Planning and Duas for Ramadan

During Ramadan, supplications (duas) hold great significance as it is a blessed month when prayers are more likely to be accepted.

Reward for all worship in Ramadan is multiplied 70 times! Here are some suggestions of planning your worship in Ramadan:

- Recite below Duas abundantly throughout the month of Ramadan.
- Ensure you take time off work during the last 10 days of Ramadan to seek Layla-tul-Qadar. The reward for worship on Layla-tul-Qadar, one of last ten nights of Ramadan is more than 83 years of worship.
- Read Tarawees, preferably in congregation at your Masjid
- Recite the Quran abundantly
- Sit for Itikaf in your local Masjid
- Pay your obligatory Zakat. The amount you pay will be multiplied 70 times
- Pay your Zakatul-Fitar in good time
- Seek forgiveness of your deceased parents and loved ones who have passed away
- Do not overeat as it defeats the purpose of fasting and is bad for your health. Eat healthy foods
- Sit with your children during Ramadan and, more importantly, in the last 10 nights of Ramadan.

Below are some of the best duas for the (i) Beginning of Ramadan, (ii) Repentance, and (iii) Duas for deceased parents. All duas are authentic with Arabic text, transliteration, and English translation:

1. Dua for Beginning Ramadan

اللهم بارك لنا في رمضان وأعنا على صيامه وقيامه وتقبله منا

Allahumma barik lana fi Ramadan wa a'inna 'ala siyamihi wa qiyamihi wa taqabbalhu minna.

O Allah, bless us in Ramadan, help us in fasting and standing in prayer, and accept it from us.

2. Dua for Fasting (Suhoor & Iftar)

Dua Before Fasting (Suhoor)

وَبِصَوْم غَدٍ نَوَيْتُ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ

Wa bisawmi ghadin nawaytu min shahri Ramadan.

I intend to fast tomorrow for the month of Ramadan.

Dua for Breaking the Fast (Iftar)

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي لَكَ صُمْتُ وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَعَلَى رِزْقَكَ أَفْطَرْتُ

Allahumma inni laka sumtu wa bika aamantu wa 'alayka tawakkaltu wa 'ala rizq-ika aftartu.

O Allah! I fasted for You, and I believe in You, and I put my trust in You, and with Your sustenance, I break my fast.

3. Dua for Seeking Forgiveness (Istighfar)

Allahumma ighfir li warhamni wa tub 'alayya innaka anta At-Tawwab Ar-Rahim.

O Allah, forgive me, have mercy on me, and accept my repentance. Indeed, You are the Most Accepting of Repentance, the Most Merciful.

4. Dua for the Last 10 Nights of Ramadan (Laylatul Qadr)

Allahumma innaka 'Afuwwun tuhibbul 'afwa fa'fu 'anni.

O Allah, You are Most Forgiving, and You love forgiveness, so forgive me.

5. Dua for Acceptance of Deeds

اللهم تقبل صيامنا وقيامنا وسائر أعمالنا

Allahumma taqabbal siyamana wa qiyamana wa sa'ira a'malina.

O Allah, accept our fasting, our prayers, and all our deeds.

6. Dua for Entering Jannah & Protection from Hellfire

Allahumma inni as'alukal-jannata wa a'udhu bika minan-naar.

O Allah, I ask You for Paradise and seek refuge in You from the Fire.

7. Dua for Guidance & Strength

Allahumma-hdini wa saddidni.

O Allah, guide me and make me steadfast.

8. Dua for Provision & Barakah

Allahumma-rzuqni rizqan halal-an tayyiban mubarakan fihi.

O Allah, provide me with lawful, good, and blessed sustenance.

