



JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

# How Are Your NEIGHBORS ?



**Let us strive to increase  
our *taqwa* of Allah  
*Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
with full certainty and  
sincerity in abiding by all of  
His Commands and  
avoiding all of His**



prohibitions. May we become an *ummah* that is always bestowed with the Shade and Mercy of Allah in this world, and *maghfirah* (forgiveness) in the Hereafter.

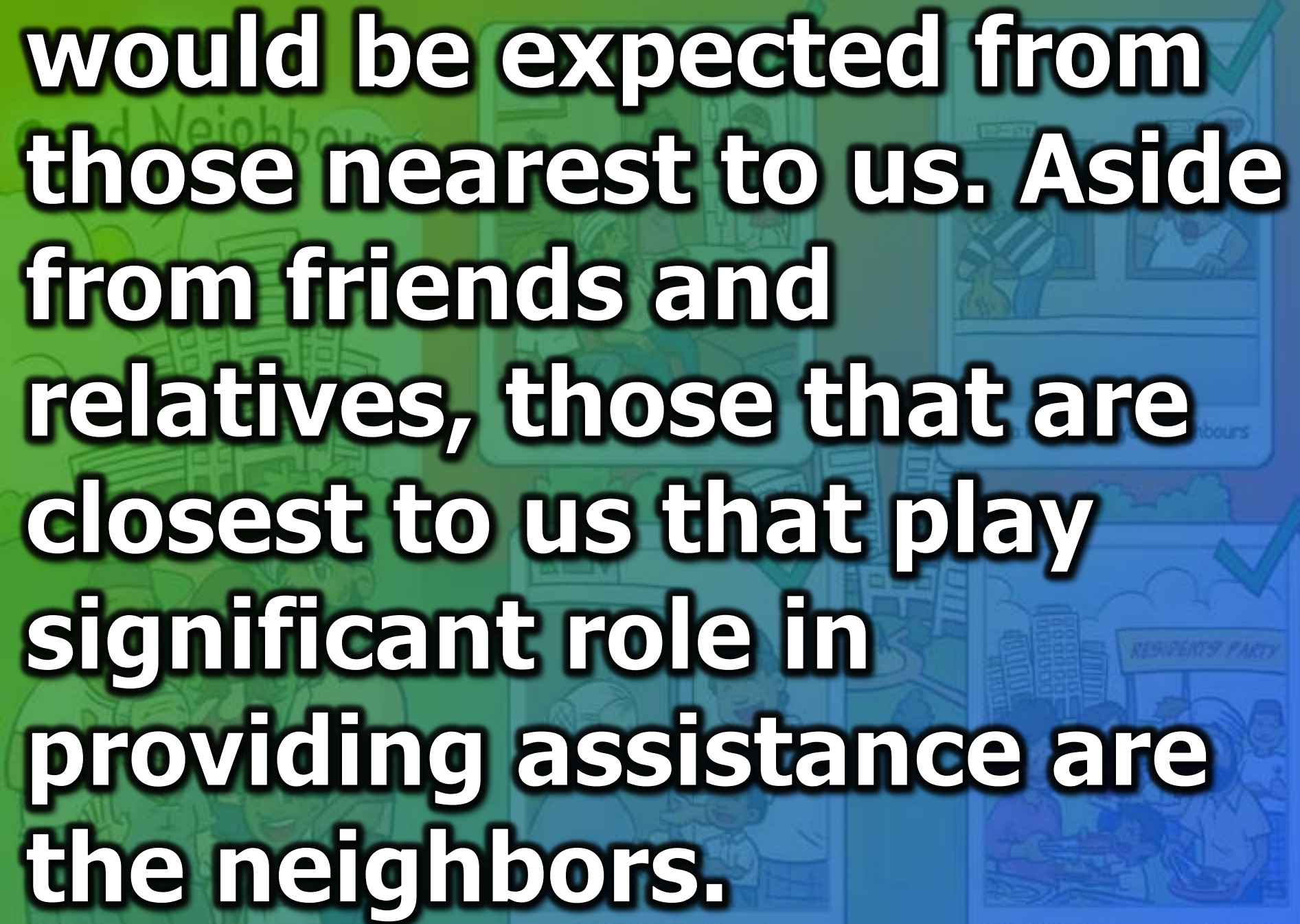
Islam heavily emphasize on neighborly relations for it is part and parcel of the way of life in Islam. Hence, let us internalize upon this week's *khutbah* entitled:



# *“How Are Your Neighbors?”*

**It is the nature of the human life that they would require mutual aid from each other. Of course, such aid and help**

**would be expected from those nearest to us. Aside from friends and relatives, those that are closest to us that play significant role in providing assistance are the neighbors.**

The background features a collage of blue-toned illustrations. On the left, a card titled 'Good Neighbours' shows a person helping an elderly person. On the right, a card titled 'RESIDENTS PARTY' shows a group of people at a community gathering. At the bottom, two cards are visible: 'Help your neighbours' and 'Participate in community activities'. The overall theme is community support and neighborly assistance.

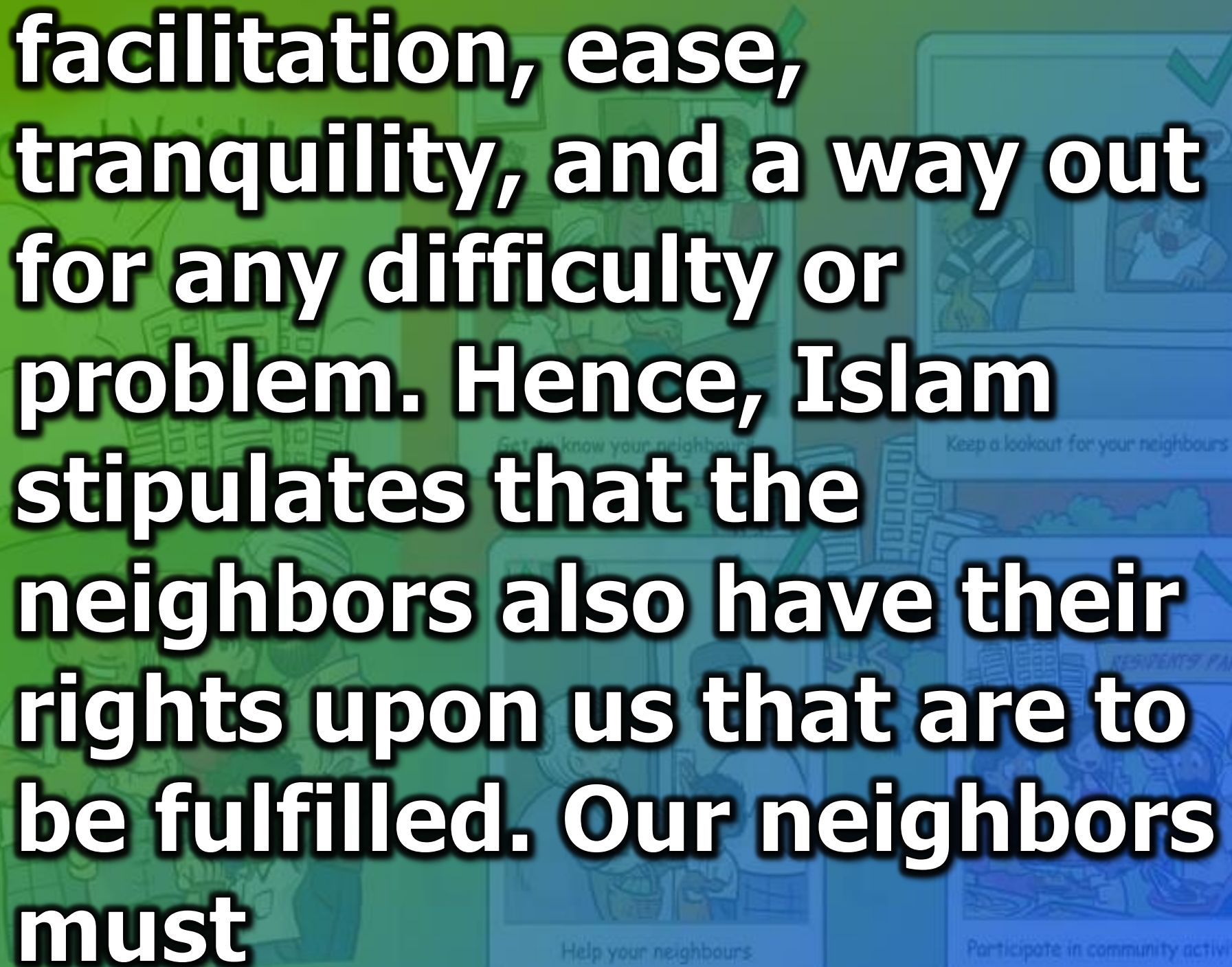


**We are obligated to secure good and friendly relation with our neighbors for it plays a significant role in ensuring community living that is safe and harmonious. It will also provide**

