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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 وَأُوصِيكُمْ 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 Allah the Almighty in this life and the hereafter.



Dear brothers and sisters

The long awaited month of Ramadan is approaching. Righteous believers realize that it is a mercy from Allah the Almighty to His servants. They understand that Ramadan does not come with 'empty hands', but is filled with rewards and overflowing with blessings from Allah the Almighty. Therefore, it is up to us to accept the presence of this Ramadan by glorifying it or letting it pass by.

Encouragement to welcome this blessed month with a sense of joy is stated in a hadith of the Prophet (pbuh) and narrated by Imam al-Tabrani:

قَدْ أَتَاكُمْ رَمَضَانُ سَيِّدُ الشُّهُورِ فَمَرْحَبًا بِهِ وَأَهْلًا جَاءَ شَهْرُ الصِّيَامِ بِبَرَكَاتٍ فَأَكْرِمُوا بِهِ

Which means: “*The month of Ramadan, the ruler of all months, has come to you. Then you should say welcome. The month of fasting has come with all the blessings in it, so you should glorify it.*”

The Prophet (pbuh) mentioned the advantages of the month of Ramadan in a hadith narrated by Imam Ahmad:



قَدْ جَاءَكُمْ رَمَضَانُ شَهْرٌ مُبَارَكٌ افْتَرَضَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُمْ صِيَامَهُ يُفْتَحُ فِيهِ أَبْوَابُ
الْجَنَّةِ وَيُعَلَقُ فِيهِ أَبْوَابُ الْجَحِيمِ وَتُغَلُّ فِيهِ الشَّيَاطِينُ فِيهِ لَيْلَةٌ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ
شَهْرٍ

Which means: *“There has come to you Ramadan, a blessed month which Allah has enjoined you to fast. In it the gates of heaven are opened and the gates of Hell are closed, and the devils are chained up. In it there is a night that is better than a thousand months.”*

Dear brothers and sisters

Ramadan is the month of education, which is the month that educates every Muslim to devote himself to Allah the Almighty. The act of fasting is not just about abstaining from hunger and thirst, it also serves to educate the eyes from seeing forbidden things, the ears from hearing curses/gossips, the tongue from speaking slander, the hands from committing sin and enmity, the genitals from committing immorality and the feet from walking towards evil and wickedness. Fasting also educates us to be kind and implement religious commands with complete sincerity. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam al-Bukhari:



مَنْ لَمْ يَدَعْ قَوْلَ الزُّورِ وَالْعَمَلَ بِهِ فَلَيْسَ لِلَّهِ حَاجَةٌ فِي أَنْ يَدَعَ طَعَامَهُ وَشَرَابَهُ

Which means: “Whoever does not give up forged speech and evil actions, Allah is not in need of his leaving his food and drink (i.e. Allah will not accept his fasting.)”

It is truly hoped that our fasting during the coming Ramadan will achieve its true goal, which is piety to Allah the Almighty. Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2 (surah al-Baqarah) verse 183:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

Which means: “O believers! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was for those before you, so perhaps you will become mindful of Allah.

Dear brothers and sisters

Allah the Almighty unfolds a golden opportunity for believers to gain twofold reward and forgiveness from Him during this month. The Prophet (pbuh) said in a hadith narrated by Imam Muslim:



الصَّلَاةُ الْخَمْسُ وَالْجُمُعَةُ إِلَى الْجُمُعَةِ وَرَمَضَانُ إِلَى رَمَضَانَ مُكَفِّرَاتٌ مَا بَيْنَهُنَّ إِذَا

اجْتَنَبَ الْكَبَائِرَ

Which means : *“The five daily prayers, from one Jumu`ah to the next, and from one Ramadan to the next, are an expiation for whatever (sins) come in between, so long as one avoids major sins.”*

Know that from a health point of view, fasting is the best method to protect the body from various diseases. Fasting gives an opportunity for the organs in the body and the digestive system to recover. It is also an effective cure for chronic diseases such as high blood pressure, increased fat and increased blood sugar. Look at how great is the wisdom of Allah the Almighty in obliging His servants to fast. Apart from being able to increase faith and piety, it is also beneficial to the body.

In the run-up to this Ramadan, Muslims are called upon to multiply their worship by observing the rulings of fasting, praying in congregation with family members in mosques, reciting the Qur'an, giving alms, giving aid to those in need, etc. Reflect upon what Allah the Almighty says in chapter 2 (surah al-Baqarah) verse 185:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



شَهْرَ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَىٰ
وَأَفْرَاقٍ مَّنْ شَهِدَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ وَمَن كَانَ مَرِيضًا أَوْ عَلَىٰ سَفَرٍ فَعِدَّةٌ
مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أُخَرَ يُرِيدُ اللَّهُ بِكُمُ الْيُسْرَ وَلَا يُرِيدُ بِكُمُ الْعُسْرَ وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ
وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَيْكُم وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿١٨٥﴾

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

