

Keywords:
Serve/Help/Assist/Aid
Human/Person/Others



Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura

Friday Sermon

15 August 2025 / 21 Safar 1447H

Attaining Divine Assistance Through Serving Others

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَ الْإِحْسَانَ مِفْتَاحًا لِرَحْمَتِهِ، وَخِدْمَةَ الْخَلْقِ سَبِيلًا إِلَى
مَحَبَّتِهِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ.
أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Blessed congregation,

Be mindful of Allah s.w.t., the One who created us. Uphold His commands and avoid His prohibitions. Carry out every religious duty to our best ability. May Allah's mercy and **assistance** always be with us. Amin, ya Rabbal 'Alamin.

Dear congregation,

Indeed, a **person** can draw closer to Allah through acts of worship, such as prayer, reciting the Quran, and fasting. However, apart from these acts of worship, are there other ways for us to achieve the same goal? To answer this question, let us reflect on the message within Surah Al-Ma'un.

In this surah, there is criticism towards those who perform the prayers. The worship they do seems of no benefit to them. This is because, apart from being negligent in their prayers and being boastful, they also commit a serious mistake in the eyes of religion – they do not **help others** who are deserving of **assistance**.

Allah s.w.t. says in verse 7:

وَيَمْنَعُونَ الْمَاعُونَ ﴿٧﴾

Which means: “*And they refuse to give even the simplest **aid** (to those who deserve it).*”

My dear brothers,

This verse clearly shows that maintaining our relationship with Allah, and with fellow **human** beings, are both religious obligations. Both must go hand in hand. A Muslim should not focus solely on ritual acts of worship, while neglecting opportunities to **serve** and **help others**. Rather, they believe that by extending **help** to **others**, they also draw nearer to Allah’s mercy and **assistance**.

The next question is: How can we **help** our fellow brothers and sisters? In this matter, let us consider three forms of **assistance** as mentioned in a hadith of the Prophet Muhammad s.a.w., narrated by Imam Muslim:

First: Emotional support

The Prophet s.a.w. said, which means: *“Whoever relieves a Muslim of a burden in this world, Allah will relieve them of a burden on the Day of Judgement.”*

We are called to be attentive towards **others** who face sadness, anxiety, or emotional distress – whether it is a fellow adult at work, or a child at school. Consider too, the elderly who lives alone, spending their days in seclusion. We must reach out to them, treat them with kindness, so that we may bring a little joy into their lives.

Second: Material assistance

The Prophet s.a.w. said, which means: *“Whoever eases the affairs of a **person** in difficulty in this world, Allah will ease their affairs in this world and the Hereafter.”*

This refers to physical needs, including financial matters. We should be ready to **help** if we learn that someone has fallen ill, lost their income, or needs financial support to pay for their bills, school fees, and daily necessities. If we do not know anyone in particular, today, there are mosques that run “community pantry” initiatives, where we can **serve** by contributing. We can also be of **help** through the physical strength Allah has blessed us with, such as by offering our seat on the bus or MRT, or giving priority to take the lift to those in greater need.

Third: Preserving dignity

The Prophet s.a.w. said, which means: *“Whoever conceals the faults of a Muslim in this world, Allah will conceal his faults in this world and the Hereafter.”*

This is extremely important today, with the emergence of various information channels and social media. Preserving a **person’s** dignity does not mean we allow wrongdoings to persist. Rather, our role is to advise and correct in the most suitable way, and abstain from publicising falsehoods or the mistakes of **others**.

Dear blessed congregation,

Let us work together to nurture a Muslim community that is steadfast in its worship and religious practice, yet vibrant in its culture of **service** for mankind. May Allah s.w.t. grant us His **assistance** in this world and the Hereafter. Amin, ya Rabbal ‘Alamin.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ
الرَّحِيمُ.

Second Sermon

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا كَمَا أَمَرَ، 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، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فِيمَا أَمَرَ، وَانْتَهُوا عَمَّا نَهَاكُمْ عَنْهُ وَزَجَرَ.

أَلَا صَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْمُصْطَفَى، فَقَدْ أَمَرَنَا اللَّهُ بِذَلِكَ حَيْثُ قَالَ فِي كِتَابِهِ الْعَزِيزِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ.

وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ الْمُهْدِيِّينَ سَادَاتِنَا أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيٍّ، وَعَنْ بَقِيَّةِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالْقَرَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ، وَتَابِعِي التَّابِعِينَ، وَعَنْ مَعَهُمْ وَفِيهِمْ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ اذْفَعْ عَنَّا الْبَلَاءَ وَالْوَبَاءَ وَالزَّلَازِلَ وَالْمِحْنَ، مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ، عَن بَلَدِنَا خَاصَّةً، وَسَائِرِ الْبُلْدَانِ عَامَّةً، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي غَزَّةٍ وَفِي فِلِسْطِينَ وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ عَامَّةً، يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ بَدِّلْ خَوْفَهُمْ أَمْنًا، وَحُزْنَهُمْ فَرَحًا، وَهَمَّهُمْ فَرَجًا، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ اكْتُبِ السَّلَامَ وَالْأَمْنَ وَالْأَمَانَ

لِلْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ وَلِلنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً، وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً،
وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى، وَيَنْهَى عَنِ
الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ، فَادْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ
يَذْكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوا عَلَى نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ، وَلَذِكْرُ
اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.