

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا وَدَاعِيًا

إِلَى اللَّهِ بِأَذْنِهِ وَسِرَاجًا مُنِيرًا.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

تَرَكْتُ فِيكُمْ أَمْرَيْنِ لَنْ تَضِلُّوا مَا تَمَسَّكْتُمْ بِهِمَا كِتَابَ اللَّهِ

وَسُنَّةَ نَبِيِّهِ.

MERCY TO THE WORLDS: THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW)

Honorable Muslims!

In the verse I have recited, our Lord Almighty (swt) states, “O Prophet! We have sent you as a witness, and a deliverer of good news, and a warner, and a caller to the Way of Allah by His command, and a beacon of light.”¹

In the hadith I have read, our beloved Prophet (saw) says, “I leave behind two things, and if you follow these, you will never go astray. These are the Book of Allah and His Prophet’s sunnah.”²

Dear Believers!

Tonight is the twelfth night of the month of Rabi’ al-Awwal. Tonight is the anniversary of Prophet Muhammad Mustafa’s (saw) honoring the world with his birth, who is the mercy to the worlds. Tonight is the night of Mawlid al-Nabi.

Thanks and praise be to our Lord (swt), Who has sent our Prophet (saw) to us as a witness, a deliverer of good news, and a warner. Salat and salam be to our beloved Prophet (saw), for being whose ummah we are delighted, as well as to his family and the Companions. Jumu’ah mubarak!

Dear Muslims!

It was the 571st year of the Gregorian calendar. Humanity was lost in the darkness of the age of jahiliyyah. At the extremes were injustice, oppression, despair, and insecurity. The emotions of mercy were fading away, and virtue and wisdom were nowhere to be found. Every day, people used to wake up to a world where the strong preyed on the weak. The helpless souls thirsted for right, truth, justice, and mercy, and the cries of the oppressed reached the skies. Having lost their path, humanity was in dire need of the Divine grace. It was at a time like this when Allah the Almighty (swt) did not leave His servants in despair. As the manifestation of His vast compassion and mercy, He (swt) graced all people to ever live until the Last Day with His Beloved Muhammad Mustafa (saw), who would remind them of their duties and responsibilities. And He (swt) stated,

Dear Believers!

The greatest revolution and transformation of humanity’s intellectual and mental world took place with the Prophet (saw). He (saw) came, and darkness was replaced by light. The Age of Jahiliyyah (Ignorance) became the Age of Bliss (‘Asr al-Sa’adah). He (saw) came, and oppression was replaced by justice. Every person was granted their due right. The weak and the vulnerable regained the dignity of being human. A smile was put on the faces of the orphan and the abandoned. Girls who used to be buried alive came to life. He (saw) came, and peace and security filled the homes, streets, and cities. Knowledge and wisdom, compassion and mercy, justice and fairness reached all corners of the world.

Dear Muslims!

On this anniversary of Mawlid al-Nabi, let us each ask ourselves the following questions: Do we properly believe in our beloved Prophet (saw) and love him dearly? Do we properly obey him (saw) and protect what he entrusted to us? Do we build our life in accordance with his (saw) sunnah and equip ourselves with his good character? Do we mirror his (saw) respect and reverence for the seniors, love and compassion for the children, and kindness and mercy for all people? Do we always stand by the side of good morals, justice, and virtue? Do we stand against all kinds of evil and falsehood? Do we strive for becoming “the best ummah” that our Lord Almighty (swt) praises? Do we put the necessary effort to reach the Messenger of Allah’s (saw) invitation to all humanity?

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Our Lord Almighty (swt) states in the Holy Qur’an as follows, “Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah often.”⁴

Then, what falls upon us believers is to get to know and understand our Prophet (saw) properly. We should walk in his (saw) footsteps straightforwardly, and embrace his sunnah tightly. We should comprehend why he (saw) was sent, and pass on future generations his exemplary life and honorable struggle.

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you a blessed night of Mawlid al-Nabi. I pray to the Almighty Allah (swt) that this night may be conducive to goodness for our great nation, the Islamic world, and all humanity.

¹ Ahzab, 33/45-46.

² Muwatta, Qadar, 3.

³ Anbiya, 21/107.

⁴ Ahzab, 33/21.