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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْقَائِلِ: وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾¹
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 تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾²

Dear blessed Muslims,

Let us strive to increase our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, which is by abiding all of His Commands and staying away from all of His prohibitions, so that we will attain contentment and blessings of life in this world and the Hereafter.

The *khutbah* today is titled “**BE THE SERVANT THAT SUPPLICATES.**”

Blessed Muslims,

¹ al-Baqarah 2:186.

² Aal 'Imraan 3:102.



The practice of making *du'aa* (supplication) is from among the vital elements in the life of a Muslim. The ruling of making *du'aa* is *sunnah* or *mustahab* (encouraged). It is an acknowledgment of the power of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*. Invocation can be made whether at times of ease or difficulty, when happy or sad, whether alone or in congregation. The command to supplicate can be found in verse 186 of soorah al-Baqarah:

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ

"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...."

According to Imaam al-Qurtoobi, this verse indicates the command of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* for us to always beseech and perform *'ibaadah* (worship) unto Him, and it was promised that these prayers will be answered.

Similarly, Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* will be angry with those that do not supplicate unto Him. Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* mentions in verse 60 of soorah Ghaafir:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ ﴿٦٠﴾

"Indeed, those who disdain My worship will enter Hell [rendered] contemptible."

Abu Hurayrah *radiyAllaahu 'anh* narrated regarding the virtue of making *du'aa*, as in the *hadeeth* where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَيْسَ شَيْءٌ أَكْرَمَ عَلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى مِنَ الدُّعَاءِ

"There is nothing more honorable with Allah [Most High] than supplication."



(at-Tirmidhi)

Dearest noble Muslims,

The noble practice of praying for one another is from the *sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ that is befitting to be emulated and practiced by his *ummah*. *Du'aa* has a role in instilling love and fostering cordial relations between individuals. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Hurayrah, Rasulullah ﷺ stated:

"When you sneeze, then say: "Alhamdulillah." Your companion should say: "Yarhamukallaah." When someone says "Yarhamukallaah" to you then you should say: "Yahdeekum Allaahu wa yuslihu baalakum."

(al-Bukhaari)

ibn 'Abbaas radiyAllaahu 'anhuma narrated his encounter in a *hadeeth*: ***Once the Prophet (ﷺ) entered a lavatory and I placed water for his ablution. He asked, "Who placed it?" He was informed accordingly and so he said:***

اللَّهُمَّ فَفِّهِ فِي الدِّينِ

"O Allah! Grant him (ibn 'Abbaas) deep understanding of the religion."

(al-Bukhaari)

Similarly, when we receive news that our friend or colleague is afflicted with calamity, whether death or others, it is from the *sunnah* that we utter the 'aza (condolences) or supplicate as a show of sympathy, such as the following:

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

In the classical work titled "*al-Adhkaar*", the statement for expressing condolence is:



أَعُظَمَ اللَّهُ أَجْرَكَ، وَأَحْسَنَ عَزَائِكَ، وَغَفَرَ لِمَيِّتِكَ

"May Allah magnify your reward, and make perfect your bereavement, and forgive your departed."

Such is the beauty of Islam that encourages its adherents to pray for one another irrespective of rank or status, regardless whether knowing each other or not. This practice will surely instill love and good ties within the *ummah*. Moreover, praying for our fellow Muslim brethren without their knowledge is from among invocations that will not be hindered.

Dear blessed audience,

Verily, every supplication or invocation unto Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* must be accompanied with *taqwa*, which is fulfilling all of the commands of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and leaving out all of His prohibitions, so that the *du'aa* will be accepted, not suspended or rejected.

In the book titled "*al-Majaalis as-Saniyyah*", an ascetic by the name of Ibraaheem bin Adham, while walking through the market of Basrah, the people would crowd around him and some inquired, "*We have supplicated, but why is our du'aa not accepted?*" Ibraaheem bin Adham quickly answered; "*Your du'aa is not accepted because your hearts are dead due to several reasons.*":

1. You know Allah, but you did not fulfill His Rights.
2. You thought you loved Rasulullah ﷺ, but you abandoned his *sunnah*.
3. You recited al-Qur'an, but you do not practice upon its teachings.
4. You ate from the favors of Allah, but you are not grateful for them.
5. You stated that death is certain, but you do not make preparation for it.