Help your neighbours

Participate in community activities

**facilitation, ease, tranquility, and a way out for any difficulty or problem. Hence, Islam stipulates that the neighbors also have their rights upon us that are to be fulfilled. Our neighbors must**





**be treated with respect  
and politeness just as how  
we would love our own  
family.**

**It was narrated from Jaabir  
bin 'Abdillaah *radiyAllaahu*  
*'anh* that Rasulullah ﷺ  
said:**

**“Neighbors are of three kinds.  
Firstly, the neighbor who enjoys  
only one right (and as far as rights  
are concerned) he is of the lowest  
grade. Secondly, the one who  
enjoys two rights, and thirdly the  
neighbor who enjoys three rights”**

***(al-Bazaar and Abu Nu'aym: da'eef)***



**The three categories of the neighbors' rights mentioned in the *hadeeth* are:**

**1. Neighbors entitled to one rights, namely the rights of neighbors only, for the non-Muslims and**

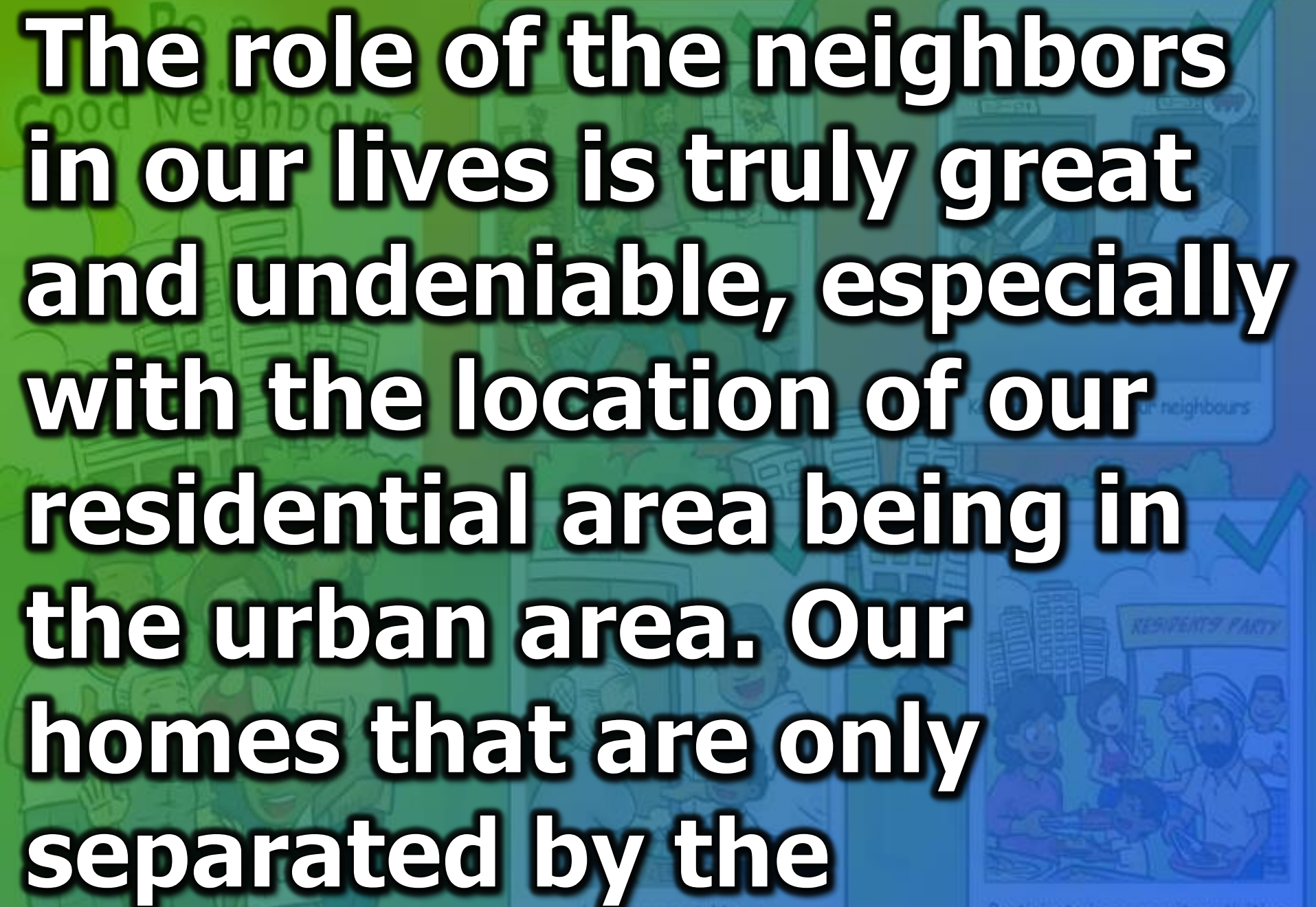
**non-relatives.**

**2. Neighbors entitled to two rights, namely the rights of neighbors and the rights of Islam, referring to the Muslims.**



**3. Neighbors entitled to three rights, namely the rights of neighbors, the rights of Islam, and the rights of kinship.**

**The role of the neighbors in our lives is truly great and undeniable, especially with the location of our residential area being in the urban area. Our homes that are only separated by the**

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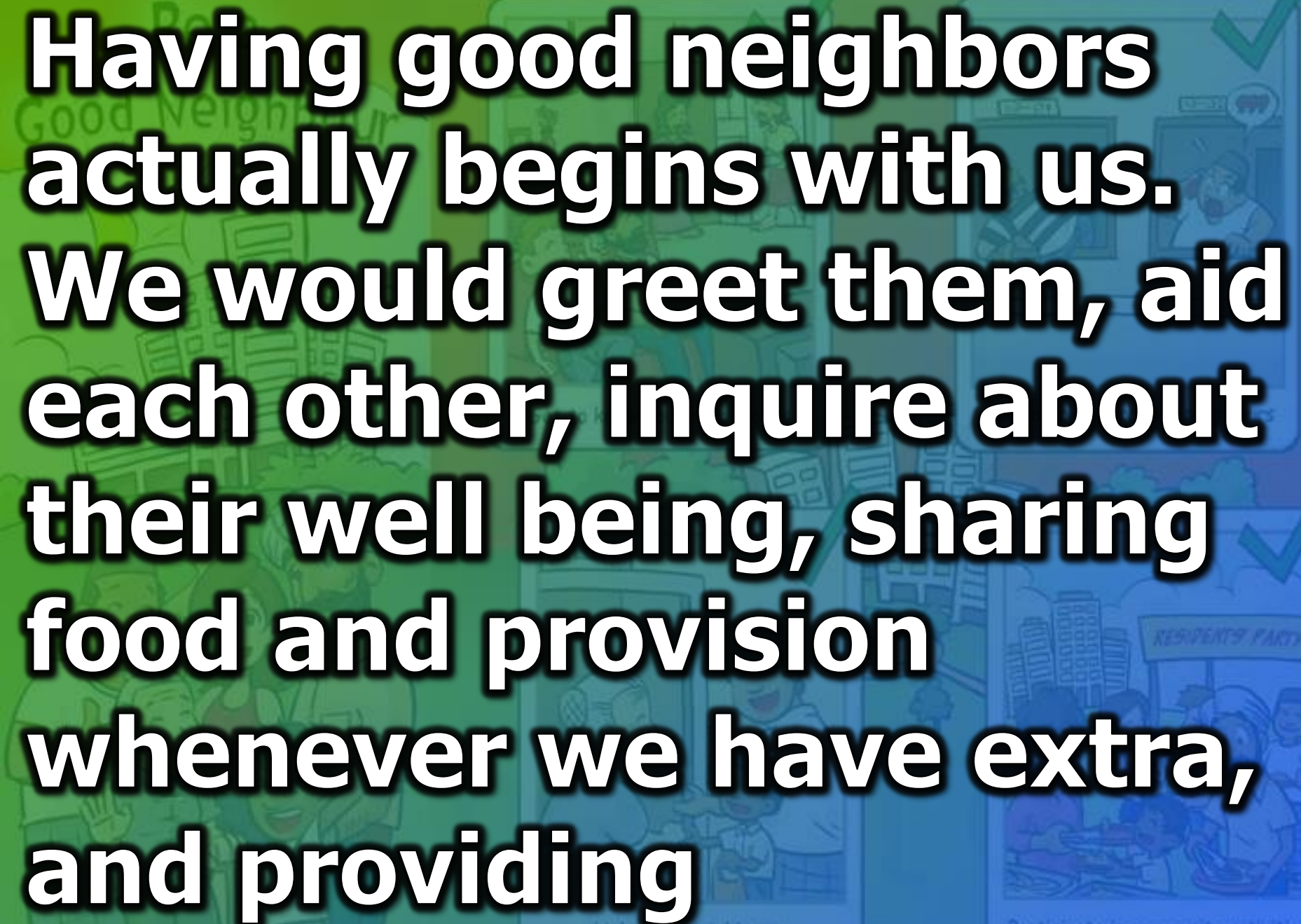
concrete wall provide a solid argument (proof) that we are to preserve *silaaturrahm* (ties of brotherhood) amongst mankind. In fact, Islam solidifies the status of the neighbors by stipulating

