

HIJRATUL RASUL
[Migration of the Prophet (pbuh)]
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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 عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ.
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ،
فِيَا 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 leaving all that He prohibits. May we be blessed by Him in this life and the hereafter.

Dear brothers and sisters,

We are indeed grateful that Allah the Almighty has given us the opportunity to welcome the new year of hijrah 1444. The arrival of the hijrah year reminds us of the migration of our Prophet (pbuh) and his companions from Mecca to Medina. This event is stated by Allah the Almighty in chapter 9 (surah al-Taubah) verse 20:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا وَهَاجَرُوا وَجَاهَدُوا فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ بِأَمْوَالِهِمْ وَأَنْفُسِهِمْ أَكْبَرُ دَرَجَةً عِنْدَ اللَّهِ

وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْفَائِزُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾

Which means: *Those who have believed, emigrated, and strived in the cause of Allah with their wealth and their lives are greater in rank in the sight of Allah. It is they who will triumph.*

Among the great successes of Muslims in this migration event is that the Prophet (pbuh) united the people of Madinah; which consisted of two large tribes, the Aus and the Khazraj, known as Ansar. They were then fraternized with the Muhajirin (those who migrated from Mecca) which made them a strong and united *Ummah* (muslim community). Remember, implemented by the Prophet (pbuh); building a strong society and country must begin with unity.

To strengthen this unity, the first action taken by the Prophet (pbuh) when he arrived in Medina was to build a mosque. Since then, the Nabawi mosque has been the focus of muslims to perform congregational prayers five times a day.

This is the result of the Prophet (pbuh) educating his companions that gave rise to the birth of Sayyidina Abu Bakar, Sayyidina Umar, Sayyidina Uthman and Sayyidina Ali as well as other companions who yearn to go to the mosque every day. We should emulate them.

Therefore, it is hoped that the arrival of the new year of hijrah will motivate all of us to enliven our mosques. How fortunate are those who

enliven the mosques because the Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Bukhari which means:

There are seven whom Allah will shade in His Shade on the Day when there is no shade except His Shade: A man whose heart is attached to the mosques.

The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Tirmizi:

إِذَا رَأَيْتُمُ الرَّجُلَ يَتَعَاهَدُ الْمَسْجِدَ فَاشْهَدُوا لَهُ بِالْإِيمَانِ

Which means: *If you see a man committed to the mosque, bear witness to his faith.*

Dear brothers and sisters,

Hijrah is the success of the Prophet's (pbuh) dakwah. Dakwah (preaching) is a very noble practice. Each of us should contribute to the dakwah effort be it advice, energy and money. Take advantage of our whole life to perform dakwah. Among the dakwah that needs to be initiated is by inviting family members and young people to the mosques. Why is it that many of our young people do not go to the mosque? It is because parents who do go to the mosques ignore this dakwah effort to invite young people to attend the mosques. Starting from now, let us earnestly invite them to come and enliven the mosques. May we hopefully receive *tawfik* (the ability or opportunity to achieve success) and guidance from Allah.

We should never neglect the efforts of dakwah. Remember the advice of the Prophet (pbuh) in a hadith narrated by al-Tirmizi which means:

"By the One in Whose Hand my soul is! Either you command good and forbid evil, or Allah will soon send upon you a punishment from Him, then you will pray to Him but He will not respond to you".

Dear brothers and sisters,

Let us start the beginning of this hijrah year by fasting on the 9th and 10th of Muharram which corresponds to the 7th and 8th of August. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Ibn Majah which means:

Fasting the day of Ashura (is of great merits), I hope that Allah will accept it as an expiation for (the sins committed in) the previous year.

May we begin this year of hijrah with dakwah efforts by inviting our entire community to attend the mosques, especially during congregational morning prayers, Friday prayers and knowledge gatherings regardless of who is delivering them. May we be blessed by Allah the Almighty.

Allah the Almighty says in chapter 49 (surah Al-Hujurat) verse 10:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَالَّذِينَ هَاجَرُوا فِي اللَّهِ مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا ظَلَمُوا لَنُبَوِّئَنَّهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَلَآ أَجْرَ لَآخِرَةٍ أَكْبَرُ
لَوْ كَانُوا يَعْلَمُونَ ﴿٤٩﴾

Which means: *The believers are but one brotherhood, so make peace between your brothers. And be mindful of Allah so you may be shown mercy.*

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