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A Muslim's Understanding of the Ummah and Its Responsibilities

بِسْمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِيمِ

﴿إِنَّ هٰذِهِۦٓ أُمَّتُكُمْ أُمَّةً وَاحِدَةً وَأَنَا۠ رَبُّكُمْ فَاعْبُدُونِ﴿٣٤﴾﴾

سورة الأنبياء، ٩٢

عَنِ النُّعْمَانِ بْنِ بَشِيرٍ قَالَ: قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ (صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ سَلَّمْ):

" مَثَلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ فِي تَوَادِّهِمْ وَتَرَاحُمِهِمْ وَتَعَاطُفِهِمْ، مَثَلُ الْجَسَدِ، إِذَا اشْتَكَى مِنْهُ عُضْوٌ، تَدَاعَى لَهُ سَائِرُ الْجَسَدِ بِالسَّهَرِ وَالْحُمَّى"

مُسْلِمٌ، الْبِرُّ، ٦٦؛ الْبُخَارِيُّ، الْأَدَبُ، ٢٧

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Islam, regards Muslims not only as people who share the same faith, but as one family with responsibilities towards one another. To be an ummah means keeping alive the spirit of brotherhood, solidarity, mercy and unity. Allah (swt) mentions in the Quran: "**Indeed, this community of yours is one community, and I am your Lord, so worship Me.**"[1] This verse highlights the importance of Muslims acting in unity and solidarity.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

At the heart of our understanding of the ummah lies brotherhood in faith. A Muslim should regard the joy of a brother or sister in faith as their own joy and their sorrow as their own sorrow. Allah (swt) says: "**The believers are but brothers, so make peace between your brothers and be mindful of Allah, so that you may be shown mercy.**"[2] This verse commands us to safeguard our brotherhood, resolve our differences and strengthen the spirit of unity among us. Our beloved Prophet (saw) also said: "*The believers, in their mutual love, mercy and compassion, are like one body: when one part of it suffers, the rest of the body responds with sleeplessness and fever.*"[3] Therefore, the hardship experienced by one Muslim should concern all Muslims. Caring for those in need, supporting orphans, helping the oppressed and standing in solidarity with those in distress are requirements of our consciousness as an ummah.

Dear Jama'ah!

We must avoid conduct that harms the unity of the ummah. Discrimination, arrogance, envy, backbiting and hostility weaken the bonds of brotherhood. We should view our differences not as causes of division, but as opportunities to know and understand one another. Our beloved Prophet (saw) said: "*A Muslim is one from whose hand and tongue other Muslims are safe.*"[4] This hadith shows that true Islam requires us to give our brothers and sisters a sense of safety and not cause them harm.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Our consciousness as an ummah is not limited to our immediate surroundings. Spreading goodness within our families and society, upholding justice and acting justly in the face of wrongdoing. In short, being a conscientious believer are requirements of belonging to the ummah. Wherever they may be in the world, sharing in the troubles of our brothers and sisters to whom we are bound by faith and sharing the sorrows and joys together. To preserve our unity with our fellow Muslims, we must also avoid prejudice, seek to understand one another and resolve our problems through kind words and good conduct. Let us strengthen our brotherhood in faith through both our words and our actions. Let us support one another, care for those in need and strive for the unity and solidarity of the ummah. Let us remember that a strong ummah is possible through Muslims who honour the rights of brotherhood and embody mercy and justice in their lives.

May Allah (swt) make us among those servants who honour the rights of brotherhood and safeguard their unity and solidarity. May He grant the Muslim ummah peace, unity and harmony. Ameen.

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[1] Surah al-Anbiya, 21:92
[2] Surah al-Hujurat, 49:10
[3] al-Bukhari, Al-Adab, 27; Muslim, Al-Birr, 66
[4] al-Bukhari, Al-Iman, 4; Muslim, Al-Iman, 64

Appendix: Announcement

Dear Jama'ah!
To carry out lasting and impactful services in these lands, the Islamic Community Millî Görüş (IGMG) organizes its annual 'Infaq Campaign.' We have now entered the final days of the 2026 Infaq Campaign, which will conclude by the end of this weekend.

Through this year's campaign, Hifz centers, mosques, educational institutions, student dormitories, and comprehensive community complexes (Külliyes) will be built across various countries and regions. You are the true owners and partners of this noble project. For years, you have supported the construction and revitalization of hundreds of institutions and organizations. This year as well, we invite you to join this caravan of competing in goodness. May your charitable contributions (Infaq) become an ever-open book of good deeds (Sadaqah Jariyah) for you. May Allah (swt) be pleased with you all.

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