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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي رَجَبٍ وَشَعْبَانَ وَبَلِّغْنَا رَمَضَانَ.

TOWARDS THE SEASON OF INNER PEACE

Honorable Muslims!

We are excited to reach the spiritual climate of the Three Holy Months once again. Tomorrow is the first day of Rajab that is the herald of Ramadan. The night that turns next Thursday to Friday is the Night of Ragha'ib. May thanks and praises be to Allah the Almighty (swt) who has enabled us to make it to this season of mercy and forgiveness. May salat and salam be to the Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (saw) who joined our hearts with Islam's unique beauty. May the Three Holy Months and the Night of Ragha'ib be blessed for our great nation and the Muslim world.

Dear Believers!

Each moment of our life is priceless. But there are also special times when the Almighty Allah (swt) offers His grace and blessings for His servants in abundance. The Three Holy Months, namely Rajab, Sha'ban, and Ramadan, are what can be called as the gates opening, one after another, to blessings. These exceptional

times are conducive to our material and spiritual salvation, and to our eternal peace and bliss. The Three Holy Months is a period of time for us to review our life that passes like the wind. It is the time to reflect, turn to ourselves, have peace of mind, and deepen our spiritual life.

Dear Muslims!

It is stated in the Holy Qur'an as follows, **“O My servants who have transgressed against themselves! Do not despair of the mercy of Allah! Indeed, Allah forgives all sins. Indeed, it is He who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.”**¹ So, let us seek refuge in the mercy and forgiveness of the Almighty Allah (swt) with the gratitude of being enabled to welcome the Three Holy Months. Let us show regret for our mistakes, errors, rebelliousness and transgression. Let us purify the exhausted and overwhelmed hearts of ours through repentance with the hope of being blessed with our Lord's boundless grace.

Dear Believers!

Let us turn, with our entire existence, to our Lord (swt) to earn His appreciation in these blessed times. Let our hearts soften, and our souls attain peace. Let our nafs be purified by staying away from any kind of sins and useless affairs. Let our principle be to live sincerely and race in benevolence and piety. Let our tongues and hearts supplicate in the Prophet Muhammad's (saw) words as, **“O Allah! Bless us in the month of Rajab and Sha'ban, and make us reach the month of Ramadan.”**²

¹ Zumar, 39/53.

² Tabarani, al-Mu'jam al-Awsat, IV, 189; Ahmad ibn Hanbal, I, 259.