These duas can be recited throughout Ramadan for spiritual growth, forgiveness, and blessings.
Seeking forgiveness (Istighfar) is highly recommended in Ramadan, as it is a time of mercy and redemption. Here are some powerful duas for forgiveness:
1. The Best Dua for Forgiveness (From the Prophet 🏶)
اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌ تُحِبُّ الْغَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَيِّ Allahumma innaka 'Afuwwun tuhibbul 'afwa fa'fu 'anni. O Allah, You are Most Forgiving, and You love forgiveness, so forgive me. [Tirmidhi 3513] (Recommended during the last 10 nights of Ramadan)
2. Dua for General Forgiveness
اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي وَتُبْ عَلَيَّ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ Allahumma ighfir li warhamni wa tub 'alayya innaka anta At-Tawwab Ar-Rahim. O Allah, forgive me, have mercy on me, and accept my repentance. Indeed, You are the Most Accepting of Repentance, the Most Merciful.
[Abu Dawood 1516]
3. Sayyidul Istighfar (The Best Supplication for Seeking Forgiveness)
اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي، لا إِلٰهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، خَلَقْتَنِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ، وَأَنَا عَلَىٰ عَهْدِكَ وَوَعْدِكَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ، أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ، أَبُوءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ، وَأَبُوءُ بِذَنْبِي، فَاغْفِرْ لِي، فَإِنَّهُ لا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ
Allahumma anta Rabbi la ilaha illa Anta, khalaqtani wa ana 'abduka, wa ana 'ala 'ahdika wa wa'dika mastata'tu, a'udhu bika min sharri ma sana'tu, aboo'u laka bini'matika 'alayya, wa aboo'u bidhanbi faghfir li fa'innahu la yaghfiru adhdhunooba illa Anta.
O Allah, You are my Lord, there is no deity except You. You created me and I am Your servant. I am upon Your covenant and promise as much as I am able. I seek refuge in You from the evil of what I have done. I acknowledge Your favor upon me, and I confess my sins. So forgive me, for surely, no one can forgive sins except You.
[Bukhari 6306] (Reciting it in the morning and evening is highly recommended.)
4. Dua for Seeking Protection from Hellfire
رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَإِسْرَافَنَا فِي أَمْرِنَا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ Rabbana ighfir lana dhunubana wa israfana fi amrina wa thabbit aqdamana wansurna 'alal-qawmil kafirin. Our Lord, forgive our sins and our excesses in our affairs, keep our feet firm, and grant us victory over the disbelieving people.
[Qur'an 3:147]

5. Dua of Prophet Yunus (AS) – For Immediate Forgiveness
لَا إِلٰهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ
La ilaha illa Anta, Subhanaka, inni kuntu minaz-zalimin.
There is no deity except You; exalted are You. Indeed, I have been of the wrongdoers.
[Qur'an 21:87] (A powerful dua for relief, mercy, and forgiveness)
6. Dua for Seeking Mercy & Forgiveness
رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّاحِمِينَ
Rabbi ighfir li warhamni wa anta khayrur-raahimeen.
My Lord! Forgive me and have mercy upon me, and You are the best of the merciful.
[Qur'an 23:118]
7. Dua for Erasing Sins
اللَّهُمَّ مَحُ عَتِّى خَطَايَايَ كَمَا يُمْحَى الدَّنَسُ مِنَ الثَّوْبِ الأَبْيَضِ Allahumma mah 'anni khatayaya kama yumha d-danasu min ath-thawb al-abyad.
O Allah, erase my sins as stains are removed from a white garment.
[Sahih Muslim]
These duas for forgiveness are powerful and can be recited throughout Ramadan and beyond. May Allah accept your repentance and grant you His mercy.
Making dua for deceased parents is one of the greatest acts of kindness a child can do for them. Here are some powerful supplications for deceased parents:
1. General Dua for Deceased Parents
اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِوَالِدَيَّ وَارْحَمْهُمَا كُمَّا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا
Allahumma ighfir li-walidayya warhamhuma kama rabbayani saghiran.
O Allah, forgive my parents and have mercy on them as they brought me up when I was small.
[Qur'an 17:24] (A beautiful and concise dua directly from the Qur'an.)
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2. Comprehensive Dua for Forgiveness & Mercy

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِوَالِدِيَّ، وَارْفَعْ دَرَجَتَهُمَا فِي الْمَهْدِيِّينَ، وَاخْلُفْهُمَا فِي عَقِبِهِمَا فِي الْغَابِرِينَ، وَاغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلَهُمْ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ، وَافْسَحْ لَهُمَا فِي قَبْرِهِمَا، وَنَوَّرْ لَهُمَا فِيهِ Allahumma ighfir li-walidayya, warfa' darajatahuma fi al-mahdiyin, wakhlufhuma fi 'aqibihima fi al-ghabirin, waghfir lana wa lahum ya Rabbal-'alamin, wafsah lahuma fi qabrihima, wanawwir lahuma fihi.

