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يَّا آيُّهَا الَّذِينَ أَمَنُوا ارْكَعُوا وَاسْجُدُوا وَاعْبُدُوا رَبَّكُمْ وَافْعَلُوا الْحَيْرَ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَْ . وَ قَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: مَنْ صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِنْ ذَنْبِهِ.

RAMADAN: THE MONTH OF HEALING

Honorable Muslims!

Alhamdulillah, we are once again in the month of Ramadan, when we reach abundance of divine blessings with suboor, health with fasting, healing with the Qur'an, peace with tarawih, our brothers and sisters with zakat, and our essence with i'tikaf.

Dear Believers!

Ramadan is the month of fasting, which leads us to piety with our patience and will. Fasting is a divine blessing and entrustment our Lord (swt) has honored us with. It is a civilization and a miracle of revival that we welcome every year. Our bodies, emotions, minds and hearts are refreshed with fasting. Our bodies attain health with fasting. Our character is formed with fasting. Our nafs is disciplined with fasting. Our soul is purified with fasting. In this respect, the Prophet Muhammad (saw) says, "Whoever observes fasts during the month of Ramadan out of sincere faith, and hoping to attain Allah's rewards, then all his past sins will be forgiven."¹

Dear Muslims!

Ramadan is the month when the Holy Qur'an, which offers a unique horizon to the world of

existence, was revealed and is recited the most. The Qur'an is the light of our lives; it is our seeing eyes and running heart. The Qur'an is the healing for human, healing for societies, and healing for civilizations. Then, let us seek healing with the Qur'an. Let us unite our homes and hearts with the Qur'an. Let us strive to duly recite, understand, and live by the word of Allah. Let us revive the sunnah of our Prophet with muqabalah sessions. Let us revive it so that the Qur'an may touch our soul and the light of the Qur'an may illuminate our faces.

Dear Believers!

Ramadan is the month when we attain peace with salah that is the pillar of our religion. Then, let us increase our dhikr, gratitude, contemplation, supplications and invocations with salah. Let us protect ourselves from all kinds of evil, immorality and bad conduct with salah. Let us calm down our exhausted souls with tarawih.

Dear Muslims!

Ramadan is the month of helping and solidarity. Let us increase the barakah of our property by spending in His cause, with sadaqah, with charitable works and good deeds. Let us try to be the solution to the problems of our brothers and sisters with zakat and fitrah. Let us relieve their sorrows and increase their joys.

May Allah (swt) enable us to be revived with the Qur'an, fasting, and prayers. I would like to conclude this Friday's khutbah with the following commandment of the Almighty Allah (swt), "O you who have believed, bow and prostrate and worship your Lord and do good - that you may succeed."²

¹ Bukhari, Iman, 28.

² Hajj, 22/77.

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