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Manifestations of the Ummah's Triumph

Khutbah Topic

His Eminence Sheikh Saleh Ibn Abdullah Ibn Humaid –may Allah protect him– delivered this Friday's khutbah titled "*Manifestations of the Ummah's Triumph*" in which he spoke about the meanings of triumph in Allah's Book and the *Sunnah* of the Prophet (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him) and the necessity of contemplating and adopting them. He explained the manifestations which, if followed, may bring about the *Ummah*'s triumph; he also described our present signs of weakness and despicable state as well as the causes of the triumph delay.

Part One

Praise be to Allah (and He it is Who originates the creation, then will repeat it (after it has been perished)) [Al-Rūm: 27]. His benevolence and generosity have overwhelmed all His creatures. May He be extolled and glorified. The command is His; the judgement is His, and all creatures are His servants. I praise Him (May He be extolled); I thank Him and commend Him the way He should be commended. Fulfilment of His promise is expected and His threat is abhorred. I bear witness that there is no deity except Allah alone with no associate, a testimony that bespeaks *tawheed* (monotheism). I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is Allah's Servant and Messenger. The *Unmah* owes him all the reverence, honour, support and assistance it could possibly offer. These are decreed by Allah Almighty and His Covenant. May Allah send His profuse *Salat* (Graces, Honours, Mercy), Peace and Blessing upon him, his kind and immaculate family, his righteous Companions who were the warriors and the lions of battlefields, and the *tabi'in* (contemporaries of the Companions of the Prophet [May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him] after his death) and those who follow in their footsteps.

Now then,

I exhort you, O people, as well as myself to observe *taqwa* (fear of disobeying Allah). Observe *taqwa*, may Allah have mercy on you! Go wherever you please and your final destination will take you to Your Lord. Do whatever you please and your deeds will be calculated. Today your work, no matter how negligible is accepted. Tomorrow, however, it will not be accepted, even if it is worth the volume of our galaxy pure gold.





He who holds himself to account is winner. He who foresees the consequences is saved. He who follows his whims goes astray. He who heeds fear stays safe, and he who observes patience comes out triumphant.

If you sinned, O you servant of Allah, go back to the Straight Path; if you regret something, quit doing it.

(On the Day when Allâh will resurrect them all together (i.e. the Day of Resurrection) and inform them of what they did. Allâh has kept account of it, while they have forgotten it. And Allâh is Witness over all things) [Al-Mujādilah: 6]

O pilgrims to the House of Allah!

You are most welcome here! Congratulations on making it to the pure and holy *masha'ir* (sites) and may Allah Almighty accept your Hajj and ours!

O Muslim ... O pilgrims to the House of Allah!

It is no secret that in many places the Muslim *Ummah* is living a myriad of trials and plights leaving a trail of dead and displaced people, and tempting the enemies of Islam to encroach upon Muslim territory. This talk is meant neither to vent out grievances nor to preach despair. Addressing His favoured Messenger Muhammad (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him) and all the Muslims with him, Allah Almighty said:

(Or think you that you will enter Paradise without such (trials) as came to those who passed away before you? They were afflicted with severe poverty and ailments and were so shaken that even the Messenger and those who believed along with him said, "When (will come) the Help of Allâh?" Yes! Certainly, the Help of Allâh is near!) [Al-Baqarah:214]

Asked by his then-oppressed Companions to supplicate Allah Almighty to grant them victory, the Prophet (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him) told them, "*The nations before you would throw the believer in a hole they dug in the ground and use a saw to cut him in two halves; yet he would not give up his religion. They would use iron combs to tear his flesh off his bones and nerves; yet he would not give up his religion." [Narrated by Bukhari]*

O Muslims!





There is no place for despair and hopelessness in times of vulnerability. There is no place for surrender in the absence of empowerment. Rather, this is about the victory and prevalence of Islam, the glory and the rise of the Muslim *Ummah*. Allah Almighty says:

(Verily, We will indeed make victorious Our Messengers and those who believe (in the Oneness of Allâh Islâmic Monotheism) in this world's life and on the Day when the witnesses will stand forth, (i.e. Day of Resurrection).) [Ghāfir: 51]

He (Sublime be He) also says:

(And, verily, Our Word has gone forth of old for Our slaves, the Messengers, That they verily would be made triumphant. And that Our hosts, they verily would be the victors.) [Al-Ṣāffāt: 171-173]

He, the Almighty, also says:

(And (as for) the believers it was incumbent upon Us to help (them).) [Al-Rūm: 47] and (O you who believe! If you help (in the cause of) Allâh, He will help you, and make your foothold firm.) [Muhammad: 7] and (Verily, Allâh will help those who help His (Cause). Truly, Allâh is All-Strong, All-Mighty.) [Al-Hajj: 40]

O Muslims!

In such circumstances, it is advisable to contemplate the meaning of prevalence in Allah's Book and to think about the real meaning of victory in Allah's religion. Deficient knowledge in this respect may result in hastiness or rather in compromise; even worse, it may result in despair, hopelessness and isolation.

First of all –may Allah protect you– we should differentiate between, on the one hand, the triumph achieved by $d\bar{a}$ $\bar{c}s$ (callers to Islam) and reformers and, on the other, the spread and victory of Islam. Rather, it must be said with confidence and pride that there should be no correlation between the current weakness and vulnerability of the Muslim *Ummah* with the spread and victory of Islam.

