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Prayer – The Key to Success and Inner Peace

أَخْمَدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لِنُهَتِدَيْ لَوْلَا أَنْ هَدَانَا اللَّهُ أَشْهُدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهُدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّداً عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ أَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتُقْوِيَ اللَّهُ أُوصِي نَفْسِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِتُقْوِيَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ، فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمَتَّقُونَ.

Zumratal mukminin rahimakumullah,

Have taqwa and be mindful of Allah s.w.t. Fulfil the rights of Allah upon us by carrying out His commands and staying away from His prohibitions. May Allah s.w.t. grant us blessings and **success** in this world and the Hereafter. Amin, ya Rabbal 'Alamin.

Dear brothers,

As Muslims, why are we commanded to pray five times a day? Taking into account the time we allocate for each **prayer**, does it not seem to affect our productivity?

Perhaps, such thoughts may have crossed the minds of some individuals. In today's society, which places great importance on excellence and achievement, time is indeed a valuable resource. However, for a Muslim, our **prayer** should never be seen as an obstacle to **success**. On the contrary, **prayer** strengthens the soul and becomes a driving force for individual excellence and **success** in every aspect of life.

What is the basis for this claim? Let us reflect upon the guidance of Allah s.w.t. in the first two verses of Surah al-Mukminun. Allah says:

قَدْ أَفْلَحَ اللَّهُمَّ مِنْهُمْ مَنْ فِي صَلَاتِهِ خَلِفَ عَوْنَ

Which means: "**Successful** indeed are the believers. Those who are humbly intent during their **prayer**."

Whereas Rasulullah s.a.w. also said that which means: "*Indeed, the first deed for which a servant will be brought to account on the Day of Judgment is his **prayer**. If his **prayer** is sound, he will have **succeeded** and prospered. But if it is corrupted, he will have failed and suffered loss.*" (Reported by al-Tirmizi)

Blessed congregation,

Indeed, our **prayer** is the pillar of faith. Yet, it should never be reduced to a mere routine, performed half-heartedly, simply to

meet a religious obligation. We must know that **prayer** is a priority that brings immense benefit to humanity.

Here, the sermon intends to share two key messages regarding **prayer** for our mutual guidance.

First: Prayer is the key to success, not a hindrance to it.

Prayer reminds us that true **success** is not measured solely by material standards.

Yes, as Muslims, we are encouraged to manage our worldly lives – to earn a livelihood, support our families, and build a meaningful and comfortable life. Yet, in life, challenges are inevitable. Just as hardship is a test, ease is also a test.

It is here that **prayer** serves as a direct channel connecting a servant to his Lord. Allah is the One we rely upon in all matters. When we are afflicted with hardship, we seek His help. When we are granted ease, we continue to seek His guidance and protection through our **prayers**.

Second: Prayer nurtures inner peace and tranquillity.

Dear brothers, much of what we do in daily life is driven by external demands. A student, for example, studies diligently because circumstances require knowledge, and achievement is measured through examinations. **Prayer**, however, is different. It is an act largely driven by personal choice and conviction, not

external compulsion, and it is offered to Allah solely for His evaluation.

Here lies a powerful assurance that Allah s.w.t. sees and values every effort we make, regardless of whether the people around us notice or otherwise. For a Muslim, **prayer** brings a form of inner peace that is unlikely to be attained from other sources.

Blessed congregants,

Perhaps, this tranquillity from **prayer** was what the Prophet s.a.w. referred to when he instructed Sayyidina Bilal r.a. by saying: “*O Bilal, call the iqamah; bring us comfort through it,*” meaning, through **prayer**. (Reported by Abu Daud)

May Allah s.w.t. make us among His servants who are steadfast in guarding our **prayers**, and through them, may He grant us **success** in this world and the Hereafter. Amin, ya Rabbal ‘alamin.

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

Second Sermon

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا كَمَا أَمْرَ، وَأَشْهُدُ أَنَّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهُدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسِلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عَبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فِيمَا أَمْرَ، وَاتَّهُوا عَمَّا كَفَرُوكُمْ عَنْهُ وَزَجَرُ.

أَلَا صَلَوَا وَسِلَمُوا عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْمُصْطَفَى، فَقَدْ أَمْرَنَا اللَّهُ بِذِلِّكَ حِينَ قَالَ فِي كِتَابِهِ الْعَرِيزِ: إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلِّوْنَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ إِذَا مَنُوا صَلُوْلَا عَلَيْهِ وَسِلُمُوا تَسْلِيْلَمَا. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسِلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ.

وَأَرْضَ اللَّهَمَّ عَنِ الْخَلْفَاءِ الرُّشِيدِينَ الْمُهَدِّدِينَ سَادِاتِنَا أَيِّ بُكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيٍّ، وَعَنْ بِقَيْةِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالْقَرَائِبِ وَالْتَّابِعِينَ، وَتَابِعِي التَّابِعِينَ، وَعَنَّا مَعْهُمْ وَفِيهِمْ بَرْ حُمَّتَكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمَنَاتِ، وَالْمُسِلِمِينَ وَالْمُسِلَّمَاتِ، الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ ادْفِعْ عَنَّا الْبَلَاءَ وَالْوَبَاءَ وَالْوَلَازِلَ وَالْمَحْنَ، مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ، عَنْ بَلْدِنَا خَاصَّةً، وَسَائِرِ الْبَلْدَانِ عَامَّةً، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ انْصُرْ إِخْوَانَنَا الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ فِي عَرَّةٍ وَفِي فِلَسْطِينَ وَفِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ عَامَّةً، يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ بِدْلْ خَوْفَهُمْ أَمْنًا، وَخُزْنَهُمْ فَرَحًا، وَهَمُّهُمْ فَرَجًا، يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ. اللَّهُمَّ اكْتِبْ السَّلَامَ وَالسَّلَامَ وَالْأَمَانَ وَالْأَمَانَ لِلْعَالَمِ كُلِّهِ

وَلِلنَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ. رَبَّنَا آتَنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً، وَ فِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً، وَ قَنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.

عَبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعُدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى، وَ يَنْهَا عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يُعَظِّمُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ، فَإِذَا كُرِّوا اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمَ يَدْكُرُكُمْ، وَ اشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدُّكُمْ، وَ اسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعَطِّكُمْ، وَ لَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَ اللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.