

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنُسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يَضِلَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ.

وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا ۖ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا
وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي
الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ
السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ ۚ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَن
كَانَ مُخْتَالًا فَخُورًا

Worship Allah 'alone' and associate none with Him. And be kind to parents, relatives, orphans, the poor, near and distant neighbors, close friends, 'needy' travelers, and those 'bonds people' in your possession. Surely Allah does not like whoever is arrogant, boastful.

[Surah Nisa (4): 36]



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In the verse I just recited, Allah commands us to worship Him alone. Allah also commands us to not associate any partners with Him (i.e. not commit shirk). Indeed its the great oppression and sin. And Allah forgives all sins except associating partners with him. Allah then commands us to be kind to people, specifically listing the following:

1. **Parents**, who are most deserving of our kindness. They went through many pains to raise us. So let's make sure our relationships with our parents are good.
2. Then our **relatives** which include, spouses, children, brothers, sisters, uncles, aunts, cousins, etc. Let's introspect how our relationships are with our family. If we have broken bonds, let's take this opportunity to fix them, Insha'Allah.
3. The **Poor**, Allah commands us to be kind to the poor. It's not just about helping them financially. But also treating them with respect and equality.
4. Near and far **Neighbors**. Then Allah commands us to be kind to our neighbors. In this COVID situation, it's a perfect opportunity to make sure the neighbors are safe and to check on them periodically.
5. **Friends**. Our friends also deserve our kindness. Let's check on them to see if they are doing OK and if they need any help. Many people, especially those who are extroverts or facing financial difficulties deserve our kindness. Just a call of support may help to reduce their anxiety.
6. The next category is for people who are **needy** and **travelers**. In these testing times, let's be extra kind to people who need help. In addition to helping the needy, there may be people who are stuck in cities and cannot travel. If you know somebody, check on them. Help them.
7. The last category is for employees. This is also the time to be kind to employees who work for us. They may be worried about their jobs. Understand their concerns and try to help them in the best manner possible. Remember Allah could have put us in that situation.



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أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلِكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ ،
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ .

Sit Down

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Dear Muslims, let's remember that Allah is our God and we only worship Him. And do not associate any partners with him as it's the greatest Zulm and sin. And be kind to everyone in these testing times.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، ﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وَيَنْهَى
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ ، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴾ . اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ
الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ يَزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُ يُغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُوهُ يَجْعَلْ
لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَخْرَجًا . وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

Stand for prayer



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