



*Children's class, University of  
Islam, Chicago, 1963. (Gordon Parks)*

*Facing page: Father and son, both  
Muslims, pray in their Brooklyn,  
New York, home, 1963.  
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*“What I liked most about the  
Nation was the ambience inside.  
Here was a small place that had a  
certain kind of tranquillity, a zone  
that was different than all the rest  
of Harlem. People walked in and  
they got transformed. They were  
respectful of each other. When peo-  
ple came in there, their behavior  
changed. Lenox Avenue and 116th  
was one of the roughest sections of  
Harlem, but none of that went  
down in front of the mosque.”—  
James Turner*