



## "LET'S PRAY IN CONGREGATION AT THE MASJID"

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ : وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَارْكَعُوا مَعَ الرَّاكِعِينَ<sup>1</sup>  
أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا أَيُّهَا الْمُسْلِمُونَ! اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أُوصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ. قَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى: يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Dear blessed Muslims,

I remind myself and fellow audience to strive our utmost in solidifying our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* with absolute *taqwa*, which is by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain happiness in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I would like to expound on a *khutbah* titled "**LET'S PRAY IN CONGREGATION AT THE MASJID.**"

Dear blessed guests of Allah,

Indeed, praying in *jamaa'ah* (congregation) has many benefits and virtues. Every Muslim performing *salaah* (prayer) in *jamaa'ah* is promised with rewards that are multiplied by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as compared to praying individually. This was explained by Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم through the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar *radiallāhu 'anhuma*, where the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

صَلَاةُ الْجَمَاعَةِ تَفْضِلُ صَلَاةَ الْفَدِّ بِسَبْعٍ وَعِشْرِينَ دَرَجَةً

"**Salaah in congregation is twenty-seven times more meritorious than a salaah performed individually.**"

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Blessed audience,

*Alhamdulillah*, the awareness in performing congregational prayer at the masjid has tremendously increased. However, it must be further improved so that more individuals would attend and flock to the masjid. Wouldn't it be nice if we get a full house for *salaat al-jamaa'ah* (congregational prayer) just like in *salaat al-Jumu'ah* (Friday prayer) today? If we can be like this for every obligatory prayer, then our *imaan* (faith) will be guaranteed by the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم as it was affirmed in the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa'eed al-Khudri *radiallāhu 'anh*, where Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

<sup>1</sup> al-Baqarah 2:43



إِذَا رَأَيْتُمُ الرَّجُلَ يَعْتَادُ الْمَسَاجِدَ، فَاشْهَدُوا لَهُ بِالْإِيمَانِ

**"When you see a man frequenting the masjid, testify that he is a believer."**

(at-Tirmidhi)

If it is as such with regard to the *imaan* (faith) of one that frequents the masjid, then it behoove us to remove all obstacles and excuses that contribute to our reluctance from going to the masjid, while the masjid beckons and call upon us to join the congregational prayer at the masjid. Moreover, those performing *salaat al-fard* (obligatory prayer) at the masjid are not only rewarded with tremendous reward, but each and every step taken will be counted and rewarded by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Abu Hurayrah *radiallāhu 'anh* reported that Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم said:

مَنْ تَطَهَّرَ فِي بَيْتِهِ ثُمَّ مَشَى إِلَى بَيْتٍ مِنْ بُيُوتِ اللَّهِ لِيَقْضِيَ فَرِيضَةً مِنْ فَرَائِضِ اللَّهِ، كَانَتْ خُطْوَاتُهُ إِحْدَاهُمَا تَحُطُّ خَطِيئَةً، وَالْأُخْرَى تَرْفَعُ دَرَجَةً

**"He who purified himself in his house, and then he walked to one of the houses of Allah for the sake of performing a fard (obligatory act) out of the faraa'id (obligatory acts) of Allah, both his steps (would be significant) as one of them would obliterate his sin and the second one would raise his status."**

(Muslim)

### Blessed audience,

Every Muslim must possess determination in fostering an *ummah* that truly loves and enliven the house of Allah. Among them is instilling the culture of praying in *jamaa'ah* within our children while they are young. This is because it is a form of *tarbiyyah* (education) that is very effective upon the children's inner soul in performing congregational prayer at the masjid.

The father, as the head of the household, must demonstrate excellent example for the children. The father himself must perform his prayers in congregation when the time for *salaah* begins, and bring the children along with him to the masjid for the congregational prayer. Aside from that, the parents must be responsible in educating their offsprings upon the gravity and importance of praying in *jamaa'ah* especially in the masjid. This is because anyone, including the youth, whose lives are always engaged in *ibaadah* (worship) to Allah and whose hearts are firmly attached to the masjid, such person will be placed under the Shade of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* in the Hereafter. This is based on the *hadeeth* from Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم that mentioned about the seven types of people that will be granted the Shade of Allah, and among them are those whose hearts are always attached to the masjid and a youth that busies himself worshipping Allah.

### Respected audience,

In encouraging the people to attend congregational prayers, every masjid and *surau* should resort to suitable measures by offering certain services such as tuition classes, areas for leisure activities, and many others.



There are a plethora of virtues in praying in congregation if we are to look at it thoroughly, whether physically or spiritually. Praying in *jamaa'ah* at the masjid provides a platform in educating the heart and the soul of the attendees to foster stronger *ukhuwwah* (brotherhood) and unity. Praying in *jamaa'ah* can also repel the attitude of self-importance and nurture individuals that are tolerant and always possessing *tawaddu'* (humility).

**Dear respected audience,**

In ending the *khutbah* today, there are several *tawjeehaat* (guiding rules) that are to be noted:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the masjid is the house of Allah that generates belief in Allah and the Hereafter.
2. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that Rasulullah ﷺ had issued severe warning by threatening to burn down the homes of those that do not pray in congregation at the masjid.
3. The Muslim *ummah* must perform congregational prayer in the masjid for it will strengthen the bond of brotherhood and unity amongst the Muslims.
4. The Muslim *ummah* must utilize the masjid as its second home that will lead them to Paradise.
5. The Muslim *ummah* must maintain the house of Allah abuzz with the five daily *fard* prayers so that eventually they would all match the Friday prayer's crowd level.

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ  
إِنَّمَا يَعْمُرُ مَسْجِدَ اللَّهِ مَنْ ءَامَنَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ وَأَقَامَ الصَّلَاةَ وَءَاتَى الزَّكَاةَ  
وَلَمْ يَخْشَ إِلَّا اللَّهَ فَعَسَىٰ أُولَٰئِكَ أَنْ يَكُونُوا مِنَ الْمُهْتَدِينَ ﴿١٨﴾

**"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 and do not fear except Allah, for it is expected that those will be of the [rightly] guided."**

(at-Tawbah 9:18)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ  
وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.  
أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ،  
فَأَسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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## THE SECOND KHUTBAH

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَرَزَقَنَا مِنَ الطَّيِّبَاتِ. أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ، وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَإِيَّايَ بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُونَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and diligently indulge in righteous deeds, as well as manifesting the *akhlaaq* of Rasulullah صلى الله عليه وسلم. Furthermore, let us always increase our *salawaat* and *salaam* upon our Prophet Muhammad صلى الله عليه وسلم. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions:

**"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 اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنْ أَصْحَابِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، إِنَّكَ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبُ الدَّعَوَاتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ الْحَاجَاتِ. اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِينَ وَدَمَّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ الدِّينِ. وَأَنْصِرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْأَمِينِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ بِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمَى، أَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعَيْنِ عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصِّمْدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاعُورِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج ابن المرحوم سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عبد العزيز شاه الحاج. اللَّهُمَّ أَدِمِ الْعُونَ وَالْهُدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لَوْلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاعُورِ، تَعَكَوْ أَمِيرِ شَاهِ ابْنِ



السُّلْطَانُ شَرَفُ الدِّينِ ادریس شاه الحاج، فِي أَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنِّكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحَيْنِ لِلْمُوظَّفَيْنِ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى وَالرِّشَادِ.

O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed *rahmah* and *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents united 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*, and protect us from teachings that are outside the fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani* and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. O Allah, *Ya Rahmaan, Ya Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah, bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, 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).

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا. رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.  
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠١﴾  
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لَهُ عَلَىٰ نِعْمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ ۗ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.

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