

"In the (Blessed) Name of Allah, The Most Beneficent, The Most Merciful."

We Want Peace in Gaza

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Guest Writer-Students for Justice in Palestine

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Al-Risalah Writer

It has been 64 years and our brothers and sisters in Palestine are still suffering from oppression from the political Zionist movement. Living under conditions predicted to become intolerable, the situation worsens. On Sunday, November 11, the Israeli transport minister declared that Gaza civilians were to be cut off from electricity, water, food, and fuel. After the Palestinians were deprived from basic survival needs for three days, they retaliated by firing a rocket into Israeli territory. Three days later on November 14, Israel's Prime Minister, Benjamin Netanyahu, addressed the community, ensuring that the Israel Defense

Forces (IDF) will act "forcefully" in response to the rockets fired from Gaza. By the next day, Gaza civilians were targets of 130 Israeli missiles whereas Gaza protesters fired back with 11 rockets. The death of Hamas leader Ahmed Jabari intensified the conflict and led to the murder of eighteen Palestinians including innocent women and children. Meanwhile, three Israelis have been killed by rockets fired from Palestine. According to BBC news, "Israel's aerial and naval bombardment of the Gaza Strip is its most intense assault on the Palestinian territory since it launched a full-scale invasion four years ago."

In response to these war crimes, communities in the United States reacted quickly as 66 protests sprung across the nation simultaneously. Activists organized within



a matter of hours. Those who called for freedom of the Palestinian people united and rallied against the ongoing injustice. Loyola students participated in a Chicago protest at Obama HQ. "From Iraq to Palestine, killing civilians is a crime" was heard through chants by activists as they pled for the freedom of all people. Along with these demonstrations of support, many hearts across the world continue to weep for Palestine.

Hunger Week: Can You Last the Fast?

Syed Bilal Ashraf

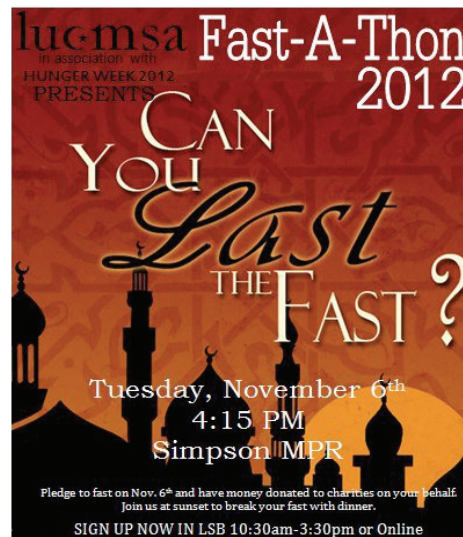
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Hunger, thirst, and pain are often words that come to mind when people think about fasting. This often discourages people from actually fasting and leaves them oblivious to the truth of what goes on in countries that aren't as fortunate as ours. Keeping this in mind, the MSA hosted their annual Fast-A-Thon event during this year's Hunger Week, which allowed "people of different religions to come together and support one cause," according to a Muslim freshman who attended the event.

Another freshman who had attended several MSA events in the past said that this event was very unique. "The MSA had branched out and included several people, Muslim or not, which is something they normally don't do," she said when talking about her experience at the event. This not only provided a chance for people new to the concept of fasting to be in an atmosphere where they would be welcomed, but also aided those who were attempting to fast for a full day. Additionally, these individuals were given the chance to speak to the attendees of the event and share their experiences. Many acknowledged



that this eye-opening experience gave them a greater appreciation for the food they have.

What they witnessed, however, was truly a shared acknowledgement by many attending individuals. Muslims who had fasted several times before fasted this day outside of their religious obligations, and were also reminded about how great a blessing food is. The event's attendees were able to indulge in food made by the famous Bawadi's. According to an LUC Junior, "the food there was delectable."

