



American Muslim  
Community Foundation

# Muslim Philanthropic Values

Philanthropy is *the love of mankind* as an expression of values. What we believe to be important, the difference we seek to make, how we prioritize causes or select nonprofits or projects to fund – all of these elements of a philanthropic journey can be informed by our values. Values come from many sources, lessons and experiences, including from the Islamic tradition. Islamic teachings provide a foundation for philanthropy that is rooted in tradition yet profoundly relevant today.



The Muslim Philanthropic Values are based on Barakah Culture Cards from The Productive Muslim Company in partnership with the AMCF. These cards are a tool to help individuals and groups take a values-based approach to philanthropy and charitable giving. The Cards invite exploration and reflection.

They can be used to prompt and support discussion of core personal Islamic philanthropic values and to surface values shared by a group. They are intended for use by individuals, families, foundations, and giving circles.

Each card has a value, ritual, or mindset. Users should approach the Cards from the value side first, referring to the text to develop conversations around the concept.

## DISCUSSION PROMPTS

- Which three values, mindsets, and rituals most resonate for you personally?
- Share among your group, exploring areas of overlap and difference.
- What community issue(s) relate to the values that most resonate for you or your group?
- Which value(s), mindset(s), and ritual(s) speak to something you have learned or experienced through your philanthropy and charitable giving?
- Share the value, the text and how you have learned about or experienced this concept.
- What nonprofit organizations that you know of align most with these cards you've identified?
- Feel free to use AMCF's online Nonprofit Directory ([www.AMuslimCF.org/funded](http://www.AMuslimCF.org/funded)).
- Have each person in the group select the one or two cards which speak to you and answer the question:
  - How is this value represented, or not, in current local, national, or world events?
- What values have you learned from a loved one or have you taught to your children?
- Share the value and what it means to you/your family.
- Which value(s) do not resonate for you? Why not?
- What Islamic values related to philanthropy do you feel are missing from this deck?

**Need a set of cards? Make a donation of \$25+ or start/join a Giving Circle**

Founded in 2016, the American Muslim Community Foundation is a grassroots, national nonprofit organization in the United States. Our focus is on creating Donor Advised Funds, Giving Circles, distributing grants, and building endowments for the Muslim community.

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