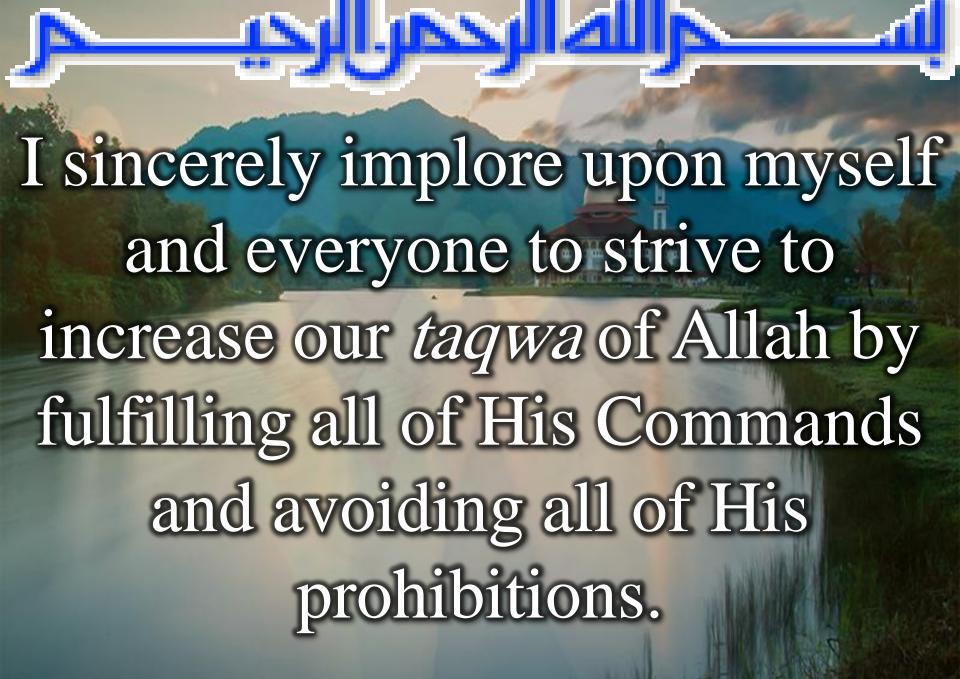


THE COLLECTIVE DUTY OF MAINTAINING OUR MASJID ALIVE WITH ACTIVITIES



Indeed, we truly hope to be among those bestowed with His protection in the Hereafter. Let us ponder upon today's khutbah entitled



The masjid is the House of Allah. It is a sacred place for the Muslims to worship Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala by performing 'ibaadah solely for His sake.

The masjid is also from among the shi'aar (symbols) of Islam and signifies the unity of the Muslim ummah. In addition, the masjid serves as the community's center for development in

producing Muslims having true imaan and taqwa, in receiving the guidance of Allah Subhaanahu Wata'aala. During the time of Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam, the masjid

functioned as the center for "ibaadah that is a place for salaah, studying and reciting al-Qur'an, zakaat collection, performing i'tikaaf, making adhkaar, and many more.

The masjid also served as a center for learning, administration office, library, courthouse, military office for war strategy and army gathering, and many more. In brief, the masjid was a

"one-stop center" for all activities for the Muslims. The masjid symbolizes the strength of the Muslim ummah and the high integrity of their imaan.

It is a center for welfare filled with rahmah and barakah. Hence, it behooves us to consistently maintain the masjid active and alive ('imaarah) so that it becomes the landmark for the unity of the Muslim ummah. Imaarah of the masjid means for us to strive in bringing the masses to the masjid, benefitting from the activities and programs organized at the masjid, and

other deeds that manifests our love for the masjid. Abu Hurayrah radiy Allaahu 'anh reported: Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said:

"He who goes to the

mosque in the morning or in the evening, Allah prepares for him a place in Jannah whenever he goes to the mosque in the morning and returns from it in the evening." (Agreed upon)

The duty of keeping the masjid abuzz with activities falls upon every individual. The masjid should be decorated with circles of knowledge and social activities that would propel

the unity of the Muslim ummah. What is the use of a masjid having beautiful architecture and built with such enormous cost, only to remain empty in its utilization and void of

attendees. Let us not become an ummah that only take pride with enormous masjid construction, but not hasten to fully utilize to its maximum potential. It was narrated that Anas ibn

Maalik radiy Allaahu 'anh said: Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam said: "The Hour will not begin until the people compete in (building) mosques." (Abu Dawood and ibn Maajah: saheeh)

Therefore, Muslim communities and masjid officers who have been entrusted to administer the masjid must always work together in ensuring that the masjid's roles are being

properly carried out. The masjid committee should offer relevant programs, while the Muslims should support such efforts and partake in benefitting from them.

The masjid committee must be wise, far-sighted, visionary, accommodating, and always remain open especially to the teenagers. They must always inculcate the slogan "masjidfriendly"

in every action. Proper facilities for the teenagers and youth must be made available in the effort to instill the love and longing to frequent the masjid.

