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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,**

Let us be sincere in all acts of worship throughout the month of *Ramadan*, whether it is the obligatory five-time congregational prayer, *Taraweeh* prayer, *I'tikaf*, reading the Quran or giving alms, etc. Worship to seek Allah's reward and pleasure, not because of feeling ashamed of our neighbors and friends or because of wanting to be seen by people for insincere practices are useless and are not accepted by Allah. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 98 (*Surah Al-Bayyinah*) verse (*ayat*)

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أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

وَمَا أُمِرُوا إِلَّا لِيَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ مُخْلِصِينَ لَهُ الدِّينَ حُنَفَاءَ وَيُقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَيُؤْتُوا الزَّكَاةَ

وَذَلِكَ دِينُ الْقَيِّمَةِ ﴿٥﴾

**Which means:** “*though all they are ordered to do is worship Allah alone, sincerely devoting their religion to Him as people of true faith, keep up the prayer, and pay the prescribed alms, for that is the true religion.*”

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

We are now approaching the last ten days of *Ramadan*. Let us seize the opportunities, privileges and all the advantages of the last ten nights of this holy month. Be determined to double our acts of worship as exemplified by the Prophet (peace be upon him [PBUH]) as said in a *hadith* narrated by Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim:

إِذَا دَخَلَ الْعَشْرُ، أَحْيَا اللَّيْلَ، وَأَيْقَظَ أَهْلَهُ، وَجَدَّ، وَشَدَّ الْمُنْزَرَ.

**Which means:** “*when the last ten nights began Allah’s Messenger (PBUH) kept awake at night (for prayer and devotion), wakened his family, and prepared himself to observe prayer (with more vigor).*”

There must be special advantages in the last ten nights of *Ramadan*. Otherwise, the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) would not have concentrated on prayers and other acts of worship to the point of giving up the pleasure of sleeping at night and temporarily putting aside other matters. It was mentioned in another *hadith* narrated by Imam Muslim:



يَجْتَهِدُ فِي الْعَشْرِ الْأَوَاخِرِ، مَا لَا يَجْتَهِدُ فِي غَيْرِهِ

**Which means:** “*The Prophet (PBUH) used to exert himself in devotion during the last ten nights to a greater extent than at any other time.*”

The truth is, the Prophet (PBUH) wanted to set an example for all of us so we would focus on the acts of worship and gain the advantage of a night called *Lailatul Qadr* which only comes during the month of *Ramadan*. There are many *hadiths* of the Prophet (PBUH) and opinions of the scholars about the occurrence of *Lailatul Qadr*; Some say it occurs on odd nights. What is certain is that the exact date is only known to Allah the Almighty. But, if we continue worshiping earnestly, especially in the last ten nights, God willing, we will obtain the reward of *Lailatul Qadr* this year.

The Prophet (PBUH) said in a *hadith* narrated by Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim:

مَنْ قَامَ لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ

**Which means:** “... he who passes *Lailat al-Qadr* [Night of Decree] in prayer with faith and seeking his reward from Him (Allah) will have his past sins forgiven.”

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

One of the acts of worship that the Prophet (PBUH) took very seriously in the last ten days of *Ramadan* was the act of *I'tikaf* (retreat in the mosque). The practice of *I'tikaf* starts on the night of the 21st of *Ramadan*, in the mosque before Maghrib,



and ends on the night of Eid. However, it is preferable to end the *I'tikaf* after performing the *Eid Al-Fitr sunnah* prayer. It is done earnestly with *mujahadah* (struggle) more than other days in the month of *Ramadan*. It is stated in a *hadith* narrated by Imam Al-Bukhari and Imam Muslim from Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her):

**Which means:** “*The Prophet used to engage in private devotions in the mosque during the last ten nights of Ramadan till Allah took him, and then his wives followed this practice after his death.*”

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Let us enliven the last ten days of *Ramadan* with worship and practices that bring us closer to Allah the Almighty. Hopefully, we will be blessed with Paradise and be forgiven for our past sins. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 97 (*Surah Al-Qadr*) verses (*ayat*) 1 to 5:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ ﴿١﴾ وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ ﴿٢﴾ لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ

خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ﴿٣﴾ تَنْزِيلُ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ فِيهَا بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ

أَمْرٍ ﴿٤﴾ سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطَلَعِ الْفَجْرِ ﴿٥﴾

**Which means:** “*Indeed, it is We Who sent this Quran down on the Night of Glory (Lailat al-Qadr). And what will make you realize what the Night of Glory is? The Night of Glory is better than a thousand months. That night the angels*



*and the holy spirit (the angel Gabriel) descend, by the permission of their Lord, for every decreed matter. It is all peace until the break of dawn.”*

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