# Ibrahim (Abraham) and Hajj

*Qur’an 21:26-29, 14:35-41*

*The Qur’an, Holy Book for Muslims, States that Allah assigned the site of the Ka’bah (House of Allah in Makkah) to Ibrahim (Abraham) saying, ‘Do not associate anything as a partner with Me (Allah); keep My (Allah) House clean and pure for those who go round it and for those who stand and bow down and prostrate (in worship) and announce to the people to come for Hajj from far and near, on foot and on lean camels, so that they can see the benefits that are here for them. And during the appointed days they should mention the name of Allah over the cattle He has provided them, and then they may eat their flesh and also give of it to the needy. Then they should clean themselves, fulfil their vows and go round the Ka’bah.’*

*(Qur’an 21:26-29)*

*Then, ‘Ibrahim (Abraham) prayed saying, ‘Lord! Make this city (Makkah) a city of peace and protect me and my descendants from the worship of the idols. …….. Lord! I have settled some of my descendants in a barren valley near Your House (the Ka’bah). Lord, I have done this in the hope that they will establish Salah (5 daily prayers) there. So, turn the hearts of people towards them, and provide fruits for their food. ……. Lord! You have knowledge of all that we hide and disclose. And the fact is that nothing in the earth or heavens is hidden from Allah. …… All praise be to Allah Who has given me sons like Ismail and Isaac in my old age. Indeed, my Lord hears all prayers. Lord! help make me establish Salah and from among my descendants raise those who should do this work. Lord! Forgive me and my parents and the believers on the day of judgement….’. (Qur’an 14:35-41)*