

# "THE FINAL SPRINT FOR RAMADAAN"

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَسَارِعُوٓاْ إِلَىٰ مَغْفِرَةٍ مِّن رَّبِّكُمْ وَجَنَّةٍ عَرْضُهَا ٱلسَّمَوَاتُ وَٱلْأَرْضُ أُعِدَّتْ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ ﷺ اللهِ عَلَيْ اللهِ عَلَيْ اللهِ عَلَيْ اللهُ عَلَيْ اللهُ عَلَيْ اللهُ

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ ولاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ و وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِه أَجْمَعِيْنَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَآ أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! إِتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ، أُوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَتَأَيُّهَا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ ٱللَّهُ مَّقُواْ اللَّهُ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسَلِمُونَ هَا اللَّهُ مَاللهُ وَلَا تَمُونَ إِلَّا وَأَنتُم مُّسَلِمُونَ هَا اللَّهُ مَا اللَّهُ مَا الله اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ المُنُواْ اللَّهُ مَا الله عَلَى اللهِ فَا الله وَالله وَله وَالله وَلّه وَالله وَالله

#### Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and respected audience to strive our utmost in increasing our *imaan* and *taqwa* of Allah by adhering to all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May this Ramadaan aid us in becoming among the successful ones in this world and the Hereafter.

The topic of today's khutbah is "THE FINAL SPRINT FOR RAMADAAN."

#### Dear beloved audience,

Alhamdulillaah, it is now only a few days left as our last chance to reap as much virtues and rewards that are exclusively offered in the holy month of Ramadaan. In these final moments, there is one night that is known as Laylat al-Qadr (Night of Decree). The reward for 'ibaadah (worship) during this night is equal to the reward of 'ibaadah of a thousand months. The virtue of such night was mentioned by Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala in the verses of soorah al-Qadr:

"Indeed, We sent the Qur'an down during the Night of Decree. And what can make you know what is the Night of Decree? The Night of Decree is better than a

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Aal-'Imraan 3:133



thousand months. The angels and the Spirit descend therein by permission of their Lord for every matter. Peace it is until the emergence of dawn."

#### Dear blessed Muslims,

There are several opinions from the scholars stating that Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala has awarded Laylat al-Qadr upon the ummah (nation) of Prophet Muhammad not as long as the previous nations, so he supplicated to Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala to bestow the opportunity for his ummah to perform righteous deeds with its rewards equivalent to the righteous deeds of the previous ummah. That is why Allah Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala had offered the night of al-Qadr that is worth a thousand months of rewards.

In the last ten nights, Rasulullah ماليالله would seek for the virtue of Laylat al-Qadr by staying up in the night, as mentioned in the hadeeth of Sayyidatina 'A'ishah radiyAllaahu 'anha:

"With the start of the last ten days of Ramadaan, the Prophet (عليه) used to tighten his waist belt (i.e. keep away from his wives) and used to pray all the night, and used to keep his family awake for the prayers."

(al-Bukhaari)

### Respected audience,

Let us earnestly seize the very opportunity in attaining the bountiful reward of Laylat al-Qadr by intensifying our righteous deeds such as qiyaam al-layl (night prayer), i'tikaf in the mosques, reciting and reflecting upon the verses of al-Qur'an, increasing our adhkaar (remembrance of Allah), attending majaalis 'ilm (Islamic classes) or Ramadaan tadhkeerah (brief reminders).

We are also told to increase our supplications, as in the *hadeeth* narrated by Sayyidatina 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*:

"I said: "O Messenger of Allah, what is your view if I know when the Night of al-Qadr is, then what should I say in it?" He said: "Say: "O Allah, indeed You are Pardoning, [Generous,] You love pardon, so pardon me."""

(at-Tirmidhi)

Dear respected guests of Allah,



In reaping rewards towards the end of Ramadaan, let us not delay or forget to fulfill the *zakaat* that is obligated and increase our *sadaqah* (charity) upon the poor and needy, the orphans, or anyone that is in need of aid.

Islam legislates *zakaat al-fitr* so that every fasting person can truly internalize the real character of an individual that truly wants to returns to *fitrah* (natural disposition). When fasting, the Muslims are trained to ponder upon the meaning of difficulties, hunger, and become remorseful upon the reality of this life.

It is *waajib* to fulfill Ramadaan by sharing a bit of wealth possessed to the poor, whom in reality are always inflicted with the trials of life. That is why, those that truly fast wholeheartedly, will truly comprehend the obligation of *zakaat al-fitr* and will hasten to fulfill it, so as to attain tremendous reward from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

## **Blessed Muslims**,

Therefore, let us altogether rise with our family members in performing *i'tikaf* in the mosques and perform *qiyaam al-layl*. Let us increase our recitation of al-Qur'an, reciting with our spouse and children. Let us perform these righteous deeds as if it is our last and final Ramadaan. Let us intensify with more deeds in the final nights of Ramadaan with full regret and *muhaasabah* (self-evaluate) ourselves upon the deeds that have been performed all these while that will serve as our provision in the Hereafter.

I would like to urge every mosque and *surau* to rejuvenate and intensify its programs in reviving the final nights of Ramadaan. I would like to advise the parents to bring their children to the mosque in conjunction with the ongoing school holiday.

