

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا إِن تَنصُرُوا اللَّهَ يَنصُرْكُمْ وَيُثَبِّتْ
أَقْدَامَكُمْ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

مَنْ قَاتَلَ لِتَكُونَ كَلِمَةُ اللَّهِ هِيَ الْعُلْيَا فَهُوَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ.

THE SPIRIT AND INSPIRATION BEHIND OUR VICTORIES

Honorable Muslims!

In the verse I have recited, our Lord Almighty (swt) states, “O believers! If you stand up for Allah, He will help you and make your steps firm.”¹

In the hadith I have read, our beloved Prophet (saw) says, “He who fights in order that the Word of Allah remains the supreme is considered as fighting in the cause of Allah.”²

Dear Believers!

In our glorious history, the month of August has been a witness to numerous victories. Every year in this month we remember our unprecedented victories that have left their mark in our history. We remember the Battle of Manzikert on August 26, 1071, which opened the gates of Anatolia to Islam and turned there into a homeland for our nation. We remember the Battle of Dumlupınar which resulted in the Victory of August 30.

Dear Muslims!

What has kept us running from victory to victory throughout the history and what has enabled us to have that glorious spirit is our commitment to the sublime religion of Islam. The most important duty on our part for the victories our ancestors recorded in history in golden letters is to have the same faith and devotion they had. It also entails having unwavering faith in Allah (swt) and striving in His cause through good deeds, good morals, patience and perseverance. Then, the help of Allah (swt) will always be with us. Whenever we feel challenged and cry out asking, **“When will Allah’s help come?”**, our souls will attain ease with

our Lord Almighty’s (swt) good news, **أَلَا إِنَّ نَصْرَ اللَّهِ قَرِيبٌ**

“Indeed, Allah’s help is always near.”³

Dear Believers!

History is a nation’s memory. Beyond just times gone by, it is the groundwork of the future as well. When lessons are taken from history, it functions as a compass for nations that provides them with a path to follow. Victories in our history also teach us to defend the values that define “us” and make us a nation. They teach us to hold our homeland, in which we live in peace and safety, more precious than our own lives. They instill in us a feeling of protecting our existence, togetherness, brotherhood, and love. They serve as a reminder to every one of us that as long as we share the same faith, the same spirit, and the same ideal, there is no challenge we cannot overcome and no battle we cannot win.

Dear Muslims!

Remembering our victories in the past is certainly important. Keeping the memories of our ancestors alive and passing them on to future generations is unquestionably valuable. But, what is more important is that we be conscious of the responsibilities our history places on us; that we do all in our power for the good, peace, and welfare of our great nation, the Muslim world, and all humanity; that we mobilize all material resources in addition to our spirituality; and that we exert all of our efforts to achieve any kind of superiority in fields such as science, economics, and technology. Only then will we be able to ensure that the name of Allah (swt) prevails on the face of the earth, and that we can spread the right, truth, good, justice, compassion, and mercy across the globe. Then we may rightfully claim and keep the trust placed in us by our glorious ancestors.

I would like to take this opportunity to once again remember with mercy, indebtedness, and gratitude our great martyrs and our heroic veterans who have sacrificed their lives in the cause of exalting the religion of Allah (swt) from the time of the Prophet Adam (as) to the present.

¹ Muhammad, 47/7.

² Bukhari, Tawhid, 28.

³ Baqarah, 2/214.