

﴿الْأَخْلَاءُ يَوْمَئِذٍ بَعْضُهُمْ لِبَعْضٍ عَدُوٌّ إِلَّا الْمُتَّقِينَ﴾  
وَقَالَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فِي الْحَدِيثِ الْقُدْسِيِّ: «وَجِبَتْ مَحَبَّتِي  
لِلْمُتَحَابِّينَ فِيَّ وَالْمُتَجَالِسِينَ فِيَّ وَالْمُتَزَاوِرِينَ فِيَّ وَالْمُتَبَاذِلِينَ فِيَّ»

### Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Allah (swt) says in the Quran, **“Close friends, that Day, will be enemies to each other, except for the righteous.”**<sup>1</sup> In the verse, Allah (swt) says that some people in this world will be enemies to each other in the hereafter, but believers who have achieved piety will be excluded from them. Because, the love of people with Taqwa for each other will remain. For, people of Taqwa fulfil the rights that belong to Allah and the rights of the people. Muttaqi [pious] people do things that Allah has imposed, avoid things that Allah forbids, and treat Allah's servants in accordance with the rules of Islam. Therefore, their friendship and brotherhood will remain.

### Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Here we are again on a joyous Eid morning. We have fulfilled many commandments of the religion of Allah, fasting, zakat, fitrah and other acts of worship. We have other duties that await us in this day when we reach the Eid morning with enthusiasm. The most important of these is to celebrate for the sake of Allah, to renew our muhabbah and to visit as much as possible. The following is mentioned in a hadith-i Qutsi: **“Allah Almighty said: My love is assured for those who love each other for My sake, who sit together for My sake, who visit each other for My sake, and who spend on each other for My sake.”**<sup>2</sup> On the occasion of Eid, let's celebrate with our relatives, spouses, friends and brothers and sisters in Islam. If possible, let's visit them, or at least let's contact them, let's share our Eid joys.

### Dear Jama'ah!

Eid are exceptional days when hurt relationships and contacts are repaired. Therefore, the bonds should be reconstructed, let us offer to those who deprive us of all kindness, and extend our hand of friendship to those who wronged us and take the path of forgiveness. Rasulallah (saw) has said: **“Contact the one who lost contact with you, forgive the one who oppressed you, give to the one who did not give to you”**<sup>3</sup>

This Eid morning is one of the greatest opportunities Allah (swt) offers us to realise all these. If so, let us stir up the joy of Eid even more with the repair of hearts, and if there is any, let's end the resentment and bitterness for Allah's sake.

### Dear Brothers and Sister!

We had a month of Ramadan under the pressure of the pandemic that swept the world. We have people who passed away, and still have those that are ill. May Allah (swt) have mercy on those who passed away. May Allah (swt) also give immediate healing to the ill. May he bestow health, strength and well-being on us on this blessed Eid morning, inshaAllah.

If any of our brothers and sisters have not given their fitrahs up to now, they can perform these duties even now. If we have those who have not paid their zakat, they can hand over their zakat to our brothers in charge. Rasulallah (saw) has said, **“For the fasting person, there are two times of joy: a time when he breaks his fast and a time of joy when he meets his Lord”**<sup>4</sup>

We pray to Allah (swt) that the joy during Eid will be the same joy in the hereafter. Ameen. Eid Mubarak to all.



<sup>1</sup> Surah Az-Zukhruf, 43:67

<sup>2</sup> Mūsne'd-i Ahmed (thk. El-Arnaût), H.No: 22030

<sup>3</sup> Hennâd b. Es-Sirrî: Ez-Züh'd (1985), 2/493

<sup>4</sup> Mūsne'd-i Ahmed (thk. El-Arnaût), H.No: 10145

### **A Message Regarding Al-Quds**

The harassment and violence carried out in the holy month of Ramadan against Masjid al-Aqsa, the sacred of all heavenly religions, the first qibla of us Muslims, and the believers in it, are never acceptable. We condemn this aggressive attitude towards innocent people who have no other purpose than to worship God. We demand the end of the lawlessness against people whose homes have been illegally confiscated and their rights be restored. In addition, the bombing attack on a girls' school in Kabul, the capital of Afghanistan, on the eve of Eid, has wounded our hearts. We condemn those who perpetrated this terrible terrorist attack, pray for mercy from Allah (swt) To those who passed away and urgent healing to those who were injured. We invite the international community to be active in stopping the violence.

May the Eid al-Fitr be a means to end the troubles of all oppressed and victimised people, refugees, and our brothers and sisters in distress. We wish a blessed Eid to the whole Islamic world.