May we endure this madrasah of Ramadaan with success, attaining forgiveness and freedom from the Hellfire.

#### Dear noble audience,

To end the *khutbah* today, let us altogether step into the final sprint for Ramadaan by performing the following:

- 1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty upon all of the rewards promised by Allah to His slaves that are believers and performs righteous deeds.
- 2. The Muslim *ummah* is advised to not remain negligent by getting preoccupied with the preparation for 'Eid, hence forgetting to increase righteous deeds as provision in meeting Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.
- 3. It is *waajib* upon the Muslim *ummah* to fulfill *zakaat al-fitr* and continue to give charity, in attaining a plethora of rewards from Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

May the Ramadaan that we experience this year serve as the turning point in our lives, making us individuals having *taqwa* and pleasing to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Taʻaala* in this world and the Hereafter.



أَعُوذ بِٱللَّهِ مِنَ ٱلشَّيْطَنِ ٱلرَّجِيمِ وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِى عَنِي فَاِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُأْجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ ٱلدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُواْ لِي وَلَيُؤَمِنُواْ بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ ﴾

"And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad], concerning Me - indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be [rightly] guided."

(al-Bagarah 2:186)

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ، وَنَفَعَنِيْ وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيْهِ مِنَ الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُو، إِنَّهُو هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيْمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِيْ وَمِنْكُمْ تِلاوَتَهُو، إِنَّهُو هُوَ السَّمِيْعُ الْعَلِيْمُ. أَقُولُ قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ الْمُسْلِمِیْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِیْمَ لِیْ وَلَکُمْ وَلِسَآئِرِ الْمُسْلِمِیْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُو هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِیْمُ.

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# THE SECOND KHUTBAH

اَلْحَمْدُلِلَّهِ الَّذِيْ جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحُدَهُ ولاَ شَرِيْكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ ووَرَسُوْلُهُ و. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلْدُهُ و وَرَسُوْلُهُ و. اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ. أَمَّا عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللهِ، إتَّقُواْ اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بتَقْوَى اللهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

#### Dear blessed Muslims,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taq wa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and realize that Islam teaches us to remain moderate in every actions and deeds. As Muslims, we are to manifest noble *akhlaaq*, having utmost personality and attitude for Rasulullah بما يعلق was sent to perfect *akhlaaq* and as mercy for the entire mankind and the worlds. Therefore, let us always increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad

"Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace."

(al-Ahzaab 33:56)

إِنَّ ٱللَّهَ وَمَلَتِهِكَتَهُ مُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى ٱلنَّبِيِّ يَتَأَيُّا ٱلَّذِينَ ءَامَنُواْ صَلُّواْ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُواْ تَسْلِيمًا.

اَللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلاَنَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَرْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّبَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِيْنَ.

اَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِیْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِیْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الأَحْیَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالأَمْوَات، إِنَّكَ سَمِیْعٌ قَرِیْبٌ مُجِیْبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَیَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَعِزَّ الاِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِیْنَ، وَأَهْلِكِ الْكَفَرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِیْنَ وَدَمِّرْ اَعْدَاءَكَ اَعْدَاءَ الدِّیْن. وَانْصُرْنَا عَلَی الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِیْنَ.

اَللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الأَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَا ئِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْمُطْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بِعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبحِفْظِ وِقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلاَلَةَ



مَلِكِنَا الْمُعَظَّمِ، سُلْطَان سلاغُور، سُلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، ابن المرحوم سُلْطَان صَلاَحُ الدِّين عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اَللَّهُمَّ أَدِم الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيْقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سلاغُور، تعْكو أَمِير شَاه، اِبْنِ السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلاَحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ السُّلْطَان شَرَفُ الدِّين ادريس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلاَحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَاالْجَلالِ وَالإِكْرَامِ. اَللَّهُمَّ أَطِلْ عُمْرَهُمَا، مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلاَدِ، وَبِلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

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*, as an advanced state, prosperous and providing welfare, under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.

Hence, we sincerely beseech You, O Allah, strengthen our *imaan* and creed according to that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*, accept our righteous deeds, cultivate our soul with good mannerisms, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from disasters and save us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani*, deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*, and other teachings deemed as deviating from Islamic teachings or contradicting the creed of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-Jamaa'ah*. O Allah, open up our hearts in performing the five daily prayers, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor Waqf Corporation), and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).

اللهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ رِضَاكَ وَالْجَنَّةُ، وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ سَخَطِكَ وَالنَّارِ. اَللهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوً كَرِيْمٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَعَنْ وَالِدِيْنَا وَعَنْ جَمِيْعِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ كَرِيْمٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَعَنْ وَالْدِيْنَا وَعَنْ جَمِيْعِ الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُشْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُومِيْنَ، وَالْحَمْدُ لللهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ. وَالْمُومِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا اَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ، وَالْحَمْدُ لللهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا رَبَّنَا هَبُ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَ جِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنِ وَالْجَعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِيرِنَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي اللهُ نَيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ عَنْ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ وَالْمُعَلِي اللهُ عَنْ اللهُ الل



فَاذْكُرُواْ اللهَ الْعَظِيْمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوْهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوْهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.