

MESSAGE FROM THE PRIME MINISTER

RAMADAN 2021

I send my warm greetings to Australians marking Ramadan in 2021.

In this holy month, Muslim people across the world return to the essentials of their faith, and there find new strength. In discipline, you find compassion. In fasting, generosity.

In keeping and sharing this tradition, you enrich our wider Australian community as well.

Like so much else, Ramadan looked different last year, and it will look different again this year because of COVID-19.

I have so much respect and gratitude for the way our Muslim communities rose to this challenge.

You wholeheartedly supported our national effort responding to the COVID-19 pandemic. I honour the sacrifices you made for our country and for your fellow Australians.

Your efforts and the kindness and care you showed in a year of hardship made a difference – and I am grateful.

This year, we look to the future with confidence in safe and effective vaccines, and with trust in our strong, resilient and diverse nation to fully recover and return to the things we hold most dear.

That includes the religious festivals and rituals, like Ramadan, that remind us of the deepest truths and highest hopes. As you gather in COVID safe ways, may you draw from strength from those who you were separated from during 2020 and the faith that guided you.

For everyone celebrating Ramadan, may you be refreshed, inspired and renewed during this holy month.

Ramadan Mubarak.

The Hon Scott Morrison MP Prime Minister of Australia

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