

Eid-ul Fitr

﴿ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَابْتَغُوا إِلَيْهِ الْوَسِيلَةَ وَجَاهِدُوا فِي سَبِيلِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تُفْلِحُونَ ﴾
عَنْ أَبِي هُرَيْرَةَ أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ قَالَ:
« الصَّوْمُ يَوْمَ تَصُومُونَ وَالْفِطْرُ يَوْمَ تُفْطِرُونَ وَالْأَضْحَى يَوْمَ تُضْحُونَ »

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Praise be to Allah (swt), we have spent the month of Ramadan with worship, and Today we have reached Eid. For the sake of Allah (swt), we fasted for a month and performed tarawih prayers in our mosques. We have read the Quran. We paid our Zakat and Fitrah, which strengthened the feelings of brotherhood and unity and healed the wounds of the needy. In the spiritual atmosphere of the month of Ramadan, we experienced the happiness of being together. During the month of Ramadan, we made an effort to fulfill our prayers. With the joy of hoping for reward from Allah (swt), we all came to the morning of the Eid together. Eid are days of joy and remembrance of Allah (swt). These are the days when people are at peace with themselves, humanity and even the whole world.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

On the other hand, the number of refugees leaving their homes due to war, conflict, violence and poverty in different parts of the world is increasing day by day. It is unthinkable for us Muslims to remain uninterested to these sad occurrences at the global level. Even if we are celebrating Eid, we should share these pains and support the victims. We should support all refugees as much as we can through our humanitarian aid organisation, Hasene. We call on responsible countries and institutions to take action, and people of conscience to raise their voices in order to stop wars and prevent people from being driven from their homes. Allah (swt) mentions in the Quran; “**And Allah invites to the Home of Peace [Paradise] and guides whom He wills to a straight path.**”¹ The religion of Islam, to which we belong, requires us to strive for the peace of all humanity.

Dear Jama'ah!

During these days of Eid, we should not withhold our smiles and treats from our neighbors. We should include them in our Eid. We should visit our elders, parents and relatives. We should not neglect our relatives in our hometowns, and we should not forget to congratulate them on their Eid, even if by a phonecall. We should not forget that Eid has a special place in our children's world. We should make them happy with our gifts and surprises. We should maintain the sensitivities brought on by our fasting in Ramadan, and stay away from bad habits such as backbiting, slander and falling into temptations. Allah (swt) mentions in the Quran; “**O you who have believed, fear Allah and seek the means [of nearness] to Him and strive in His cause that you may succeed.**”² We must be sensitive in our prayers in order to get closer to Allah (swt) in every period and area of life. We must do good deeds in order to gain his consent.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Rasulullah (saw) said, “**Do not look for the others' faults and do not spy, and do not be jealous of one another, and do not desert (cut your relation with) one another, and do not hate one another. It is not lawful for a Muslim to abandon his (Muslim) brother beyond three nights.**”³ Let's reunite with our brothers and sisters who insist on dislike, taking advantage of Eid. Let's not forget that together there is mercy, and in separation, there is torment.

May Allah (swt) make the whole Ummah's Eid full of barakat. May this Eid bring smiles to all the oppressed and mistreated people in the world.

Ameen!

¹ Surah Yunus, 10:25

² Surah Al-Ma'idah, 5:35

³ Buhârî, Edeb, 57, 58, 62; Müslim, Birr, 23, 24, 28