O Allah, forgive my parents, elevate their status among the guided, take care of what they left behind, forgive us and them, O Lord of the worlds. Expand their graves and fill them with light.
[Ibn Majah 3660] (A very comprehensive dua covering multiple aspects of mercy and forgiveness.)
3. Dua for Their Rank in Jannah
اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ قَبْرَهُمَا رَوْضَةً مِنْ رِيَاضِ الْجَنَّةِ، وَلَا تَجْعَلْهُ حُفْرَةً مِنْ حُفَرِ النَّارِ
Allahumma aj'al qabrahuma rawdatan min riyadil-jannah, wa la taj'alhu hufratan min hufarin-nar.
O Allah, make their grave a garden from the gardens of Paradise, and do not make it a pit from the pits of Hell.
[Hadith Reference - Tirmidhi] (Asking Allah to grant them a peaceful resting place.)
4. Dua for Meeting Them in Jannah
اللَّهُمَّ اجْمَعْنِي بِوَالِدَيَّ فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ، وَارْزُقْنَا لِقَاءَ سَعِيدًا فِي فِرْدَوْسِكَ الأَعْلَى
Allahumma ajma'ni bi-walidayya fi jannatin-na'eem, warzuqna liqaa'an sa'idan fi firdawsikal-a'la.
O Allah, reunite me with my parents in the Gardens of Bliss, and bless us with a joyous meeting in the highest paradise (Al-Firdaws).
[A heartfelt personal supplication] (A beautiful dua for reunion in Jannah.)
5. Dua for Continuous Rewards for Deceased Parents
اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ صَدَقَتَهُمْ جَارِيَةً، وَارْزُقْهُمْ أَجْرًا غَيْرَ مَقْطُوعٍ، وَاجْعَلْ ذُرِّيَّتَهُمْ صَالِحَةً تَدْعُو لَهُمْ بِالْخَيْرِ
Allahumma aj'al sadaqatahum jariyah, warzuqhum ajran ghayra maqtu', waj'al dhuriyyatahum salihah tad'u lahum bil-khayr.
O Allah, make their charity a continuous reward, grant them never-ending blessings, and make their children righteous who will pray for them.
[Based on Hadith - Muslim 1631] (A dua to ensure their deeds continue bringing them rewards.)
6. Dua for Their Sins to Be Cleansed
اللَّهُمَّ نَقِّهِمَا مِنَ الذُّنُوبِ وَالْخَطَايَا كَمَا يُنَقَّى الثَّوْبُ الأَبْيَضُ مِنَ الدُّنَس
Allahumma naqqihima minal-dhunubi wal-khataya kama yunaqqa ath-thawb al-abyad min ad-danas. O Allah, purify them from sins as a white garment is purified from dirt.
[Sahih Muslim] (A dua asking Allah to cleanse their sins completely.)

7. Dua for Mercy upon All Deceased Believers

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ
Rabbi ighfir li wa li-walidayya wa lil-mu'minina yawma yaqum al-hisab.
My Lord, forgive me, my parents, and all the believers on the Day when the reckoning will be established.
[Qur'an 14:41] (A dua that includes all believing souls in need of Allah's mercy.)
May Allah forgive our parents, grant them high status inJannah, and fill their graves with light. Ameen.
Do not forget to make the below duas

General Dua for All Muslims

- O Allah! Have Mercy on all Muslim Families.
- O Allah! Preserve our Parents and Elders with a long life and grant them Emaan and Taqwah with good health.
- O Allah! Grant complete shifaa to those who are hospitalised, or poorly, or ill or recovering.
- O Allah! Make their illness a means of an expiation of all their sins and grant them complete shifaa.
- O Allah! Take our souls and the souls of our Parents and Elders when You are Pleased with them and make their ending a good one with the Kalima (Shadah) on their lips.
- O Allah! Send help to all oppressed Muslims in Gaza, Mayanamar, India, China, Kashmir, and all parts of the world.
- O Allah! Replace corrupt Leaders of Muslim countries with pious Leaders like Umar bin Khattab.
- O Allah! Send your Help to free Muslims from tyrannical Leaders.
- O Allah! Unite the Ummah and make them strong abiding to your Commandments.

Dua for a Newly Deceased Person

- O Allah! Forgive our brother/sister (or Relation), have mercy on him/her, grant him/her peace and pardon him/her.
- O Allah! Receive our brother/sister (or Relation) with Honour and make his/her place of entry (in grave) spacious.
- O Allah! Wash our brother/sister (or Relation) with water, snow, and ice and cleanse him/her of his/her faults like a white garment is cleansed of stains.
- O Allah! Substitute for our brother/sister (or Relation) an abode better than his/her abode, a family better than his/her family and a spouse better than his/her spouse.
- O Allah! Admit our Deceased into Paradise and protect him/her from the torment of the Grave and the torment of the Fire.
- Oh Allah! Grant the Deceased family members sabr-e-Jameel.

Aameen Ya Rablealammen.

Dua for our All our Deceased Parents, Family and Loved Ones

O Allah! Have Mercy on our deceased parents and loved ones, make their graves broad and widen them as a garden of Jannah, forgive them their sins, make their children a source of Sadaqat Jareah for them, increase their status in Jannah, give them better abode and family than what they had in Duniya, give them the shade of Your Throne on Judgement Day, give the Book of their deeds in their right hand without reckoning, make the weight of their deeds heavy on the scale (Meezan), grant them shafaa of the Prophet and drink from Hawd-e-Kauser, make them go over pul-siraat like lightening, unite them with all their loved ones in Janatul Firdaus and make them neighbours of our Noble Prophet and His Companions, Aameen.