The collaborative efforts of non-Muslims and Muslims created a welcoming atmosphere, despite the hunger that people had experienced for the past several hours. A big contribution to this uniting event was the renowned speaker Ahmed Rehab who had moved to the U.S., completed his education, and had worked for a global consulting firm. He came to find his calling in organizing and empowering Muslims, which led him to working with CAIR, the Council on American-Islamic Relations. He stressed the importance of fasting and the purpose behind having an entire month dedicated fully to it. After Ahmed Rehab's words and an experience of true hunger, many individuals who were new to the concept of fasting were able to have a greater appreciation for this act.

Overall, the MSA was able to serve not only to its own members, but its inspiring event has encouraged a great number of students to appreciate what they have and to reach out to others to ensure that they too can partake in these blessings. Although Hunger Week lasted for few days, its support has not only helped spread awareness about why Muslims fast for an entire month every year, but it has also recognized the severity of worldwide hunger.

Increasing One's Memory, Focus, and Concentration in Studies

Maulana Bilal Ali Ansari

1 *Guard your gaze and your ears.* There can be nothing more distracting than television, a wrong glance, or a tune that won't go away.

3 When you sit down to study, *minimize any nearby distractions.*

Also, in order to maximize your usage of time, keep a book unrelated to what you are studying nearby and whenever you tire of studying, distract yourself with a book on another subject to refresh the mind. Sometimes it is good to get up and stretch.

What can one do to increase one's memory and focus?

2 Recite after every salat the masnun du'as. In addition, recite "Ya Qawiyy" eleven times after every salat, or recite this du'a seven times:

"Allahumma Nawwir Qalbi bi 'ilmika wasta'mil badani bi ta'atika"

Recite this same du'a seven times before opening up a book to read or study as well. Also, you can recite "Sanuqri'uka fala tansa" three times after every salat.

4 *Memorizing is easiest when done with someone else.* Memorizing alone can be difficult and takes much longer. Having someone quiz you can cut memorization time to at least one third.

Poetry

Shaykh Omar Hussaini

Faltering Steps

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I wandered hither and yonder, faltered whither astray
Till Mercy let me no longer wander
And settled my tired feet upon this pure way.”

Like No Other

“

How wide one opens the door to his heart, to let another in
Thus deep does he risk, the dagger be thrust within
But He who values worthless pebbles as pearls so fine
Widens His guard so much more, lest hurt befall this heart of mine.”

No Words

“

To beauty capture, no greater world did I find
Than the cadent word, the cantic rhyme
To give expression to the ineffable, depth to that unfathomed
All of beauty, great and small, thus embodied
I stand speechless
Unable to find the words for He who lies beyond my world.”

Dear Mufti...

...with Mufti Abrar Mirza

Dear Mufti: As finals approach, I was wondering if you could provide some studying tips for college students. How can we invite Barakah into our efforts? Recommended du'as will be greatly appreciated.

Jazak Allahu Khayr,
Faqir

When we approach any significant event in our lives, whether it be exams, marriage, interviews, etc., we should first make proper wudhu and then pray two rak'ahs, followed by seeking Allah Ta'ala's assistance in the matter. Before each day of studying, a person should make sure they engage in plenty of dhikr (remembrance of Allah Ta'ala), as this will allow a person to appropriately handle situations as they arise throughout the day.

When a person is ready to start studying, he should make the following du'a:

"Allahumma infa'nee bimaa 'allamtanee wa 'allimnee maa yanfa'une. Allahumma innee as'aluka fahm an-nabbiyyeen wa hifz al-mursaleen al-muqarrabeen. Allahumma ij'al lisaanee 'aamman bi dhikrika wa qalbee bi khashyatika, innaka 'alaa maa tashaa'u qadeer. Wa anta hasbuna Allahu wa ni'ma al-Wakeel"

"O Allah, benefit me with what You have taught me and teach me that which benefits me. O Allah, I ask for the understanding of the prophets and the memory of the messengers, those that are near to You. O Allah, make my tongue full of Your remembrance and my heart full of Your consciousness. Verily, You are capable of carrying out Your wishes. And You are sufficient for us and a great disposer of affairs."

As one is studying, if one is facing any difficulty, one should read,

"Allahumma laa sahla illa ma ja'altahu sahlan wa anta taj'alu al-hazana idhaa shi'ta sahlan"

"O Allah, there is no ease except that which You make easy, and, if You wish, You can make difficulties easy."