**that neighbors are those  
40 homes in front of us,  
40 homes behind us, and  
40 homes on our right  
and left, as firmly stated  
by Prophet Muhammad**

صلى الله  
عليه وسلم ■



**Having good neighbors  
actually begins with us.  
We would greet them, aid  
each other, inquire about  
their well being, sharing  
food and provision  
whenever we have extra,  
and providing**



The background is a stylized illustration of a city street scene. It features a green and blue color palette. Faint, semi-transparent icons are visible, including a person's head, a building, and a checkmark. At the bottom, there are two faint rectangular boxes. The left box contains the text 'Help your neighbours' and the right box contains the text 'Participate in community activities'.

assistance when they are  
afflicted with difficulties.  
Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu*  
*'anh* reported: Rasulullah

صلى الله  
عليه وسلم said:

“... Let him who believes  
in Allah and the Last Day



Be a Good Neighbour

be generous to his neighbor..."



*(Agreed Upon)*

**In an atmosphere such as Malaysia where there is a diverse society with different ethnicities and faith, it is**

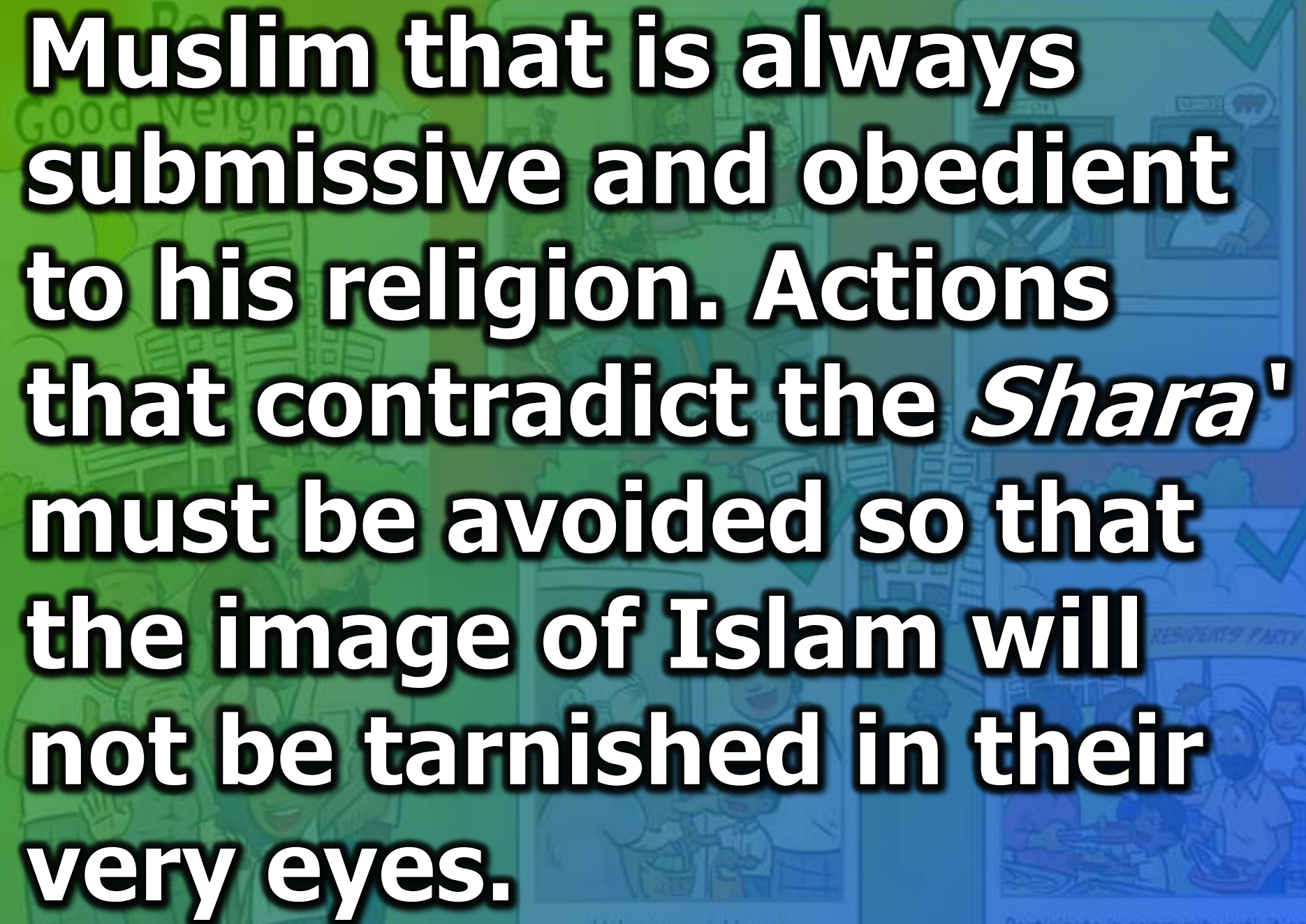
**very possible that our next-door neighbor is a non-Muslim. Therefore, this is the time for us to manifest the beauty of Islam with tolerance, cooperation, and personal characteristics as a**

Help your neighbours

Participate in community activities



**Muslim that is always  
submissive and obedient  
to his religion. Actions  
that contradict the *Shara*'  
must be avoided so that  
the image of Islam will  
not be tarnished in their  
very eyes.**



The background features a green and blue gradient with faint illustrations of community activities. On the left, a green panel shows a person helping a neighbor with the text 'Help your neighbours'. On the right, a blue panel shows a group of people at a community event with the text 'Participate in community activities'. A large green checkmark is visible in the top right corner.

**Therefore, time and career constraint is not an excuse for us to not exchange greetings in strengthening our brotherhood. Let us throw out our ego and selfishness for our neighbors**

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**would be the ones that we truly need in times of difficulty. When faced with an emergency situation, unfortunately with the spouse working outstation and the relatives are too far**

**away, while needing urgent help, definitely the aid of the neighbors are most welcomed. However, how would this actually happen if we have never even uttered a single word to our next-door**

Help your neighbours

Participate in community activities



**neighbor?**

**In addition, the rights of respecting the neighbors includes not hurting them emotionally such as making loud noise in the night, including raising the**

Help your neighbours

Participate in community activities

speakers' volume high that it is blasting out loud outside the mosque area during activities inside the mosque, that it disturbs the neighbors living nearby, except for the *adhaan* (call to prayer).



