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## ENLIVENING THE MOSQUE

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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَرْسَلَ رَسُولَهُ بِالْهُدَىٰ وَدِينِ الْحَقِّ لِيُظْهِرَهُ عَلَى الدِّينِ كُلِّهِ وَلَوْ كَرِهَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ،

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 وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ  
بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Let us all increase our devotion towards Allah the Almighty by performing all that He has decreed and abstaining from all that He has prohibited. Hopefully, we will be blessed in this world and in the Hereafter.



**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Mosques are sacred places as they are the houses of Allah on Earth and a place to get closer to Allah the Almighty through worship. During the *hijrah* (migration) of the Prophet (peace be upon him [PBUH]) to Madinah, he founded the Quba' Mosque and performed congregational prayers there with his companions. It was the first mosque founded by the Prophet (PBUH) on the basis of piety. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 9 (*Surah At-Tawbah*) verse (*ayat*) 108:

يُحِبُّ مَنْ أَوَّلَ يَوْمٍ أَحَقُّ أَنْ تَقُومَ فِيهِ فِيهِ رَجَالٌ يُحِبُّونَ أَنْ يَتَّطَهَّرُوا وَاللَّهُ لَمَسْجِدٍ أُسِّسَ عَلَى التَّقْوَى  
الْمُطَهَّرِينَ

**Which means:** “... *You should rather pray in a mosque founded from its first day on consciousness of God: in this mosque there are men who desire to grow in purity- Allah loves those who seek to purify themselves.*”

In the verse before that, Allah the Almighty warned those who build mosques to promote division and not for the purpose of unity of the *ummah* (community). He said in the Quran in Chapter 9 (*Surah At-Tawbah*) verse (*ayat*) 107:

مَسْجِدًا ضِرَارًا وَكُفْرًا وَتَفْرِيقًا بَيْنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ اتَّخَذُوا وَالَّذِينَ

**Which means:** “*Then there are those who built a mosque—in an attempt to cause harm, disbelief, and disunity among the believers— ...*”

Imam Ibnu Kathir explained that this mosque was built to rival the Quba' Mosque and divide the Muslim community. Allah the Almighty deemed their actions to be the actions of hypocrites.



When the Prophet (PBUH) arrived in Medina, he built the Medina Mosque. This mosque not only served as a place for congregational prayer, but also as a center for planning national administration, a court, a center of knowledge, etc.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Through the mosque, the Prophet (PBUH) succeeded in uniting the *Muhajirin* (those who migrated from Mecca) and the *Ansar* (the original people of Medina, which consisted of the Aus and Khazraj tribes). This major event is proof that the mosque is a place that unites the hearts of Muslims who are hostile and in dispute. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 49 (*Surah Al-Hujurat*) verse (*ayat*) 10:

لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ اللَّهُ إِخْوَةٌ فَأَصْلِحُوا بَيْنَ أَخَوَيْكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّهُ الْمُؤْمِنُونَ

Which means: *“The believers are brothers, so make peace between your two brothers and be mindful of Allah, so that you may be given mercy.”*

To enliven the mosque means to build, develop, prosper, maintain, clean, establish prayers, perform *i'tikaf*, etc. The Prophet (PBUH) said in a *hadith* narrated by Imam At-Tirmizi:

مَنْ بَنَى لِلَّهِ مَسْجِدًا صَغِيرًا كَانَ أَوْ كَبِيرًا بَنَى اللَّهُ لَهُ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ

**Which means:** *“Whoever builds a Mosque for (the sake of) Allah, be it small or large, then Allah will build a house for him in Paradise.”*



An extravagant mosque will not bring benefits if it is not enlivened by the presence of Muslims performing congregational prayers, especially the five daily prayers.

Apart from the mosque fund, money can also be collected for activities to develop the community such as providing schooling assistance and emergency assistance to the needy. Various activities can be conducted which are suitable for all ages. For example, a fun place to play should be provided for children to inculcate a love for the mosque from childhood.

Activities that pique teenagers and adults' interests to visit or gather at the mosque should be organized. Among suitable educational programs are seminars on *Fardhu Ain (individual obligation)*, reading the Quran, *hadith* knowledge, and technical skills such as computer skills. Casual programs such as Islamic sports, martial arts, motivation program, marriage courses, parenting courses, and other improvement programs should also be planned.

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

Promoting the mosque is not only the responsibility of the management, officials, and mosque committees. The congregation and surrounding communities are equally responsible and should give full cooperation in developing, maintaining the purity, cleanliness and attractiveness of the mosque as a place of worship for Muslims and the house of Allah on Earth. His Majesty the Sultan of Pahang and His Royal Highness the *Tengku Mahkota* of Pahang also attend congregational prayers, such as the '*Subuh Seperti Jumaat*' programs that were held around the state of Pahang.

Therefore, let us enliven mosques especially by coming to perform congregational prayers at dawn like we do for Friday prayers and Eid prayers. The Prophet (PBUH) said in a *hadith* narrated by Imam At-Tirmizi:

إِذَا رَأَيْتُمُ الرَّجُلَ يَعْتَادُ الْمَسَاجِدَ فَاشْهَدُوا لَهُ بِالْإِيمَانِ

**Which means:** *“When you see a man frequenting the mosque, testify that he is a believer because Allah says: ‘Allah’s mosques are visited only by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day.’”*

In conclusion, enlivening the mosque is a symbol of Muslim unity. The mosque administrators must plan and organize programs to attract the local community. We as the general public should earnestly enliven the mosque and make this practice a part of our lives. Let us take heed of what Allah says in the Quran in Chapter 9 (*Surah At-Tawbah*), verse (*ayat*) 18:

إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَءَاتَى الزَّكَاةَ وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ فَعَسَىٰ أُولَٰئِكَ أَنْ يَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُهْتَدِينَ

**Which means:** *“The only ones who should tend Allah’s places of worship are those who believe in Allah and the Last Day, who keep up the prayer, who pay the prescribed alms, and who fear no one but Allah: such people may hope to be among the rightly guided.”*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْءَانِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الآيَاتِ 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  
الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.