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أَحْمَدُ 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 عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،
فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

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

Dear brothers and sisters,

Lately, there have been many shocking incidences of suicides on the grounds of difficulties and hardships of life due to the spread of the covid-19 epidemic. The act of committing suicide when difficulties and disasters strike in this world is not the way to solve these matters. It will leave a devastating effect on our loved onessuch as our families, friends and others.In fact, killing oneself will result in severe punishment in the hereafter.

The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim which means:

"Whoever kills himself with an iron weapon, will be carrying that weapon in his hand and stabbing his abdomen with it in the (Hell) Fire wherein he will abide eternally forever; and whoever drinks poison and kills himself with it, he will be carrying his poison in his hand and drinking it in the (Hell) Fire wherein he will abide eternally forever; and Whoever purposely throws himself from a mountain and kills himself, will be in the (Hell) Fire falling down into it and abiding therein perpetually forever."

This hadith has been explained by Qadhi Iyad in the book of Muslim that whoever kills himself, he will be severely punished in the hereafter and will not enter paradise unless he still has faith in Allah the Almighty.

Dear brothers and sisters,

Islam tells its followers to always be patient, resilient and steadfast in facing any problem. The act of killing oneself in Islam is haram. Allah the Almighty has promised to bring ease for every difficulty. Those who are having difficulties can get help from mosques throughout Pahang organized by the charity kitchen of the Pahang Religious Council and Malay Customs. The public is also welcomed to contribute to this program. The government also provides food baskets and assistance from non-governmental organizations.

The test of hardship in life is a sign that Allah the Almighty loves us and increases our faith to Him. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2 (surah al-Baqarah) verse 155:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَلَنَبْلُوَنَّكُمْ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنَ الْخَوْفِ وَالْجُوعِ وَنَقْصٍ مِّنَ الْأَمْوَالِ وَالْأَنْفُسِ وَالثَّمَرَاتِ

وَبَشِّرِ الصَّابِرِينَ ﴿١٥٥﴾

Which means: “We will certainly test you with a touch of fear and famine and loss of property, life, and crops. Give good news to those who patiently endure.”

Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us always be patient in these hard times by increasing our worship to Allah the Almighty such as performing prayers, reciting the Qur'an, dhikr i.e. doing *istighfar* and supplication to Allah the Almighty so as to strengthened our faith and patience in facing the current situation due to the spread of covid-19 epidemic.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 64 (surah al-Taghabun) verse 11:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

مَا أَصَابَ مِنْ مُصِيبَةٍ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِ اللَّهِ وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ قَلْبَهُ، وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ

شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١١﴾

Which means: *No calamity befalls anyone except by Allah's will. And whoever has faith in Allah, He will rightly guide their hearts through adversity. And Allah has perfect knowledge of all things.*

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 أُمَّ سَلِيمِينَ وَأُمَّ سَلِمَاتِ، وَأُمَّ وَمِنِينَ
وَأُمَّ وَمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.