**Moreover, there are also those that are very passionate about karaoke that it becomes deafening to the ears, those cranking up their vehicle with loud exhaust noise, blocking**

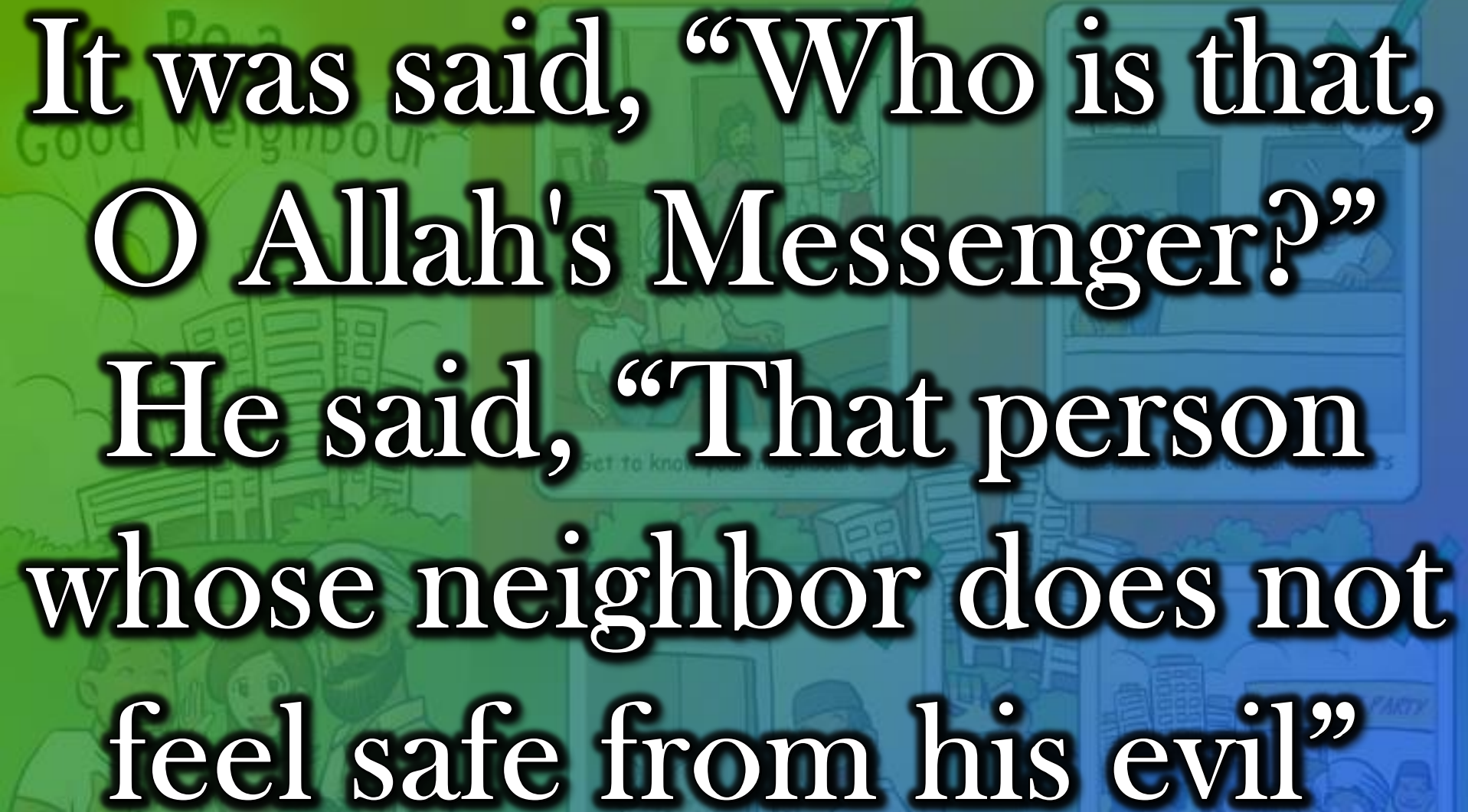
**the pathway with their  
parked vehicles, leaving  
their pet animals'  
defecation to litter  
around that it suffocates  
the nose, and dumped  
waste that would cause  
diseases.**



**Narrated Abu Shurayh**  
***radiyAllaahu'anh:***

**Rasulullah ﷺ said:**

**“By Allah, he does not  
believe! By Allah, he does  
not believe! By Allah, he  
does not believe!”**



It was said, “Who is that,  
O Allah's Messenger?”  
He said, “That person  
whose neighbor does not  
feel safe from his evil”

*(al-Bukhaari)*



**Caring attitude towards the neighbors is a highly admirable culture. Laudable behavior such as accommodating, respectful, and pleasant speech such as greeting when seeing each**

**other are necessary elements in creating harmonious atmosphere amongst neighbors. The cordial relationship established will enable us to further interact with one another that we**

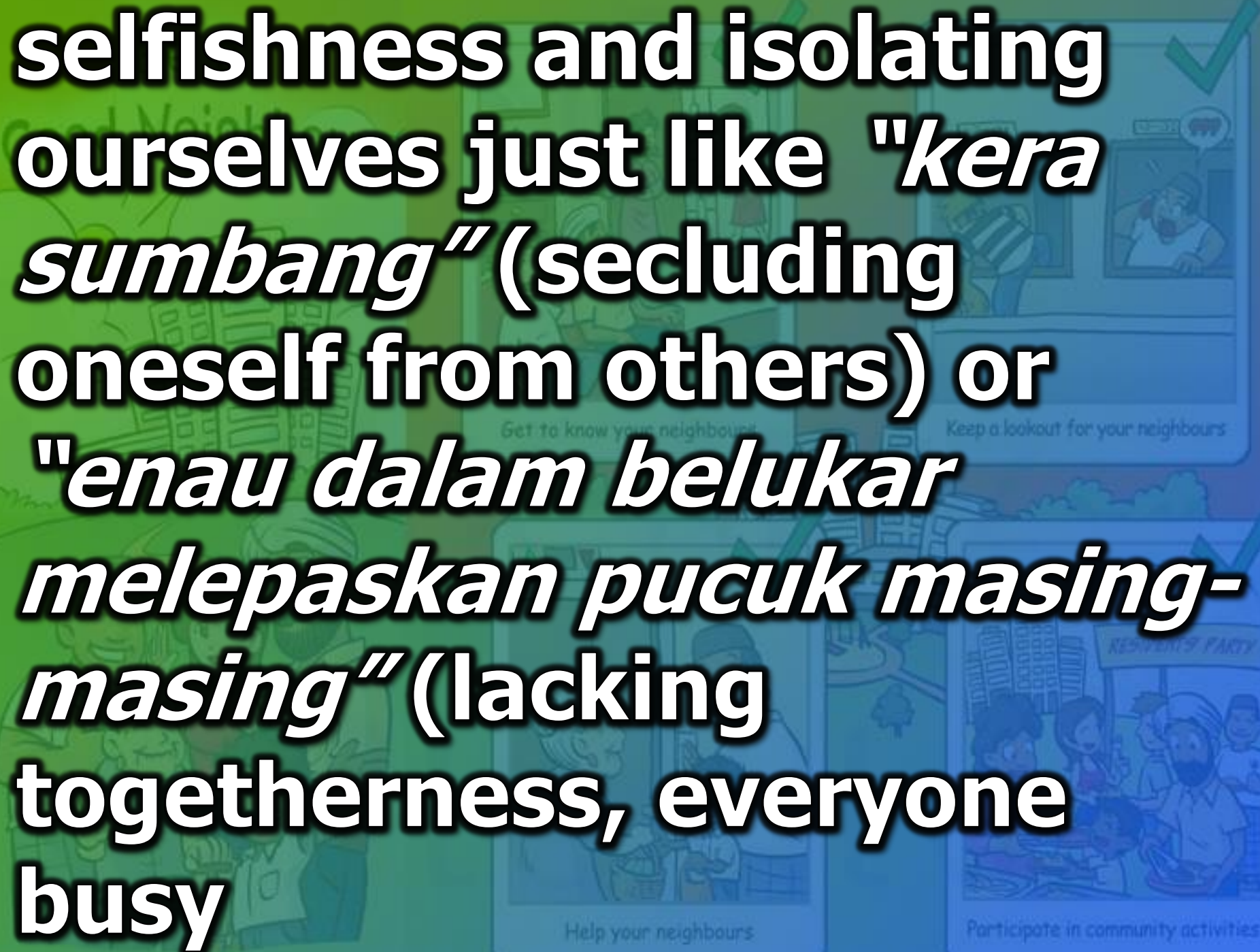


**become cooperative and open in accepting criticism. Hence, facilities that are to be shared can be utilized in the best manner. However, all these will not happen if we are still engrained with**

Help your neighbours

Participate in community activities

**selfishness and isolating  
ourselves just like "*kera  
sumbang*" (secluding  
oneself from others) or  
"*enau dalam belukar  
melepaskan pucuk masing-  
masing*" (lacking  
togetherness, everyone  
busy**

The background features a light blue and green illustration of a community. It includes several panels: a top right panel with a checkmark and a person on a phone; a middle left panel titled 'Get to know your neighbours' showing people talking; a middle right panel titled 'Keep a lookout for your neighbours' showing a person looking out; a bottom left panel titled 'Help your neighbours' showing a person helping another; and a bottom right panel titled 'Participate in community activities' showing a group of people at a 'NEIGHBOURHOOD PARTY'.



