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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ. وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ

أَعْمَالِنَا. مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ 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 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,**

We are now at the end of the month of *Shaaban*. In a few days we will welcome the blessed month of *Ramadan*. The month of *Ramadan* is a month that Muslims look forward to because it provides us many opportunities to increase our faith and acts of worship. The month of *Ramadan* is known as the month of blessings, the month of *maghfirah* (forgiveness) and the month of worship. During *Ramadan* the reward for good deeds is multiplied. It is also known to be the month that shapes the



souls of Muslims so that they are pious. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 2 (*Surah Al-Baqarah*) verse (*ayat*) 183:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِكُمْ  
لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ

**Which means:** “*You who believe, fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may be mindful of Allah.*”

When this glorious month came, the Prophet (peace be upon him [PBUH]) supplicated as a sign of his joy to celebrate *Ramadan*.

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي رَجَبٍ وَشَعْبَانَ وَبَلِّغْنَا رَمَضَانَ

**Which means:** “*O Allah, bless us in Rajab and Shaaban and bring us to Ramadan.*”

To welcome the arrival of this blessed month of *Ramadan*, let us strengthen our faith by cleansing our hearts from polytheism and *mazmumah* (corrupt) behavior. Allah the Almighty says in the Quran in Chapter 91 (*Surah Ash-Shams*) verses (*ayat*) 9 to 10:

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَن زَكَّاهَا ﴿٩﴾ وَقَدْ خَابَ مَن دَسَّاهَا ﴿١٠﴾

**Which means:** “*The one who purifies his soul succeeds and the one who corrupts it fails.*”



The second preparation is to seek knowledge. Imam Al-Bukhari once asked how can we do charity during the month of *Ramadan* in the best way without knowledge? There are many people who fast without knowledge, which may cause their worship to not be accepted.

The Prophet (PBUH) said in a *hadith* narrated by Imam Ahmad:

**Which means:** *Whoever fasts in Ramadan in a state where he knows his limitations and observes the things that should be observed in the month of Ramadan, then Allah the Almighty will erase his past sins*

This *hadith* tells us that we should equip ourselves with knowledge that is related to the practices in the month of *Ramadan* such as the obligation to fast, the conditions and principles of fasting, things that invalidate fasting and *sunnahs* (practices of the Prophet [PBUH]) in fasting. The same goes for the rules related to *taraweeh* prayer, *witr* prayer, *i'tikaf*, *tadarus* Al-Quran, almsgiving, *qiamulail*, *dhikr* (remembrance of Allah), etc.

The third preparation is physical preparation, especially health. For a month we will refrain from eating and drinking and doing things that invalidate our fast, therefore we need to be prepared in terms of personal health. Perfect physical condition guarantees the perfection of fasting. All parts of the body need to be in good condition because during the month of *Ramadan* the body works hard to perform all acts of worship such as *taraweeh* prayer, *qiamullail*, reading the Quran, *i'tikaf*, etc. Practice a balanced diet and always exercise to keep the body healthy.



The next preparation is financial preparation. We are encouraged to increase our income and save before the arrival of *Ramadan* for the purpose of giving charity, such as feeding people who are breaking their fast, because the reward is great. The Prophet (PBUH) said in a *hadith* narrated by Imam Ahmad;

**Which means:** “Whoever provides the food for a fasting person to break his fast with, then for him is the same reward as his (the fasting person's), without anything being diminished from the reward of the fasting person.”

**Dear Brothers and Sisters,**

This coming *Ramadan*, we should train ourselves to be pious. When fasting, we not only refrain from eating and drinking, but all the desires of our body such as the mouth, eyes, heart and genitals.

Let us together make the best preparations for *Ramadan* this year. Hopefully we become pious servants of Allah the Almighty as He reminds us to do good deeds as stated in the Quran Chapter 16 (*Surah An-Nahl*), verse (*ayat*) 97:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
مَنْ عَمِلَ صَالِحًا مِّنْ ذَكَرٍ أَوْ أُنْثَىٰ وَهُوَ مُؤْمِنٌ فَلَنُحْيِيَنَّهٗ حَيٰوةً طَيِّبَةً وَلَنَجْزِيَنَّهُمْ  
أَجْرَهُمْ بِأَحْسَنِ مَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ



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