If one feels overburdened, one should recite,

"Rabbi innee maghloobun fantasir"

"O my Lord, I am overpowered, so help me."

InshaAllah, Allah Ta'ala will make things easy for one and allow one to overcome one's difficulties.

Once one is finished studying, one may read the following du'a:

"Allahumma innee astawdi'uka maa qara'tu wa maa hafiztu faruddahu 'alayya 'inda haajatee ilayhi innaka 'alaa maa tashaa'u qadeer wa anta hasbuna Allahu wa ni'ma al-Wakeel"

"O Allah, I entrust You with what I have read and memorized, so return it to me when I am in need of it. Verily, You are capable of carrying out Your wishes. And You are sufficient for us and a great disposer of affairs."

It is important to note that in addition to these du'as, one should take all the necessary, practical steps in order to succeed in an exam (thorough studying ahead of time, comprehensive review, getting proper rest before the exam, etc.). When starting the exam, a person should recite Bismillah and the following du'a:

"Rabbi yassir wa laa tu'assir wa tammim bil khayr wa bika nasta'een"

"O my Lord, make it easy and do not make it difficult, and [let me] complete it in the best possible manner. It is You whom we seek for assistance."

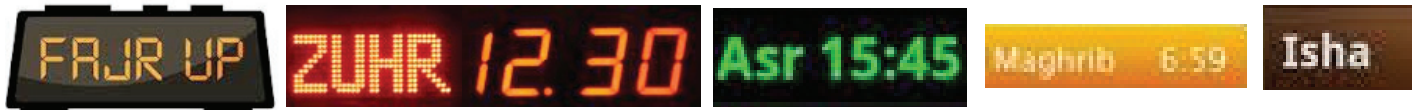
Thereafter, the affair should be handed to Allah Ta'ala and one should be content with the results that Allah Ta'ala has decided.

Dear Mufti...

...with Mufti Hussain Kamani

Dear Mufti: Many people get caught up in the New Year's spirit by making resolutions to lose weight, exercise regularly, enjoy life more, spend more time with family and friends etc. Are there any Islamic New Year's resolutions that you would recommend for us college students?

*Jazak Allahu Khayr for all of your beneficial advice,
Hopeful Student*



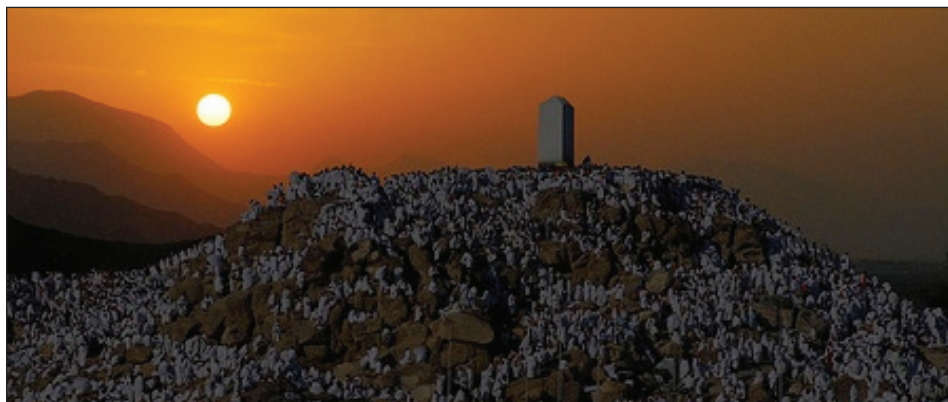
As college students who are busy with a hefty load of classes, exams, labs, and papers in addition to working jobs and balancing familial responsibilities, some of us let slip the obligations that Allah has ordained upon us, specifically, our Salaah (prayers). Sometimes when we stay up late studying for an exam or finishing off a paper that is due, we oversleep and miss Fajr. Sometimes, when we have long biology labs to complete in the evening, we miss Zuhur or A'sr working on the experiments. Sometimes when we come home after an evening class we crash out and miss I'sha. However, one always



has to remember that compromising our Salaah will not lead us to success in this world or in the hereafter. Therefore, one of the main resolutions we can make is to become steadfast in our prayers and to make them a priority in our day. Once we have formed this connection with Allah, then inshaAllah, it will be easier for us to let go of the other sins we commit throughout the day. In the Qur'an Allah mentions, "Innas salaata tanha a'nil fahshaai wal munkar," indeed Salah prevents a person from immorality and wrong. (Surah 29, Ayah 45)