**in their own world).  
Therefore, let us altogether  
internalize and exercise  
open-mindedness,  
tolerance, understanding,  
forbearance, exchanging  
views, focusing on the  
commonalities, and**

Keep a lookout for your neighbours

Help your neighbours

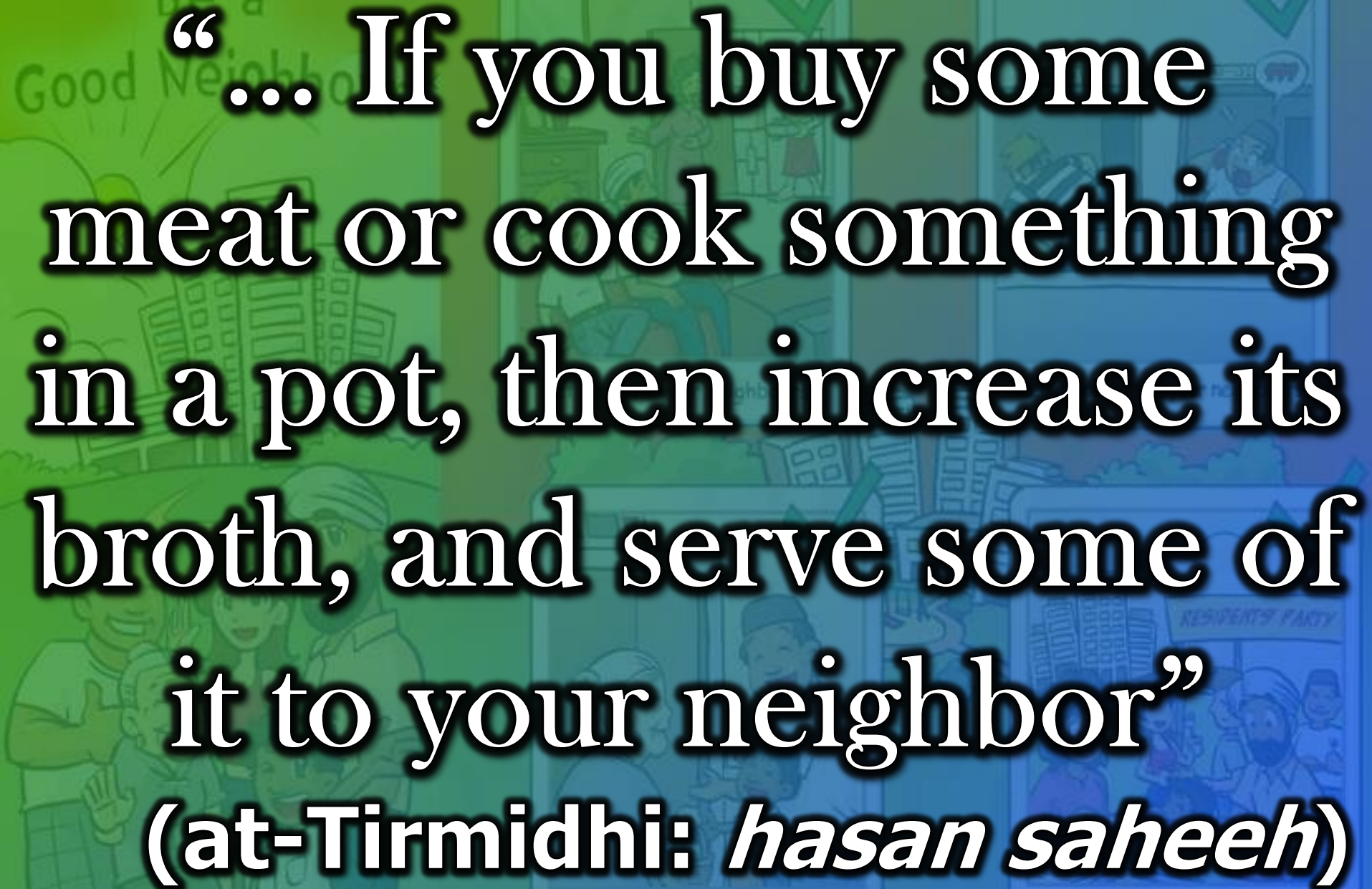
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**strengthening broken  
relationship with full  
wisdom and love.**

**In short, the characteristics  
of a good neighbor is to  
always greet others, visiting  
others, lending a hand, and  
helping one another. On the  
contrary, avoid being**



Be a  
prejudice, jealousy, envy,  
slander, and others that  
would only ignite the  
flame of hatred and strife.  
Narrated Abu Dharr al-  
Ghifaari *radiyAllaahu'anh*:  
Rasulullah ﷺ said:



“... If you buy some meat or cook something in a pot, then increase its broth, and serve some of it to your neighbor”  
(at-Tirmidhi: *hasan saheeh*)



**In another *hadeeth*, ibn  
'Abbaas *radiyAllaahu*  
'*anhuma* reported that  
Rasulullah ﷺ said:**

**“A man is not a believer  
who fills his stomach while  
his neighbor is hungry”**

Be ***(al-Bukhaari's al-Adab al-Mufrad: saheeh)***

**As such, the neighbors are so crucial in our lives that it is as if they would inherit from our rights and possession, as mentioned in the *hadeeth* of**



ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu*  
*'anhuma* where Rasulullah

صلى الله  
عليه وسلم said:

“Jibreel kept on  
recommending me about  
treating the neighbors in  
a kind and polite manner,

so much so that I thought  
that he would order (me)  
to make them (my) heirs”

*(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)*

**Furthermore, safeguarding  
the tongue from  
instigating, gossiping, and  
slander must**



be duly emphasized for it is feared that they can sever the relationship amongst the neighbors and incurring Allah's Wrath. The Malay proverb goes *"Kerana Pulut Santan Binasa,*

***Kerana Mulut Badan  
Binasa***" (because of the  
sticky rice, the milk is  
perished; because of the  
tongue, the body is  
destroyed). Rasulullah  
ﷺ had even given an



explanation in this regard  
to a man who asked:

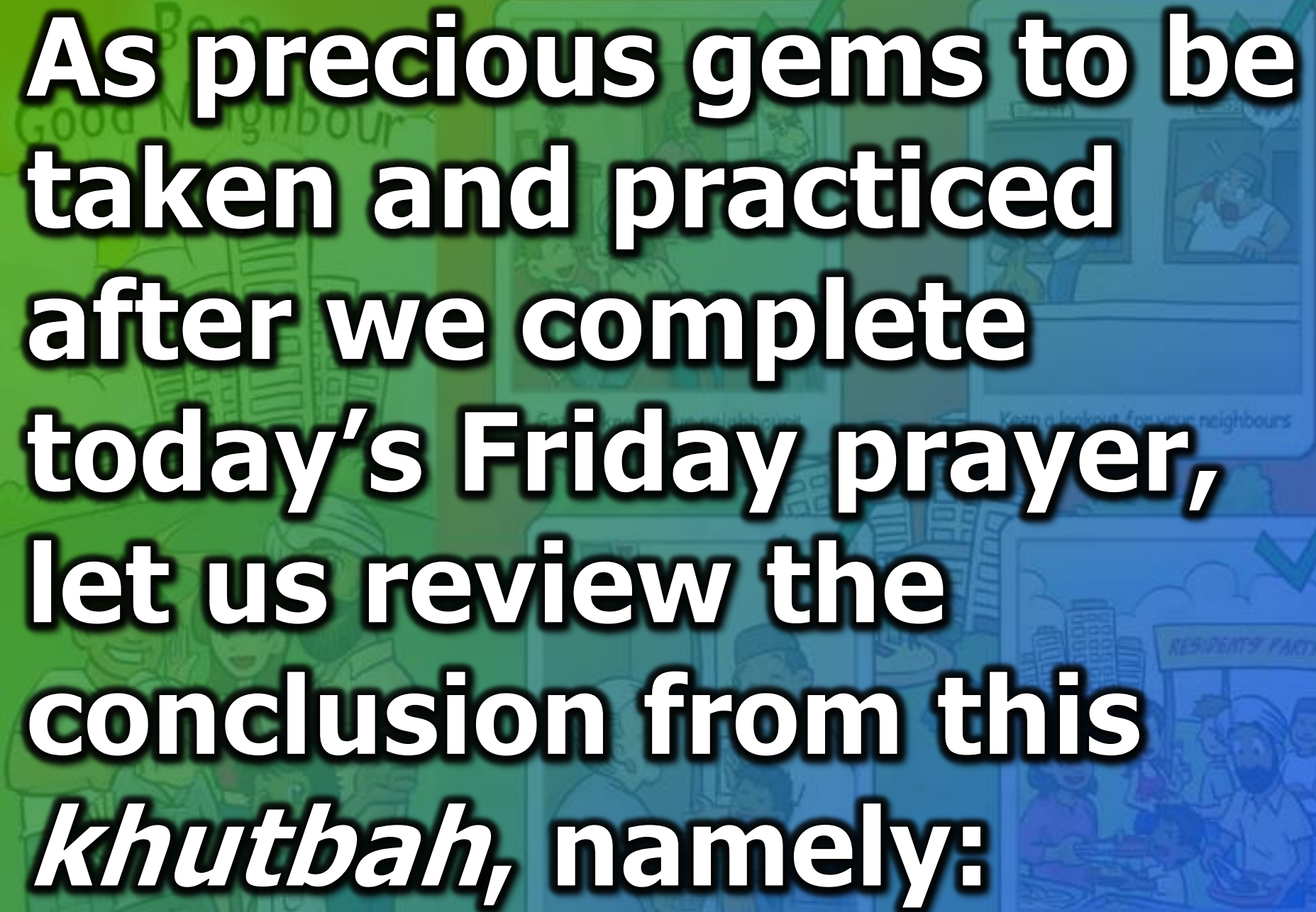
“O Rasulullah! A certain  
woman prays in the night,  
fasts in the day, acts, and  
gives *sadaqah*, but injures  
her neighbors with her

