

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِنْ نَسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا
إِصْرًا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِّلْنَا مَا
لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَاقْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا
فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَتَبَ الْإِحْسَانَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ.

ALLAH DOES NOT LEAVE BELIEVERS ALONE AND HELPLESS

Honorable Muslims!

Next Tuesday is the anniversary of the Kahramanmaraş earthquake, which caused us great pain as a nation. May Allah the Almighty have mercy on all of our brothers and sisters who have passed away as a result of disasters. May He (swt) grant a speedy recovery to those injured. May Allah never let us experience such pains again. May Allah (swt) protect our nation and all humanity from all kinds of disasters.

Dear Believers!

As in our history, as a nation, we have made history through our brotherhood that stands as an example for humanity by manifesting “the unity of the century” following the earthquakes of February 6th. We have endeavored to overcome all the challenges together. Our state and noble nation have mobilized their resources to support our brothers and sisters whose hearts have been shattered and hopes have been lost. Our great nation has warmly welcomed these brothers and sisters, opening the doors of their homes, workplaces, and hearts. The spirit of brotherhood between the Ansar and Muhajir has truly been revived in our country. Bridges of benevolence have been built through relief efforts at home and abroad.

Dear Muslims!

The fact that our country has a seismic nature places an even greater responsibility on us. First and foremost, we should remain cautious in the face of all adversities. We should construct our buildings with the most accurate and sturdy materials, taking into account fault lines and conducting the necessary ground surveys. After fulfilling our responsibilities, we should then put our trust in Allah. We should perform our tasks in the best manner, following the hadith of our beloved Prophet (saw): **“Verily Allah has prescribed ihsan in all things.”**¹ We should not put ourselves in danger with our own hands.

Dear Believers!

On the first anniversary of the earthquake, we will also be observing the Night of Mi'raj insha Allah. Our Almighty Lord (swt) informs us about this night in the first verse of Surah al-Isra as follows: **“Glory be to the One Who took His servant Muhammad by night from al-Masjid al-Haram to al-Masjid al-Aqsa whose surroundings We have blessed, so that We may show him some of Our signs. Indeed, He alone is the All-Hearing, All-Seeing.”**²

Our Prophet (saw) experienced two great events, Isra and Mi'raj, on this night, which came after many difficulties. Isra is the name of the blessed journey of the Messenger of Allah (saw) from Masjid al-Haram to Masjid al-Aqsa. Mi'raj is the ascent from Masjid al-Aqsa to the heavens, where he (saw) witnessed the infinite power of Allah (swt).

Dear Muslims!

We will once again be experiencing the excitement of feeling the mercy-laden breezes on the occasion of the Night of Mi'raj. Today, however, Masjid al-Aqsa, our first qiblah that bore witness to the Mi'raj, is grieving. Al-Quds, the cradle of tawhid and the place of safety, is currently under occupation. Gaza is in great suffering. The Zionist occupying oppressors are committing genocide against our Palestinian brothers and sisters, in full view of the entire world. They are compelling our brothers and sisters to abandon their homeland by subjecting them to hunger and thirst. They cruelly massacre even patients who receive treatment under limited conditions. They even burn their tents and deny them the right to live in any way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Our Prophet (saw) commands that our hearts should beat with al-Quds and Masjid al-Aqsa, and that we should always protect them.³ So, let us continue our material and moral support for our brothers and sisters. Let us continue to boycott against the oppressors and those who support them. Let us not stop praying for our brothers and sisters.

I would like to conclude this Friday's khutbah with the following supplications in the last verse of Surah al-Baqarah, which was presented as a gift to our Prophet (saw) on the night of Mi'raj and which we know as “Amanar-Rasulu”: **“Our Lord! Do not punish us if we forget or make a mistake. Our Lord! Do not place a burden on us like the one you placed on those before us. Our Lord! Do not burden us with what we cannot bear. Pardon us, forgive us, and have mercy on us. You are our only Guardian. So grant us victory over the disbelieving people.”**⁴

¹ Tirmidhi, Diyat, 14.

² Isra, 17/1.

³ Abu Dawud, Salah, 14.

⁴ Baqarah, 2/286.