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Mankind's Return

Muhammad Saifullah
Newsletter Coordinator

The first ten days of Dhu Al-Hijjah come with a spirit of renewal with each passing year. Muslims from all over the world, whether they are Hujjaj or not, seek out the blessed moments therein to beg of their Lord for His Forgiveness and Mercy; a time of new beginnings comes upon us.

Unfortunately, however, these blessed days are often overlooked by many. The Loyola MSA put in extra effort this year to help prevent that. Through emails, shared articles, announcements, and gatherings, we tried to benefit from every blessed raindrop. Awaiting the precious Yawm Al-Arafah, we kept this Hadith in mind:

Abu Hafsa (May Allah be pleased with him) narrates: The Messenger of Allah (Allah bless him and give him peace) said: "Fasting on the day of 'Arafah absolves the sins for two years: the previous year and the coming year" (Muslim)

This was just too good to not take full benefit from, so we decided to add to our preparation a dear mentor's advice. There we were, on Mundelein's 14th floor at nearly 10 p.m. and amidst midterms. It was Wednesday, October 24th, the day before this year's Yawm Al-Arafah. Sitting across from us was none other than our beloved Br. Sa'ad Quadri, a senior student of sacred knowledge and a teacher to many of us.

Br. Sa'ad shared many heartfelt lessons with us while stressing the fact that Yawm Al-Arafah is a servant's opportunity to return to the Master SWT. He mentioned a famous verse - the last verse revealed onto the Prophet SAWS accord-

ing to authentic sources:

And fear the Day when you shall be brought back to Allah. Then shall every soul be paid what it earned, and none shall be dealt with unjustly. [Qur'an – Surat Al-Baqarah – (2:281)]

Truly, this is something we do grave injustice to. We walk upon the earth with such pride and forget that indeed one day, we shall all return to where we came from. Our bodies will fall to dust and our souls shall journey to their final abode. Allah SWT sent us to this world and He will call us back to Him whenever He sees fit. And without doubt, when we stand in front of Him that day, everything will become clear; there will be neither injustice nor illusion. This is how our Lord chooses to conclude Revela-

It was reported from Abu Qutaadah RA that the Messenger of Allah SAW was asked about fasting on the Day of Arafah. He said, 'It compensates for the sins of the previous year and of the coming year. Narrated by Muslim.

Let us ALL Fast on the day of Arafah



tion, by reminding us that one day we will all return to Him and by commanding us to be conscious of our return.

Yawm Al-Arafah, a day when the Hujjaj gather on those vast plains, serves as yet another reminder of the day mankind will stand and wait for the judgment.

It was this very day on those very plains that Allah SWT extracted all of mankind from Adam AS and made everyone stand before Him and testify to His Lordship. That event is known as Yawm Alast, a sacred covenant many of us have sadly forgotten. Come Yawm Arafah, we remember and repent. It was on this very day on those very plains that Islam was also completed and perfected, as the Prophet SAWS received Revelation upon finishing his historic last sermon.

An eventful day indeed... InshaAllah we all took benefit from it, and May Allah SWT allow us to benefit from those to come. Aameen.

Raising Our Voices

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Students for Justice in Palestine (SJP), a human rights student organization at Loyola, has been continuously working in alliance with other active SJPs around the Chicagoland area. SJPs in Chicago have been involved in a divestment campaign, "Chicago Divests" which focuses on the pension fund TIAA-CREF. The campaign centers on pressuring TIAA-CREF to divest from corporations which are directly funding the occupation of Palestine by Israel. Currently, students are gathering signatures from collegiate faculty and staff clients of TIAA-CREF – as well as students and community members – to take action and raise awareness.