From these words, it clearly implies that *du'aa* is closely intertwined with the heart, where the heart that is alive with righteous deeds and *imaan* (faith) and *taqwa*, it will attain mercy and favor of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

Dear blessed Muslims,

The scholars have stated that those who are to be prayed for, among them:

1. Supplicating for Prophet Muhammad ﷺ by sending *salawaat* upon him. Narrated Abu Hurayrah *radiallāhu 'anh* that Rasulullah ﷺ said:

مَنْ صَلَّى عَلَيَّ وَاحِدَةً صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ عَشْرًا

"Whoever prays for Allah's blessings upon me once, will be blessed for it by Allah ten times."

(Muslim)

2. Praying for the family of Rasulullah ﷺ, his Companions and his followers, after completing the *du'aa* and sending *salawaat* upon Rasulullah ﷺ.

3. Supplicating for our parents, as appreciation for their services and sacrifices in raising and educating us in our early years, by beseeching Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* to forgive their sins.

4. Praying for our offspring so that they will become righteous children, just as Prophet Ibraaheem *'Alayhissalaam* prayed for his son, in verse 100 of soorah as-Saaffaat:

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ

"My Lord, grant me [a child] from among the righteous."



5. Supplicating for the scholars and teachers that had taught us beneficial knowledge. This is from the *adab* of the student to the teachers. May the knowledge attained be showered with blessings.

6. Supplicating for those that had done good upon us. Rasulullah ﷺ taught us to supplicate: *جَزَاكَ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا* meaning: "may Allah reward you with good."

(ibn Hibbaan)

7. Praying for those that are hostile to us including the non-Muslims, with the *du'aa*:

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِ قَوْمِي فَإِنَّهُمْ لَا يَعْلَمُونَ

8. Aside from those, according to Fudayl bin 'Iyaad, "If I am granted with a *du'aa* that is *mustajab* (accepted), surely the first person that I would pray for is the Ruler, for if the Ruler is good, then good will be his subjects and the nation becomes prosperous."

Dear blessed Muslims,

However, we are reminded to not ever pray for evil or unpleasant things upon ourselves, our children, our wealth, or upon anyone, such as praying for a person to be cursed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, shortened life, inflicted with calamities, to have their wealth destroyed, and other harmful matters. Islam teaches us that if we are oppressed by a person, then we are to surrender the matter to Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*.

According to 'A'ishah *radiyAllaahu 'anha*, Rasulullah ﷺ would always select *ad'iyah* (plural of *du'aa*) that are complete and concise, which compiles significant matters pertaining to the affairs of this world and the Hereafter. Among his prayers are:



اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَافِيَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ اللَّهُمَّ
ارْزُقْنَا رِزْقًا طَيِّبًا وَاسْتَعْمِلْنَا صَالِحًا اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْهُدَى
وَالتَّقَى وَالْعَفَافَ وَالْغِنَى

"O Allah, I seek Your protection in this world and the next! O Allah, grant us good sustenance and make us from among the righteous! O Allah, I beseech You for guidance, piety, chastity and contentment."

Likewise, a person that supplicate is recommended to protect himself or herself from consuming *haraam* (unlawful) food and drink, for it is from among the important conditions for the prayer to be accepted. The scholars stated: "Du'aa is like a lock, and its key is *halaal* (lawful) food."

Dear respected Muslim brothers,

To end this *khutbah*, let us internalize upon the following suggestions:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* has the authority to answer the prayer of His slaves, whether to advance or delay it.
2. The Muslims must pray for one another so as to be spared from the wrath of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and remain saved from the punishment of the Hellfire.
3. The Muslims are forbidden from praying for evil upon any of the servants, including their own selves.
4. The Muslims must supplicate with the hope of instilling the traits of *mahmoodah* (praiseworthy) and eradicate the traits of *madhmoomah* (dispraised).

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ



أَدْعُوا رَبَّكُمْ تَضَرُّعًا وَخُفْيَةً إِنَّهُ لَا يُحِبُّ الْمُعْتَدِينَ ﴿٥٥﴾

"Call upon your Lord in humility and privately; indeed, He does not like transgressors."

(al-A'raaf 7:55)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ
بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَا
وَتَهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

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 وَرَسُوْلُهُ. اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ
وَعَلٰى اٰلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِاِحْسَانٍ اِلٰى يَوْمِ الدِّيْنِ. اَمَّا
بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللّٰهِ، اِتَّقُوا اللّٰهَ، اَوْصِيْكُمْ وَاِيَّايَ بِتَقْوٰى اللّٰهِ
فَقَدْ فَازَ الْمُتَّقُوْنَ.