This is in line with the hadeeth of Abu Hurayrah radiy Allaahu 'anh where Rasulullah sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam mentioned about the seven types of people that will be shaded by Allah

under His Shade on the Day of Judgment:

"... a man whose heart is attached to the mosque (who offers the five compulsory congregational prayers in the mosque)."

(Agreed upon)

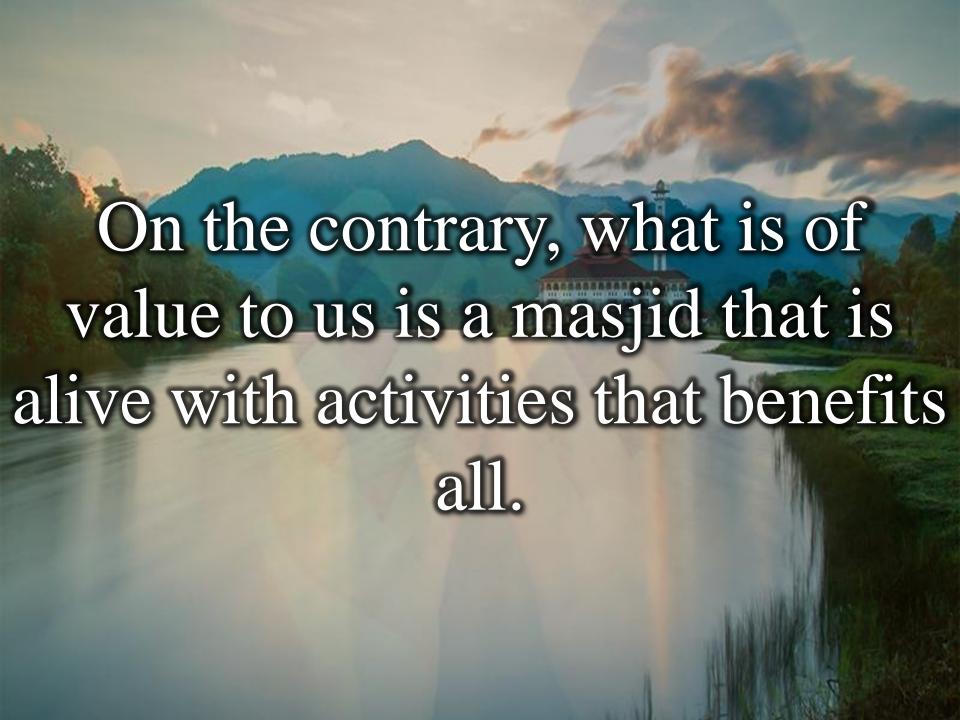
Those whose hearts that are always attached to the masjid, always praying in congregation and participating in keeping the masjid vibrant with activities, it is only through

them that Islam will restore its glory. We can look at Masjid Negeri Shah Alam (State Mosque) as a model. On a daily basis it is filled with spiritual, motivational, and Qur'anic understanding

programs for all walks of society, from children to teenagers, youth, adults, and the elderly. Actually, the buzz of activities at the masjid will encourage more donors to donate from their

possession for the general benefit of the Muslim ummah whether in the form of money or services. They will not hesitate to extend their contributions upon seeing that the masjid is

proactive and rich with activities for the Muslims. It is never worth mentioning about a masjid that had collected a huge sum of funds, only to utilize them improperly.