Students from LUC SJP recently attended a national conference in Ann Arbor, Michigan. With education about the history of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, students were given insightful advice for their campaigns from many individuals including active SJP members and well-known activists in Palestine. Some of these activists include professor Hatem Bazian, poet Remi Kanazi, journalist Ali Abunimah, and many more.

"It was very inspirational," said Freshman Zahraa Nasser. "It motivated me to keep fighting for what matters, and not to give up even when it seems as if there are no immediate results."

As an LUC student and conference attendee myself, the SJP National Conference opened my eyes to the fact that human rights are universal. The Palestinian situation is not only a concern for Arabs, not only for Muslims, but to all people alike.



Yasmin Mogahed on Reclaiming The Heart

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Last year, the US Census Bureau reported that 15% of the nation lives in poverty - that's nearly 46.2 million people or 1 in 6 individuals. As frightening as this is, there is a poverty prominent in the world today which is far more dangerous. On November 2, 2012, students, families, and friends gathered at Loyola University Chicago to hear Yasmin Mogahed, a well known speaker among the Muslim youth, address how to overcome the most threatening form of poverty: the impoverishment of the heart.

"True poverty is standing poor on the Day of Judgment," stated Yasmin Mogahed. "It is allowing the heart to love anything but God."

Money, people, status, and careers have enslaved our hearts to such a degree that they have become what we turn to when we are broken, what occupies us, and ultimately, what we have come to love more than anything else. False attachments to this world have left many in the most treacherous form of poverty: the deprivation of their connection with God.

"Like the water that breaks the boat, when dunya enters, it shatters our heart. It shatters the boat," proposed Mogahed. "You will sink down to the depths of the sea...Entrapped by your sins and the love of this life, you will feel broken. Surrounded by darkness." So how can one overcome this dunya and the poverty of the heart?

"Transform your greatest weakness into your greatest strength," states Mogahed. "There is a powerful and amazing thing



about tawbah (repentance) and turning back to Allah (swt). We are told that it is a polish for the heart... it doesn't just clean. It makes the object that is polished even shinier than it was before it got dirty. If you come back to God, seek His forgiveness, and refocus your life and heart on Him, you have the potential to be even richer than if you'd never fallen at all."

After these encouraging words, the event proceeded with a Question and Answer session and concluded with the signing of Yasmin Mogahed's new book, *Reclaiming the Heart*. This book more thoroughly stresses the state of poverty and how individuals can live this life without letting it enslave their hearts.

"The event was great," reflects Loyola student, Sarah Choudhry. "Sister Yasmin really talked about issues that we all hear about but never really think twice about."

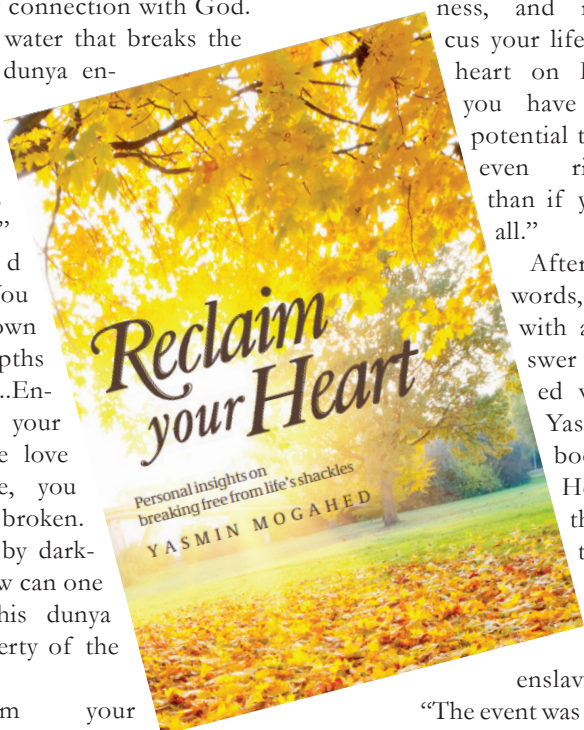
"I couldn't believe so many people showed up," adds Loyola Sophomore, Zeba Shethwala. "People from everywhere! I had relatives show up...People from back home in the suburbs came! It was amazing."

