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Ramadan message from the Prime Minister

Dear Friend,

I would like to send you, your family, and all Muslim communities, my sincerest best wishes for the holy month of Ramadan.

Ramadan teaches patience and humility, and reminds us of our shared moral universe, and our obligation to others.

The message of empathy for the less fortunate is reflected in Ramadan by the daily fast. And Ramadan's message of compassion and social justice spreads beyond Muslim communities; it speaks of shared values that unite us all.

The *Hadith* of the Prophet Muhammad emphasise the duty of care we owe one another. So during this special month, let us also celebrate the diversity that contributes to Britain's strength.

Muslims make a huge contribution to Britain's success - to our prosperity, our society and our culture. And of course, Ramadan is an opportune time to consider the contribution of Islam not just to Britain, but to the world: Islamic art, science, and philosophy have enriched our lives over many centuries.

Finally, Ramadan is also a time to recall the Prophet's message that "the best richness is the richness of the soul." This speaks to me, as it speaks to so many others. I look forward to continuing positive engagement with British Muslim communities across the UK.

Ramadan Mubarak

Rt Hon Gordon Brown MP