Dear blessed audience,

Let us altogether strive to have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* by increasing our obedience towards Him and avoiding acts of disobedience and abominable deeds.

اِنَّ اللّٰهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّوْنَ عَلٰى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِيْنَ ءَامَنُوْا صَلُّوْا عَلَیْهِ
وَسَلِّمُوْا تَسْلِيْمًا ﴿٥٦﴾
اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلٰى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلٰى اٰلِهِ وَاصْحَابِهِ
اَجْمَعِيْنَ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمٰتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنٰتِ الْاَحْيَاءِ
مِنْهُمْ وَالْاَمْوَاتِ، اِنَّكَ سَمِيْعٌ قَرِيْبٌ مُّجِيْبُ الدَّعَوٰتِ وَيَا قَاضِيَ
الْحَاجٰتِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَعِزِّ الْاِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِيْنَ، وَاَهْلِكَ الْكُفْرَةَ
وَالْمُبْتَدِعَةَ وَالْمُشْرِكِيْنَ.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ وَنَتَوَسَّلُ اِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ الْاَمِيْنِ، وَنَسْأَلُكَ
بِاسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنٰى، وَصِفَاتِكَ الْعُظْمٰى، اَنْ تَحْفَظَ بَعِيْنَ



عِنَايَتِكَ الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ، وَبِحِفْظِ وَقَايَتِكَ الصَّمَدَانِيَّةِ، جَلَالَةَ مَلِكِنَا
الْمُعْظَمِ، سُلْطَانَ سَلَاطُونِ، سُلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ ابْنِ الْمَرْحُومِ سُلْطَانَ صَلَاحِ الدِّينِ عَبْدِ الْعَزِيزِ شَاهِ
الْحَجِّ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَدِّمِ الْعَوْنَ وَالْهِدَايَةَ وَالتَّوْفِيقَ، وَالصِّحَّةَ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْكَ، لِوَلِيِّ عَهْدِ سَلَاطُونِ، تَعَكُّوْا اَمِيْرَ شَاهِ ابْنِ
السُّلْطَانَ شَرْفِ الدِّينِ اَدْرِيسِ شَاهِ الْحَجِّ، فِيْ اَمْنٍ وَصَلَاحٍ
وَعَافِيَةٍ بِمَنْكَ وَكَرَمِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْاِكْرَامِ. اَللّٰهُمَّ اَطْلُ
عُمْرَهُمَا مُصْلِحِيْنَ لِلْمَوْظَفِيْنَ وَالرَّعِيَّةِ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ
مَقَاصِدَهُمَا لِطَرِيْقِ الْهُدَى وَالرَّشَادِ.

O Allah, grant us guidance in performing the five obligatory prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through Selangor Zakaat Board (LZS), making endowment (*waqf*) through *Perbadanan Wakaf Selangor* (Selangor Endowment Corporation) and giving away (*infaaq*) our wealth through *Tabung Infak Jariah Umat Islam Selangor* (TIJARI, Selangor Continuous Charity for Muslims Fund), and to the orphans through Darul Ehsan Islamic Foundation (YIDE).

Make us among Your slaves that fulfills the *amaanah*. Strengthen our *imaan* so that we avoid treachery, protect us from becoming among those that neglect their responsibilities, and protect our state and nation from destruction due to bribery. Render the duty to lead our country upon Your slaves whom are trustworthy and honest, as well as firm and courageous in upholding the truth and executing justice according to the *Sharee'ah*. O Allah, make the



masaajid and suraus in the state of Selangor as Your peaceful homes, uniting everyone, and serve as the heart of the *ummah*'s strength.

اللَّهُمَّ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلَاءِ، اِدْفَعْ عَنَّا هَذَا الْوَبَاءَ وَالْبَلَاءَ وَالْمَرَضَ
وَالشَّدَائِدَ وَالْمِحْنَ، بِلُطْفِكَ يَا لَطِيفُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
وَبِالإِجَابَةِ جَدِيرٌ.

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿٧٤﴾
رَبَّنَا ءَاتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٣١﴾
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿٩٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ عَلَى نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ،
وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا
تَصْنَعُونَ.