Maryam Arif, senior from Libertyville High School, also attended and believed the event was perfect. "I always listened to Yasmin Mogahed's lectures and read her updates," she states, "but I never thought I'd get the opportunity to actually hear her in person. She has a way of delivering messages in such a unique and effective way that stays with you until the very end. I was taken aback by the amount of people who came. She is an inspiration."

Many sisters from Loyola University Chicago also got the opportunity to go to dinner with Yasmin Mogahed following the event. It was an amazing experience to meet with her personally and to see the face behind all her inspirational words. "Today," reflected Yasmin Mogahed after the dinner at Sabri Nihari, "I flew to Chicago, gave a lecture, and spent an amazing day with an awesome group of sisters at Loyola. Allahu Akbar!"

"True poverty is standing poor on the Day of Judgment. It is allowing the heart to love anything but God."

-Yasmin Mogahed



Chronicles of a Departing Senior

Muhammad Saifullah

Newsletter Coordinator

It seems like it was yesterday
 Hesitantly approaching Loyola, freshman year
 Not knowing what to expect, the new kid
 Surprise! Being greeted by a beautiful community
 Becoming part of a wonderful group of fellow students
 All working in different ways for the same cause, a family
 The name gave it all away: Muslim Students' Association
 I don't care what you say about us, too liberal, too conservative, too Desi, too Arab
 When you see the brothers and sisters
 Working together, striving together, praying together
 For over three wonderful years, for seven semesters
 When you find yourself among them
 When you serve with them, learn with them, laugh with them, cry with them
 Come closer to your Lord with them
 You'll simply stop caring about all those empty comments
 That aside, over three years later, seven semesters later
 All I can say is: thank you MSA, thank you my brothers and sisters
 It's been an honor and a pleasure
 But now I must move on
 To wherever Allah SWT takes me
 I feel anxious and scared sometimes
 That I'll not be able to retreat to that warm and welcoming Musallah
 But I reassure myself, inshaAllah, it's going to be okay
 The Musallah, and all my brothers and sisters will be in my heart wherever I go
 Please keep me in your du'as and forgive me for my inadequacies
 May Allah SWT Keep us united and Reunite us in the Best of Places with the Best
 of People
 May Allah SWT Infinitely Bless the Loyola MSA...ameen.

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Holy Hot Spots

Mehreen Rahim
Al Risalah Writer

Ever feel like your connection to Allah (SWT) is about as bad as your cellphone reception when you're in Cuneo Hall?

Staying in tune with your spiritual life and strengthening your connection with Allah (SWT) can be difficult, especially when you can't find a decent spot to have a one-on-one with Him. Luckily for you, Loyola University offers a number of "Holy Hot Spots" that'll keep you up to date with your prayers and eliminate the need for that infuriating question: "Can you hear me now?"

There are a number of places throughout campus that serve as prayer spaces. If you're ever on campus and in need of a quiet place to pray before or after class, chances are that you're not too far from an ideal location. There are designated areas on both the Water Tower and Lake Shore campuses, as well as some additional places that are not specifically designed for prayer. Regardless, it is acceptable to perform prayers there as well.

Number one on the list is Loyola's masjid

on the 8th floor of Mundelein, room #811. It is the perfect place to pray, as well as meet other Muslims.

Six floors above that (14th floor of Mundelein) is the space reserved for Jummah, or Friday prayers. These prayers are currently held at 12:40 pm and 1:40 pm. Jummah prayers are preceded by intellectual and informative sermons, given by different speakers each week. It is the perfect break from a hectic schedule, so make plans with your friends to head on over to the 14th floor of Mundelein once a week. Not only will you give yourself a break, but will also simultaneously strengthen your ties with Allah (SWT).

Now, one of the most popular places on campus where most people struggle finding a place to pray is the Information Commons (IC).

