to celebrate the glorious milaad-un-nabi, follow the path of the prophet Mohammed (saw) and give us the courage to follow all of the prophet Mohammed (saw) Sunnah. Ameen.

### **Evidence of Hadith (Narrations of the Holy Prophet (Allah's Grace and Peace be upon him)**

There are many narrations, which proves the Milad Sharif but I write a few.

1) The Prophet of Allah prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) himself stated his own birth from very beginning He says: "I had been transferred, continuously, from purified offspring to purified wombs. I had been given birth by a lawful marriage not by adultery. When Allah Almighty sent Adam Alaihis Salam on earth so He put me in his spine and then transferred in Nuh Alaihis salam in his boat, and

then in Ibrahim Alaihis salam Allah Almighty transferred me continuously from noble offspring to the purified wombs up to that He brought me in my parents who never committed adultery." (Tafseer Ruhul Bayan, Vol. 3, Page 54)

Milad means the time of birth or place of birth. So the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) himself celebrated his own Milad. In the same way Ahle Sunnat following the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) narrate the events of the birth of the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw). This hadith is the clear proof Milad un Nabi (saw) and as well as tell us that to celebrate Milad un Nabi (saw) is not innovation (bidat) but it is a sunnah (tradition) of prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw)

2) "The one who rejoices on the birth day of the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) would not be severely punished and it is hoped that a Muslim who celebrate the Milad un Nabi (saw), will not be punished in hell. Imam Bukhari Rahmatullah Alaih narrates that Abu Lahab would be punished lightly in the hell on Monday. Because he rejoiced and freed his handmaid indicating by his finger, when the Prophet of Allah Almighty (Allah's Grace and Peace be upon him) took birth. So as a reward of happiness on Milad un Nabi (saw) he would be given water by his finger. (Saheehul Bukhari Vol. 2, Page 764)

3) The Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) celebrated his own Milad by having fast. Imam Wali ud din write this narration with reference to the Saheeh Muslim. When the Prophet of Allah (Allah's Grace and Peace be upon him) was asked about the fast of Monday. He (Allah's Grace and Peace be upon him) said: "I took birth and the Quran was revealed upon me in this day." (Mishkat Sharif, Page 179)

This narration proves that to celebrate Milad un Nabi (saw) is a tradition of the Holy prophet Hazrat Mohammed (saw) on every Monday. Secondly it is lawful to fix a particular day for Milad un Nabi (saw). Thirdly it is an act of sunnah to worship in the pleasure of the Milad un Nabi (saw)

"The best of the innovations of our times is what is carried out on the day of corresponding to the birthday of our Beloved Prophet (Allah's Grace & Peace be upon Him), where people give out donations, practice what is right, express their joy and happiness, in doing so is surely a sign of love and admiration for the Prophet (Allah's Grace & Peace be upon him)".

## **NAAT**

### **Mominoo Kushiya Manawoh**

***Sallallahu 'alayka Ya Rasulullah wa sallam 'alayka Ya Habeeballah***

**Momino khushiyan manao Kamli wala aa gaya  
Rab-eSallim gun gunaaon, Kamli wala aa gaya**

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**Chehra-e-wal fajr sey aur gaysu ey wal-layl sey  
Dil ko aa'inah banaao, Kamli wala aa gaya**

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**Jhuk geyaa sajdey main baytullah bhi ta'zeem ko  
Ab diyey dil key jalaaon, Kamli wala aa gaya**

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**Godi mein ley kar Halimah Sa'diyah ney yun kahaa  
'Azmaton key geet gaao, Kamli wala aa gaya**

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**Jashn-e-milaad-un-Nabi ﷺ main un key zikr-e-paak sey  
Najdion par qehr dhaao, Kamli wala aa gaya**

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**Chaand sooraj aur sitaaro ke kashaan ard-o-falak  
Roshni apni barhaao, Kamli wala aa gaya**

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**Momino khushiyan manao Kamli wala aa gaya  
Rab-eSallim gun gunaaon, Kamli wala aa gaya**

O my respected brother and sisters to show your happiness celebrate and sing naats and attend gathering to celebrate the buzurganedeem, Allah (swt) has said in the glorious quran.....

Nafil Namaz for Rabbi-ul-Awwal

1. After Isha read 12 rakat nafil with 6 salaams (read in two)  
In each Rakat after **Surah Fateha** read **Surah Ikhlas 21 times.**
2. 2 rakat nafil namaz with 1 salaam  
In each Rakat after **Surah Fateha** read **Surah Muzammil 1 times.**
3. 2 rakat nafil namaz with 1 salaam



In each Rakat after **Surah Fateha** read **Surah Ikhlas 3times**.

4. Read Tahajud
5. Darood Sharif as much as possible

Then in the pure love and affection for the beloved prophet Mohammed (saw) read salaam-o-salaam

On the blessed day express your happiness, light your house, put banners on your house, make niyaaz, go to gathering and offer food to the poor. Those who celebrate the milaad-un-nabi Allah (swt) will for the whole year grand him peace and all his prayer will be answered, he will never be bound to anyone and will be protected from all enemies Insha allah.