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This was project number 68. This month we provided food in readiness for Ramadan for the two orphaned sisters who we often provide for. The food was hand delivered to their home in ample time for Ramadan preparations. Caring for orphans is a significant part of Islam. Orphans are mentioned 22 times in the Qur'an: their mistreatment is a serious sin, while nurturing and sponsoring them is an immensely valuable good deed. Taking care of orphans is a cause particularly dear to the Prophet Muhammad's (pbuh) heart. He (pbuh) was also an orphan - his father passed away before he was even born, and his mother passed away when he was a young child. The Prophet (pbuh) said, 'The one who cares for an orphan and myself will be together in Paradise like this', and he (pbuh) held his two fingers together to illustrate. [Bukhari]. SubhanAllah, to be close to the Prophet (pbuh) you don't have stand in prayer all night or give away all your wealth. You only have to take care of one orphan to attain this hiah incredibly status. When mentioning certain good deeds in the Qur'an, Allah also describes in detail the beautiful things in Jannah we will earn by doing these good deeds. In Surah Insan, Allah describes people who give their food to orphans and the needy, purely for His sake: 'And they give food, in spite of love for it, to the needy, the orphan, and the captive. [Saying], "We feed you only

for the countenance of Allah. We don't want from vou either reward or gratitude. Indeed, we fear from our Lord a Day austere and distressful". (The Noble Qur'an, 76:8-10). As a direct reward for this good deed, Allah promises: So Allah will protect them from the evil of that Day and give them radiance and happiness, And will reward them for what they patiently endured [with] a garden [in Paradise] and silk [garments]. [They will be] reclining therein on adorned couches. They will not see therein any [burning] sun or [freezing] cold. And near above them are its shades, and its [fruit] to be picked will be lowered in compliance.

The Prophet Muhammad ﷺ said: Shall I not tell you who will be forbidden from the Fire? Every gentle, soft-hearted and kind person. (Tirmidhi)

Jazakallah khair for your continued monthly donations; without which we could not provide the help that we do to others. Thank you for your kindness

A note to say that your money is not used as zakat but as lillah. Jzk. If family or friends wish to help with £1 per month please pass on the details below: Monthly standing order of £1 or £12 payment for the year. • Sort code:30-96-26

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