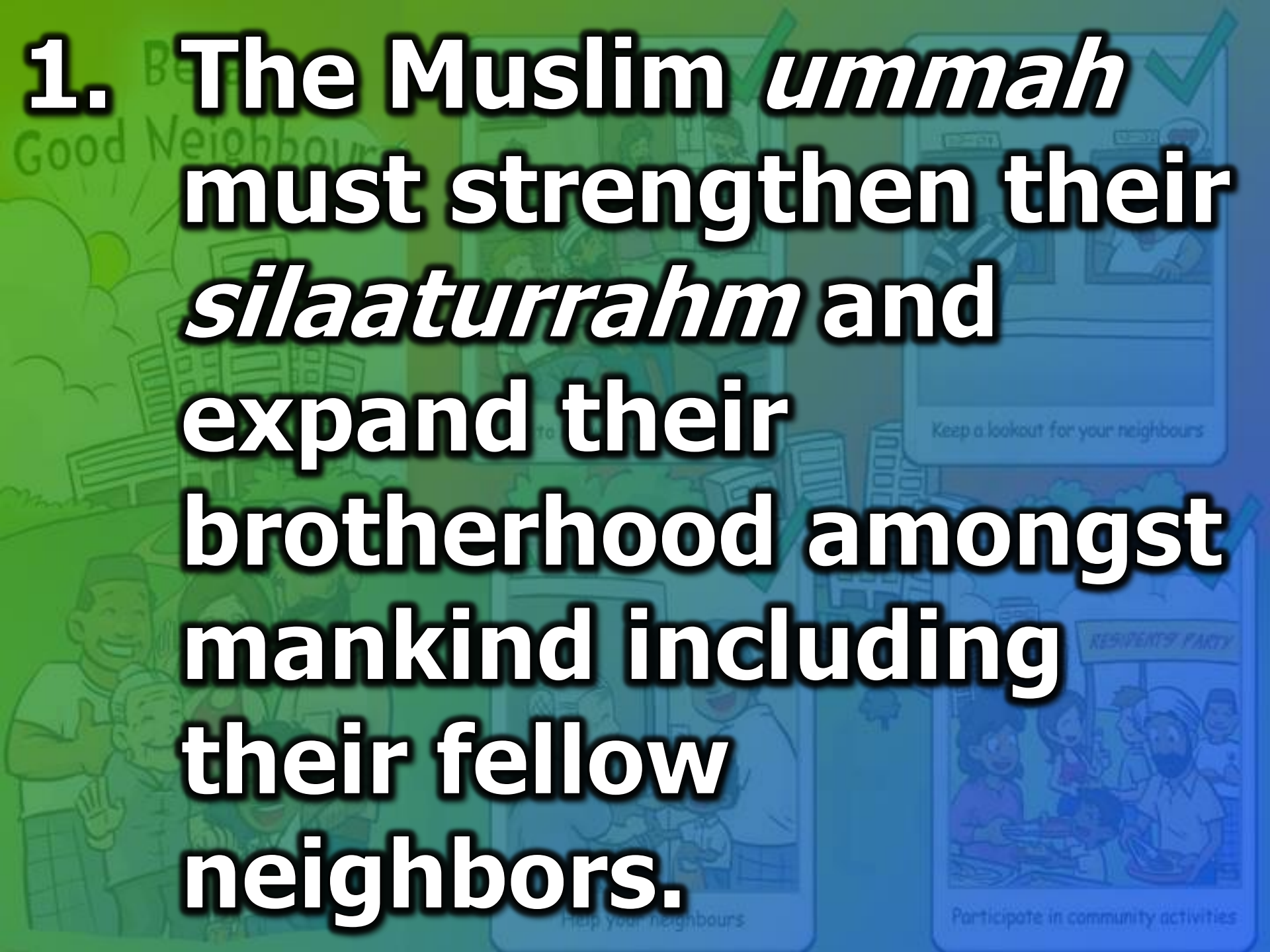
tongue.” The Messenger of  
Allah ﷺ said, “There is  
no good in her. She is one  
of the people of the Fire”

*(ibn Hibbaan, al-Bazzaar, al-  
Haakim, Ahmad, al-Adab al-  
Mufrad: saheeh)*



**As precious gems to be taken and practiced after we complete today's Friday prayer, let us review the conclusion from this *khutbah*, namely:**

The background features a stylized illustration of a community board or notice board. It includes several panels: a top-left panel with the text 'Good Neighbour', a top-right panel with a photo of a person and the text 'Keep a lookout for your neighbours', a bottom-left panel with the text 'Help your neighbours', and a bottom-right panel with a photo of a group of people at a table and the text 'Participate in community activities'. A large blue checkmark is visible on the right side of the board.

