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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ وَيُحِبُّ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

الطُّهُورُ شَطْرُ الْإِيمَانِ.

ISLAM ENJOINS CLEANLINESS

Honorable Muslims!

In the verse I have recited Allah the Almighty states, “Indeed, Allah loves those who are constantly repentant and loves those who purify themselves.”¹

In the hadith I have read the Prophet Muhammad (saw) says, “Cleanliness makes up half of faith.”²

Dear Believers!

Cleanliness is an inherently human need that is also present in the essence of nature. What befits a person is to be clean, decent, pure, and elegant. Our sublime religion Islam considers cleanliness as an irreplaceable component of faith. It enjoins Muslims to purify themselves of material and spiritual impurities, and be clean and pure in all spheres of life.

Dear Muslims!

Cleanliness means to attain beauty not only materially but also spiritually. To distance oneself from spiritual impurities that exhaust the soul and blacken the mirror of heart... To reach peace by keeping clean both our inner and outer world...

To abandon any wrongful attitude that makes us forget our servitude and reason for

existence... To keep ourselves away from sin and haram... To purify ourselves from spiritual illnesses, such as anger and envy, grudge and hatred, lie and slander, and conceit and arrogance... To gravitate ourselves toward attaining the consent of Allah, good morals, and halal...

Dear Believers!

Muslims who make efforts to be spiritually purified also pay attention to their physical cleanliness. It is a virtue of Muslims to live clean and protect their health as something that is entrusted to them. Muslims who, by performing wudu (ablution), prepare for salah (prayer), which is the pillar of the religion and the apple of our eyes, happen to clean their limbs, which get dirtied the most, at least five times a day. They take care of personal hygiene as required by Prophet Muhammad’s teachings. They keep their bodies, clothes, homes, and surroundings clean.

Dear Believers!

The Prophet Muhammad refers to health as one of the two blessings, the value of which people are aware the least.³ Regret is naturally the ultimate feeling that haunts people who jeopardize their health because of carelessness.

Therefore, let us pay even better attention to cleanliness these days when we are going through a fight against the pandemic disease. Let us show our respect for our surroundings, love for our loved ones, and responsibility to Allah by observing the mask-wearing and social distancing rules. Let us regard public health as valuable as that of our own. Let us not forget that neglect in taking and observing measures is an undesired act before Allah (swt).

¹ Baqarah, 2/222.

² Muslim, Taharah, 1.

³ Bukhari, Riqaaq, 1.