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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ
أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ
وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،

فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَأَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Let us increase our righteousness to Allah the Almighty by doing all that He prescribes and avoiding all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty in this world and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Islam obliges its followers to strive to earn a living with their own hard work. Our religion forbids us from being lazy; let alone asking for sympathy or help from others unnecessarily. Allah the Almighty says in chapter (surah Hud) verse 6:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَمَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ إِلَّا عَلَى اللَّهِ رِزْقُهَا وَيَعْلَمُ مُسْتَقَرَّهَا
وَمُسْتَوْدَعَهَا كُلٌّ فِي كِتَابٍ مُبِينٍ ﴿٦﴾

Which means: *“There is no moving creature on earth whose provision is not guaranteed by Allah. And He knows where it lives and where it is laid to rest. All is written in a perfect Record.”*

People who work for sustenance with their own efforts will be given glory on the Day of Judgement. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Al-Baihaqi:

مَنْ طَلَبَ الدُّنْيَا حَالًا لَا اسْتِعْفَافًا عَنِ الْمَسْأَلَةِ وَسَعِيَ عَلَى أَهْلِهِ وَتَعَطَّفًا عَلَى جَارِهِ
جَاءَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَوَجْهُهُ كَالْقَمَرِ لَيْلَةَ الْبَدْرِ

Which means: *“Whoever seeks halal sustenance to keep himself from begging, and in order to provide for his family, as well as to be able to help his neighbour, he will surely come on the Day of Resurrection with his face radiant like a full moon.”*

Those who always beg not because of desperation or restrictions in their lives, will be resurrected in the hereafter with an ugly appearance. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari:

مَا يَزَالُ الرَّجُلُ يَسْأَلُ النَّاسَ حَتَّى يَأْتِيَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ لَيْسَ فِي وَجْهِهِ مُزْعَةٌ لَحْمٍ

Which means: *“A man continues to beg people until he will come on the Day of Resurrection without any flesh on his face.”*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Allah the Almighty loves His servants who are poor or needy, but do not beg. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Ibnu Majah:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ عَبْدَهُ الْمُؤْمِنَ الْفَقِيرَ الْمُتَعَفِّفَ أَبَا الْعِيَالِ

Which means: *Indeed, Allah the Almighty loves His righteous servants who are poor, who do not like to beg while he is forced to support his family.*

Therefore, as Muslims we must help our communities in need by providing any assistance, especially during this covid-19 epidemic. Do not let them be desperate enough as to beg from others. Remember that all our deeds will be seen by Allah the Almighty.

:Allah the Almighty said in chapter 9)surah al-Taubah(verse 105

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وَقُلْ أَعْمَلُوا فَسَيَرَى اللَّهُ عَمَلَكُمْ وَرَسُولُهُ وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ وَسَتُرَدُّونَ إِلَى
عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ فَيُنبِّئُكُمْ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ ﴿١٠٥﴾

Which means: *Tell them, O Prophet, “Do as you will. Your deeds will be observed by Allah, His Messenger, and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the seen and unseen, then He will inform you of what you used to do.”*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ آيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.