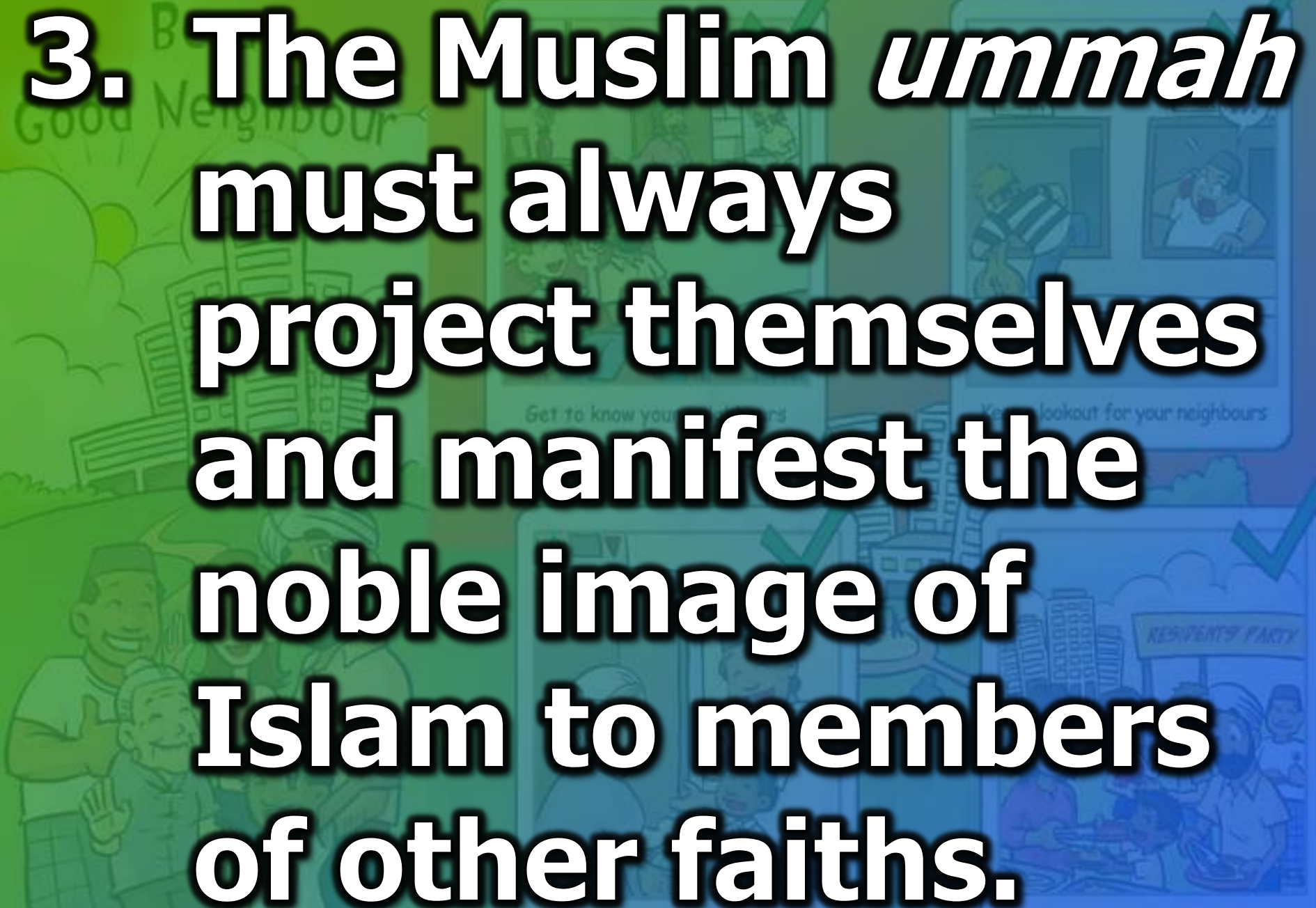


**1. The Muslim *ummah* must strengthen their *silaaturrahm* and expand their brotherhood amongst mankind including their fellow neighbors.**



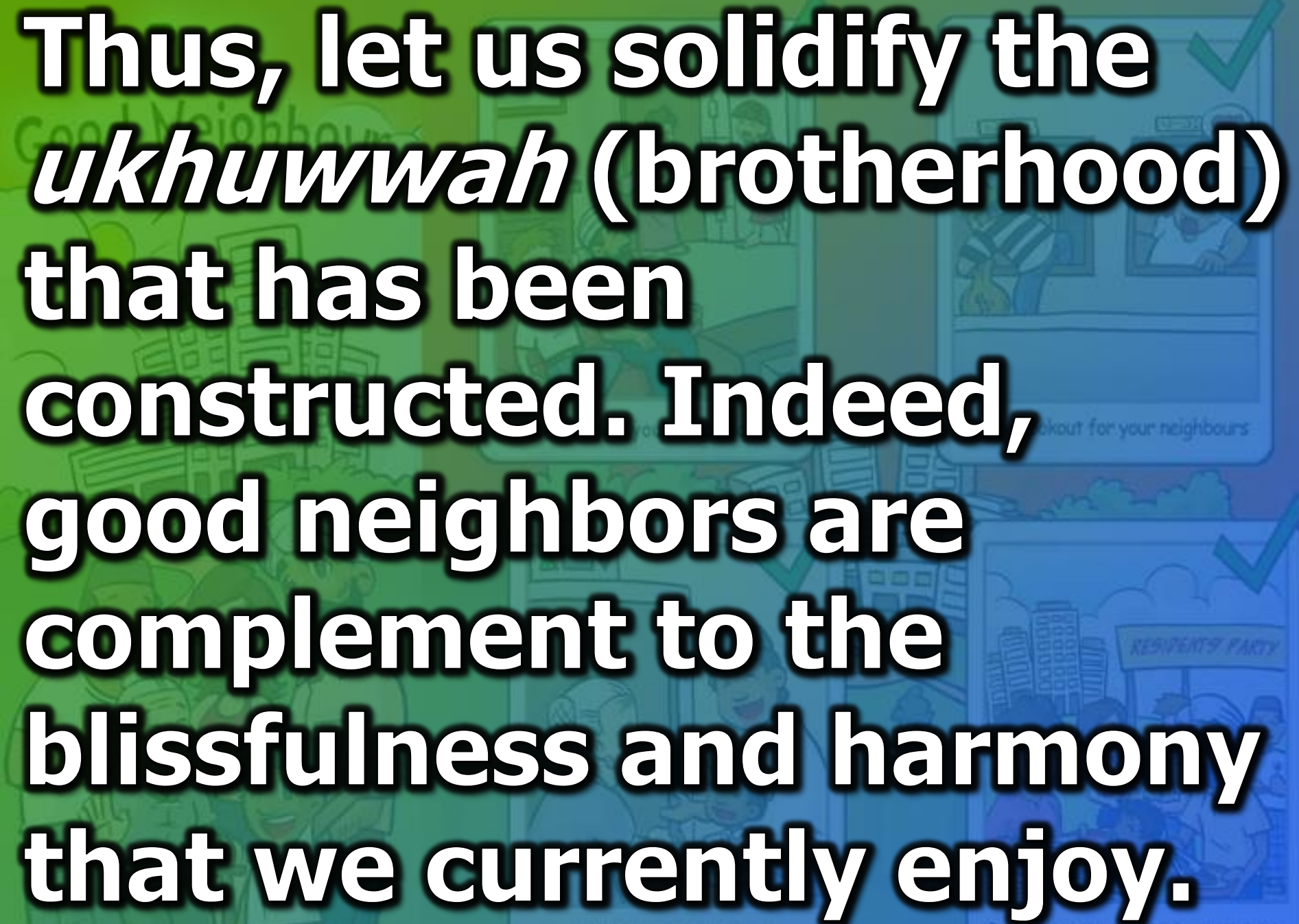
**2. The Muslim *ummah* is forbidden from hurting the neighbors' feelings and avoid all negative traits.**

**3. The Muslim *ummah* must always project themselves and manifest the noble image of Islam to members of other faiths.**

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**Thus, let us solidify the *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood) that has been constructed. Indeed, good neighbors are complement to the blissfulness and harmony that we currently enjoy.**

The background features a collage of various illustrations related to community and social interaction. On the left, there's a green-tinted illustration of a city skyline with the text 'Good Neighbours' and 'Help your neighbours' at the bottom. On the right, there's a blue-tinted illustration of a community center or library with the text 'Checkout for your neighbours' and 'Participate in community activities' at the bottom. Both sides also feature checkmarks and a 'RESIDENTS PARTY' sign.