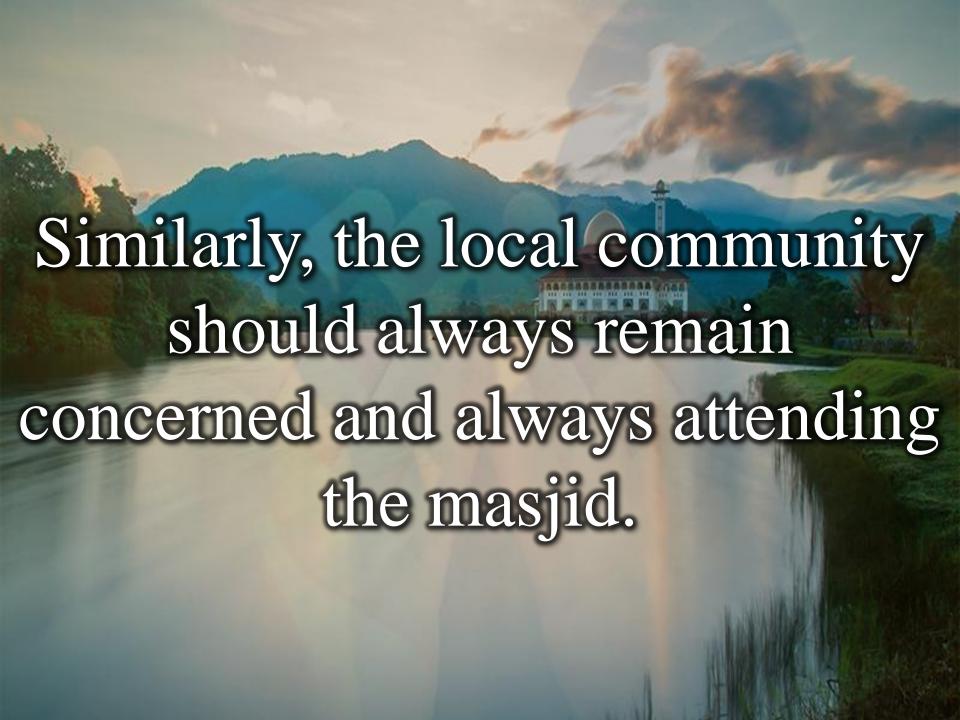


Let us strive with high determination to liven up and revive our masaajid, organize circles of knowledge, classes, and programs that would spur the greatness of Islam and its

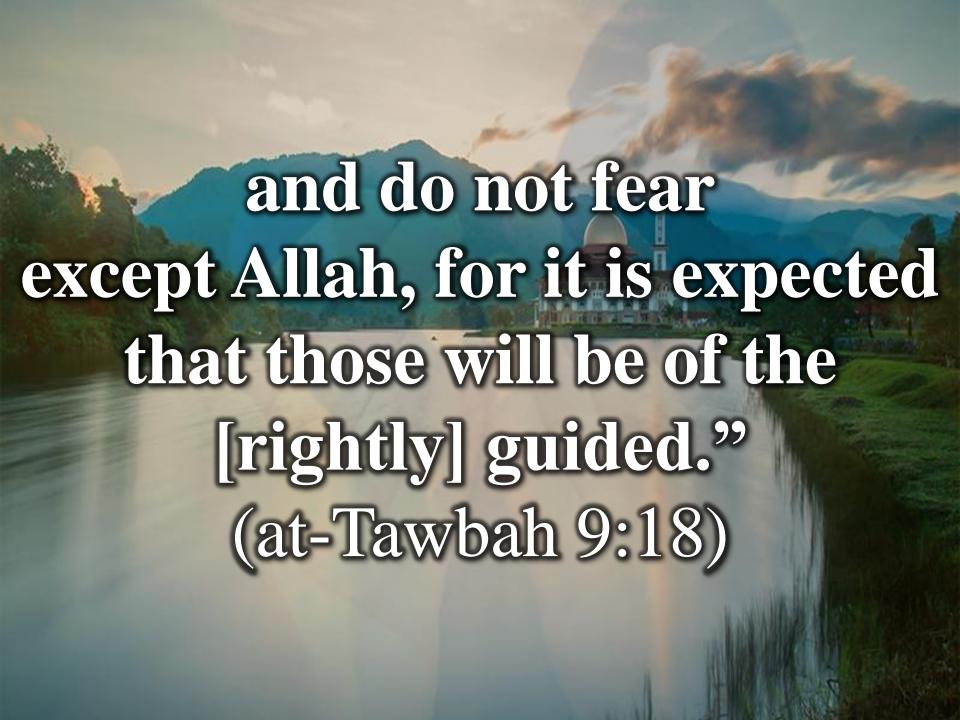
adherents. Let us not become negligent and keeping distant from the masjid causing us to cease from receiving the rahmah and hidaayah from Allah.

Let us make the masjid as the center to intensify the spirit of brotherhood and jihaad in restoring the grandeur of Islam. The masjid officers and committee members must

always ensure that the masjid is always in a safe and comfortable state for the congregation and local community to perform their 'ibaadah and organize activities.



"The mosques of Allah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day and establish prayer and give zakaah



بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الأَيَاتِ وَالذَّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقْبَلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ۖ أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَ أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَ الْمُوْمِنِيْنَ وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَ الْأُمُو ات فَاسْتَغْفِرُ وْهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيْمُ

O Allah, You are the Almighty Lord, we are grateful unto You for having bestowed upon us Mercy and Blessings, nourishing us to strive to continue in strengthening the Muslim nation especially the state of Selangor, as an advanced, progressive, peaceful, and benevolent state.

We beseech and beg You, Ya Allah, to strengthen our imaan, increase our good deeds, strengthen our unity, increase our provision, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, nourish our soul with beautiful akhlaaq, guide us to the Path that is Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

O Allah, we implore upon you, keep us steadfast upon the methodology of Ahlus Sunnah wal Jamaa'ah, and protect us from 'ageedah and practices that are misguided and deviated such as extreme Shee'ism, Qaadiyani, and others.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim ummah especially in Selangor, to fulfill their zakaat obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their zakaat obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

and also those that have given away and endowed (waqt) their wealth to the Selangor Islamic Development Trust Fund (Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor) with eternal rewards until the Hereafter.

Purify their wealth and soul so that they will live according to that which pleases You. Protect the poor and needy from disbelief and everlasting poverty. Allaahummaa ameen



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