This brings us to option number three: study rooms in the IC. Although you can use the study rooms on the first and second floor,

the third floor is the silent area so it is most ideal to find a study room there. Of course, there is also that designated prayer space in the second floor of Cudahy Library.

Additionally, if you're ever at the downtown



Water Tower Campus, there is a designated space in the Lewis Tower Library on the eighth floor in the quiet study area. Similar to the IC on the Lake Shore Campus, you can also pray in the study rooms.

As you can see, there are many places to connect with Allah (SWT) around campus. If you

ever have some spare time between classes, you should definitely take advantage of these locations and spread the word to your friends as well. It is essential to make sure we, as Muslim students at Loyola University, can feel comfortable publicly displaying our religion through activities such as praying in the IC or forming those long lines in Mundelein waiting for the elevators to get to the 14th floor on Fridays.

Loyola encourages students to freely utilize these locations for our benefit and to help us, as Muslims, feel comfortable practicing the basics of Islam and conducting our five daily prayers. Don't hesitate to go to any of these locations to check out places to pray and strengthen your reception to Allah (SWT). If you have any other questions or concerns regarding "Holy Hot Spots" around campus, feel free to contact Campus Ministry or an MSA Board member.





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Heart to Heart

Ali Siddiqui

Al-Risalah Editor

Luqman Baloch

Loyola [MSA] Alum

Studying at Loyola for four years undoubtedly teaches you a myriad of life-lessons whilst opening you to troves of new-found wisdom. In this new column Heart to Heart, we – the staff at Al-Risalah, intend to share such precious wisdom with our readers. It is our hope that through this column, new and continuing students will benefit from the advice of alumni who have walked a similar path.

The following article is authored by Luqman Baloch, a '12 graduate in Biology. Although immersed in studies during his time at Loyola, Luqman never ceased to serve as a role model for many of the younger students on campus. After graduation, he enrolled in UIC's College of Medicine where he is currently a student. His exemplary character and drive made him Al-Risalah's first choice among authors for such a column. It is our hope that students will take to heart the very advice that emanates from his.

"To all the Muslim students at Loyola, the best advice that I can give you are the following two rules that I had learned through my own experience.

1. Accept everything that comes from Allah SWT:

There will come a point in your life that you will find a hurdle too difficult to overcome. It will knock you to the ground and you won't want to get back up. Whether it is getting a grade you did not want, or something tragic like the death of a loved one, always accept what Allah has given you. Never be ungrateful and never make yourself out to be the victim. Be optimistic that your Lord will deliver you out of difficulty. "For indeed, with hardship [will be] ease" (Qur'an 94:5). Also remember that "No disaster strikes upon the earth or among yourselves except that it is in a Book of Decrees before We (Allah) bring it into existence..." (Qur'an 57:22). So "...Bear with patience whatever befalls you..." (Qur'an 31:17). Put your trust in Allah, accepting what He has given you, and always be grateful. Allah knows, others have it much worse than us.

2. Know why you are a Muslim:

Even person, whether having received a formal Islamic education or not, must have an answer to this question. The fact that you were born into Islam does not qualify as an answer. In college you are taught to view things critically. Of course, there is nothing wrong with that but, trust me, if you do not have the answer to why you are a Muslim, you will never really know how your

faith is the correct path. So don't simply be Muslims just because your parents are. Remember that the Arab pagans were following their religion simply because it was the religion of their parents. So learn about your religion, read up on the Seerah of the Prophet (S), and read the Quran's translation. We are not taught to be mindless bodies that are numb in our prayers, duas, and recitations. Rather, learn the meaning of what you say in prayer, the duas you recite in Arabic, and the Quran you have memorized. These things will help you answer why you are a Muslim.

I selected these two points in particular because throughout my high school and undergraduate career, I knew four Muslims that had become atheists. And at the end of the day, essentially, it was lack of these two principals that caused them to leave their faith. They had trouble accepting the difficulties they faced in life whilst having no understanding as to why they were Muslims to begin with. Lacking these two principals they lost their faith. I have known some of them for over ten years – they were amazing Muslims before college. But by the time they had left undergrad, they had also left behind their faith. That is why I found these two points critical for Muslims, especially those living and studying at the university level."