Be a

Good Neighbour

**May the good  
neighbors continue to  
become our neighbors  
in Paradise, *aameen.***

Get to know your neighbours

Keep a lookout for your neighbours

Help your neighbours

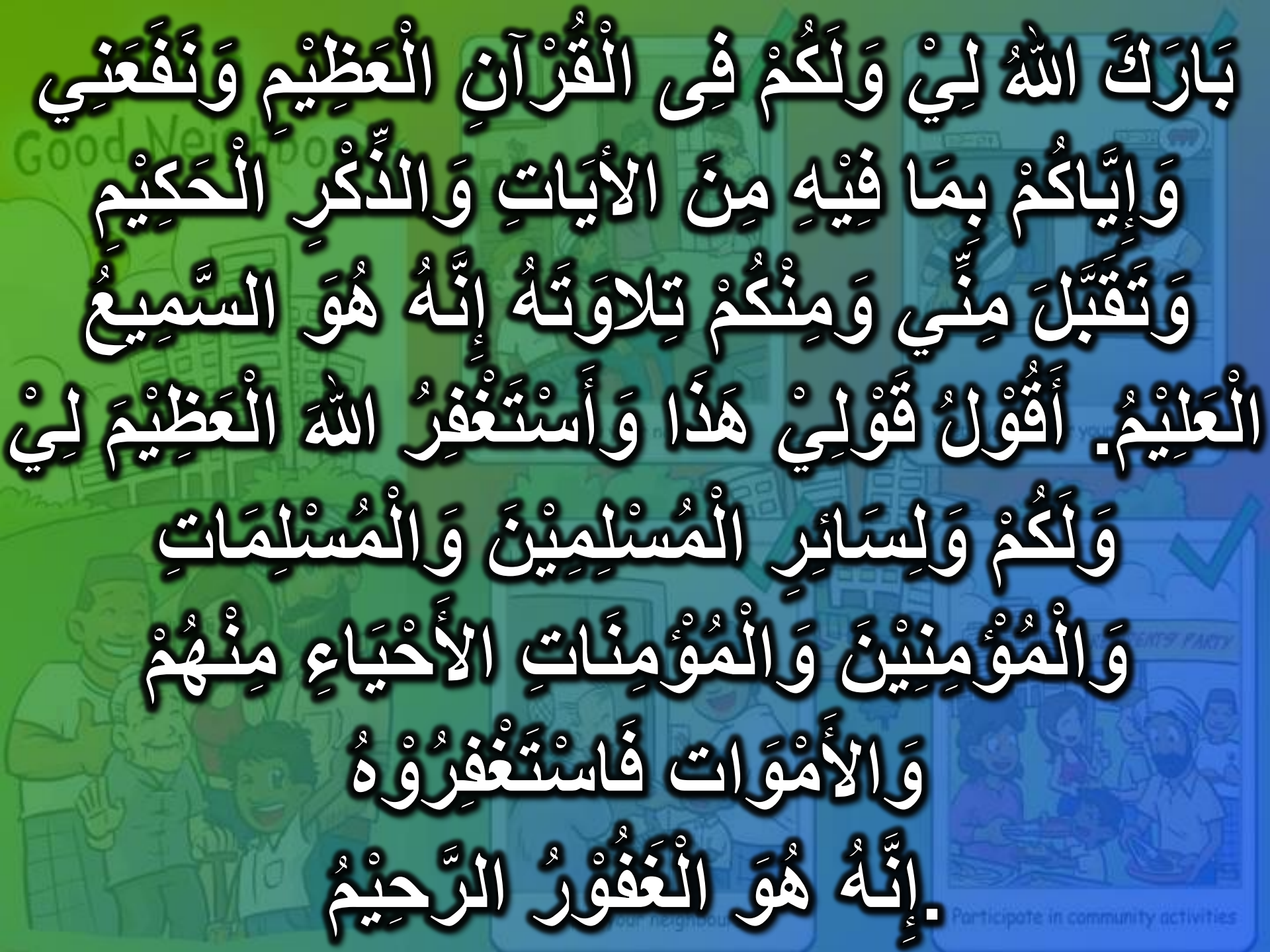
Participate in community activities



**“Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbor, the neighbor farther away, the companion at your side, the traveler, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are self-deluding and boastful”**

***(an-Nisaa' 4:36)***





بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ  
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إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ



# ***THE SECOND KHUTBAH***



**Once again, I would like to remind all of us that Islam teaches its adherents to remain moderate in all actions and deeds. At the same time, the Muslims are to avoid any form of extremism in which its**





**consequences will only disrupt  
the harmony, unity, and security  
of the Muslim *ummah* and our  
nation. Extremism will only give  
negative impression upon the  
nobility and holiness of al-Islam.  
On the contrary, the Muslim**

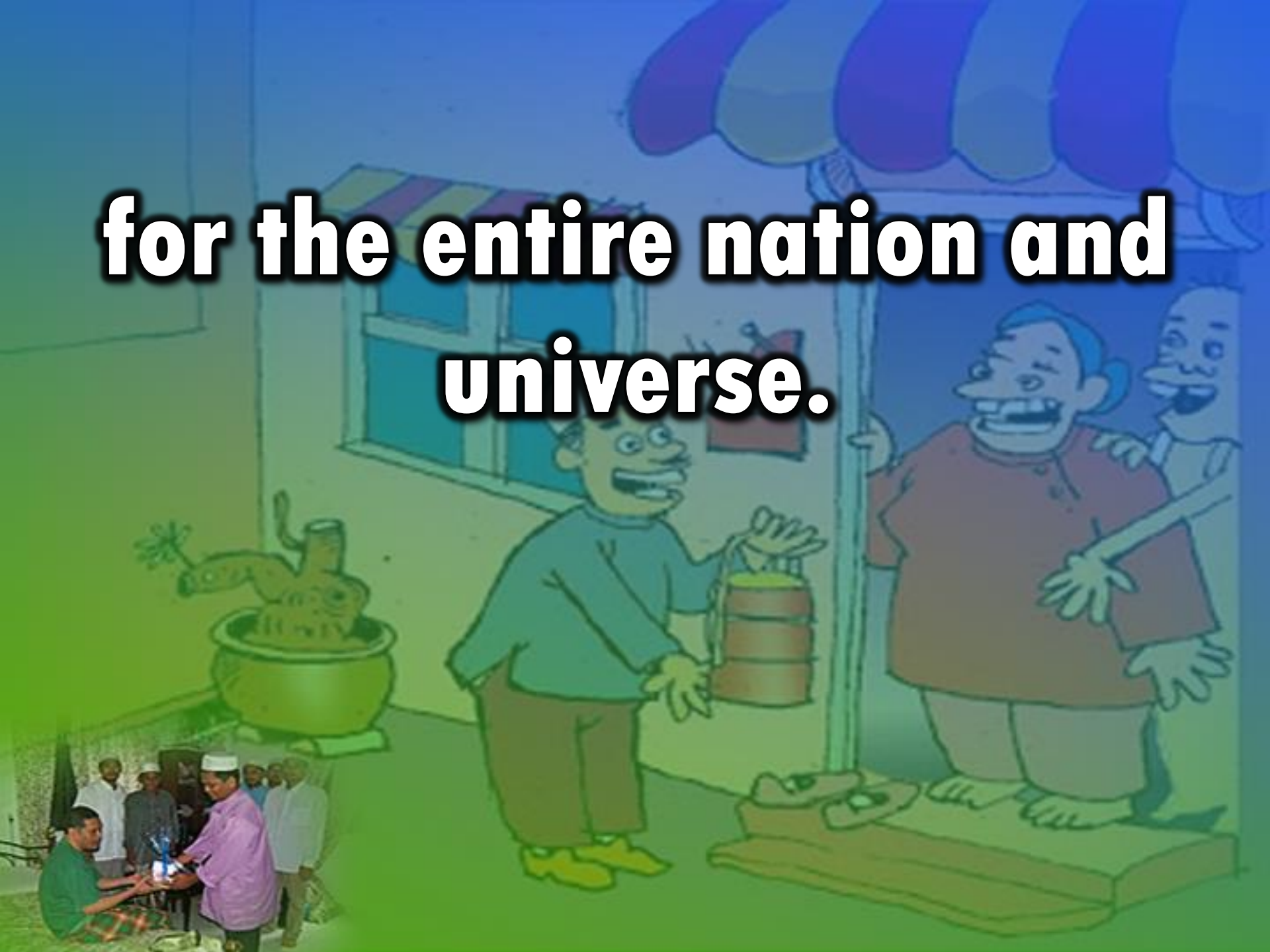


***ummah* must inculcate noble  
*akhlaaq*, having utmost  
personality and attitude as true  
Muslims so that the world will  
know that Rasulullah ﷺ was  
sent down as a messenger, and  
Islam that was revealed is mercy**





**for the entire nation and  
universe.**



**O Allah, You are the Lord that is  
All Mighty, we are grateful to  
You for having bestowed upon us  
*rahmah* and *ni'mah*, that we are  
able to continue the effort in  
empowering the Muslim *ummah*  
especially in Selangor, as an**





**advanced state, prosperous, and  
providing welfare.**

**Hence, we sincerely beseech you,  
O Allah, strengthen our *imaan*,  
accept our deeds, strengthen our  
unity, increase our *rizq*, enrich us  
with**



**beneficial knowledge, cultivate  
our soul with good mannerisms,  
return us to the path that you are  
pleased with, protect us from  
disasters and your severe trials,  
so that our nation will become  
more peaceful and filled with  
blessings.**





**O Allah, we sincerely beseech you,  
strengthen our beliefs according to  
the creed of *Ahlus Sunnah wal-  
Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from  
deeds and *'aqeedah* that are  
astray such as the extreme  
*Shee'is, Qadiyani*, and other  
ideologies.**



**O Allah, open up our hearts in fulfilling the five daily prayers, performing *zakaat*, and other obligations. Bless those that have fulfilled their *zakaat* and loving the *fugaraa*' and *masaakeen*, and those that have**





**made *waqf* and gave up their  
wealth for *Tabung Amanah  
Pembangunan Islam Selangor*  
(Islamic Development Trust Fund  
of Selangor) with continuous  
reward until the Hereafter.**



**O Allah, increase and widen  
the *rizq* of those that made  
*waqf* from their wealth with  
perpetual rewards until the  
Last Day.**







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