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AFIC extends best wishes to the human family for the special day of 'Ashura and commends believers to fast in devotion to God

Media Statement

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The prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings upon him, said: "The best fasting after the month of Ramadan is the month of Muharram."

We are presently in the month of Muharram and we are approaching some very significant spiritual days, they are the 9th and 10th of Muharram, these days coincide with Friday the 28th and Saturday the 29th of August 2020.

Fasting, (abstention from food, water and conjugal acts) from dawn to sunset is a great spiritual act that empowers the soul and uplifts a person from the pulls of the material world.

These days commemorate very special historical events, our religious tradition records that the tenth day of Muharram is the day on which Noah's ark rested on Mount Judi after the great floods. (peace and blessings upon Prophet Noah).

It is also the day on which Allah saved Prophet Moses, peace and blessings upon him, and the Israelites from captivity in Egypt and delivered them to safety.

"I pray that this day will herald peace for the human family, I pray that we overcome COVID-19 together and I pray for greater prosperity for Australia and our fellow Australians." Said Dr. Rateb Jneid, President of AFIC.

This sacred month with its beautiful days showcases some of the commonalities between the faith traditions, it is indeed a grand statement of love and goodwill that Muslims celebrate the day of salvation of biblical greats like Noah

and Moses (peace and blessings upon them) and their peoples. Authorised by:

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