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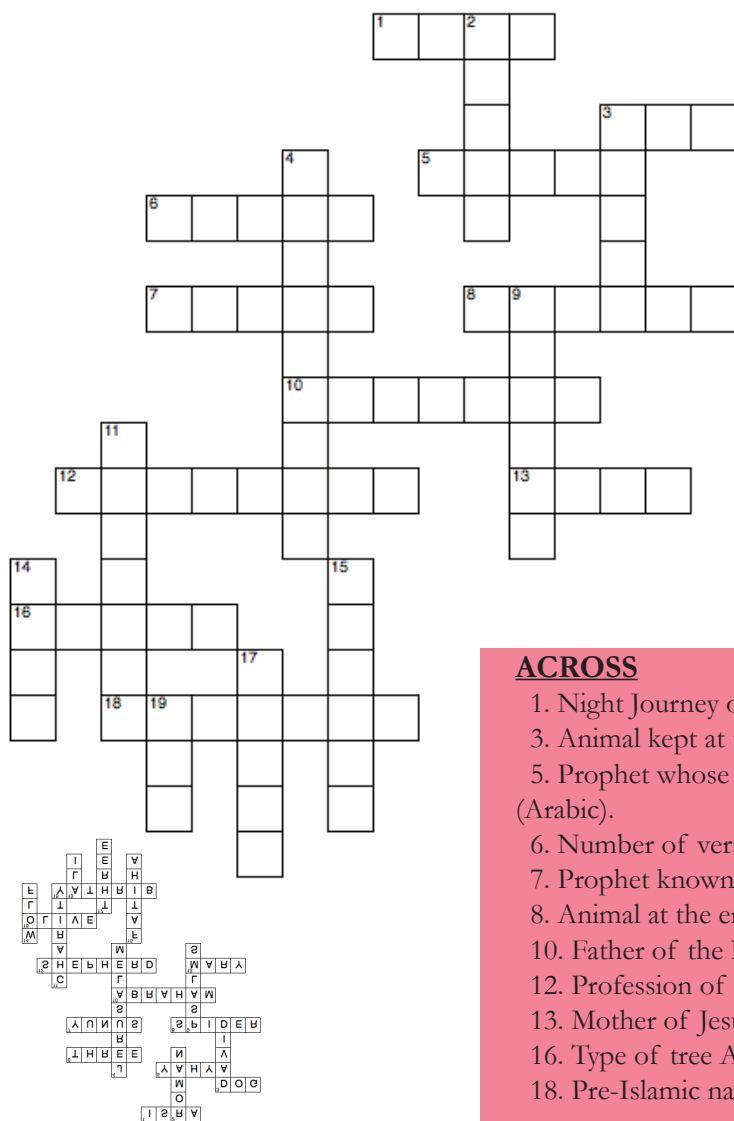
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2. Surah 30 is named after this ancient empire.
3. Prophet for which Allah SWT made iron soft.
4. The first Qiblah (Direction of Prayer) was located in this current-day city.
9. Book revealed to David (English).
11. Sadaqah (English).
14. Joseph was devoured by this animal according to his brothers.
15. Surah known as the Foundation of the Quran (Arabic).
17. Number of days of "Tashriq" in which pilgrims stay at Mina.
19. First child who had converted to Islam.

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1. Night Journey of the Prophet from Makkah to Masjid Al-Aqsa.
3. Animal kept at the entrance of the cave when the People of Cave slept.
5. Prophet whose name Allah SWT said He had not given to anyone before (Arabic).
6. Number of verses in the Quran's shortest chapter.
7. Prophet known as "Dhun-Nuun" or Companion of the Fish (Arabic).
8. Animal at the entrance of the Cave of Thawr.
10. Father of the Prophet Ishaq (English)
12. Profession of Prophet David before he became king of Jerusalem.
13. Mother of Jesus (English).
16. Type of tree Allah SWT caused to spring up on Mount Sinai.
18. Pre-Islamic name of Madinah.

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