Victory is a favour from Allah; it is not contingent on the big number and power of Muslims. Allah Almighty bequeaths guidance as a favour on whomever He wishes, and favours whomever He chooses to be in His service and the service of His religion:

(Nay, but Allâh has conferred a favour upon you, that He has guided you to the Faith, if you indeed are true) [Al-Ḥujurāt: 17], (And if you turn away (from Islâm and the obedience of Allâh), He will





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exchange you for some other people, and they will not be your likes» [Muhammad: 38], (Thus [you are ordered by Allâh to continue in carrying out *Jihâd* against the disbelievers till they embrace Islâm (i.e. are saved from the punishment in the Hell-fire) or at least come under your protection], but if it had been Allâh's Will, He Himself could certainly have punished them (without you). But (He lets you fight), in order to test you, some with others.» [Muhammad: 4]

Explaining the sublimity of Muslims by virtue of their faith and the purpose of putting them to trial, Allah (May He be extolled) says:

(So do not become weak (against your enemy), nor be sad, and you will be superior (in victory) if you are indeed (true) believers. If a wound (and killing) has touched you, be sure a similar wound (and killing) has touched the others. And so are the days (good and not so good), We give to men by turns, that Allâh may test those who believe, and that He may take martyrs from among you. And Allâh likes not the *Zâlimûn* (polytheists and wrongdoers). And that Allâh may test (or purify) the believers (from sins) and destroy the disbelievers) [Āl Imrān: 139-141]

Muslim circumstances being so, you should know –O servants of Allah– that triumph does not have one particular form or one single manifestation as predicted in Allah's Book and the *Sunnah* of the Prophet (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him). Here is a survey of some forms of victory and some manifestations of triumph so that the Muslim may shoulder his responsibility, serve his religion, protect his *Ummah* and be enlightened vis-à-vis his future:

- The first type and manifestation of victory is the conventional triumph that is believed by common people to be the only type of triumph. It is the one associated with the (military) victory, the defeat of the enemy and the prevalence of the people of Truth. This is probably the only type of triumph that people anticipate, value, and use to measure their success in life and the degree of their trial. It is the type of triumph that is so endeared to people:

(And also (He will give you) another (blessing) which you love, help from Allâh (against your enemies) and a near victory. And give glad tidings (O Muhammad SAW) to the believers.) [Al-Ṣaff: 13]

However, Almighty Allah has decreed that this is not always the case for all believers, and in all times or places.





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- Another type and manifestation of triumph –beloved Muslims– is realized by the demise of disbelievers and salvation of messengers and believers. This happened to Noah –peace be upon him– who spent 950 years calling his people to Allah:

(And none believed with him, except a few.") [Hūd: 40]. (Then he invoked his Lord (saying): "I have been overcome, so help (me)!") [Al-Qamar: 10]. His Lord answered him, (So We opened the gates of heaven with water pouring forth. And We caused the earth to gush forth with springs. So the waters (of the heaven and the earth) met for a matter predestined. And We carried him on a (ship) made of planks and nails, Floating under Our Eyes, a reward for him who had been rejected!) [Al-Qamar: 11-14]

So Allah Almighty sank all those who disbelieved and saved Noah's progeny.

- Other examples include the type of triumph that Allah Almighty granted to his messengers: Hūd, Saleh, Lot, and Shuaib –peace be upon them:

(So We punished each (of them) for his sins, of them were some on whom We sent *Hâsiban* (a violent wind with shower of stones) [as the people of Lout (Lot)], and of them were some who were overtaken by *AsSaihah* [torment awful cry, etc. (as Thamûd or Shu'aib's people)], and of them were some whom We caused the earth to swallow [as Qârûn (Korah)], and of them were some whom We drowned [as the people of Nûh (Noah), or Fir'aun (Pharaoh) and his people]. It was not Allâh Who wronged them, but they wronged themselves) [Al-Ankabūt: 40]

- Another manifestation of triumph, O servants of Allah, is carried out through Allah's vengeance on disbelievers and enemies after the demise of prophets, reformers and $d\bar{a}$ *is*. In his interpretation of the verse:

(Verily, We will indeed make victorious Our Messengers and those who believe (in the Oneness of Allâh Islâmic Monotheism) in this world's life and on the Day when the witnesses will stand forth, (i.e. Day of Resurrection)) [Ghāfir: 51], Imam Al-Ṭabari, may Allah have mercy on his soul, says "Either by elevating them in rank above those who disbelieved us, or our vengeance in the herein on those who disbelieved their call after the demise of our messenger. Examples include what we did to the murderers of Yahya (John), peace be upon him, when we sent Bukhtanassir to take revenge on them, or the story of the boy and the people of the moat."





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- Triumph –may the Almighty protect you– may come by logical argument and cogent evidence. In his interpretation of the verse:

(And, verily, Our Word has gone forth of old for Our slaves, the Messengers.) [Al-Ṣāffāt: 171], Imam Ibn Jarir, may Allah have mercy on his soul, says, "*That means they can gain victory by argument and cogency*." This is explained in Allah's words to Ibrahim, peace be upon him:

(And that was Our Proof which We gave Ibrâhim (Abraham) against his people. We raise whom We will in degrees. Certainly your Lord is AllWise, AllKnowing.) [Al-An'ām: 83] where 'raise' means victory; and the verse: (So the disbeliever was utterly defeated.) [Al-Baqarah: 258]. *Albahatu* (n) in Arabic means *defeat*. The misbeliever is defeated, and Prophet Ibrahim came victorious over his opponent by strong argument.

- One unusual and rather odd form and manifestation of triumph is attained by emigration and forbearance of killing and torture. Many prophets and reformers were killed, expelled or ousted from home. Some were followed by no one, or by a man or two:

(Say: "Do you wait for us (anything) except one of the two best things (martyrdom or victory); while we await for you either that Allâh will afflict you with a punishment from Himself or at our hands. So wait, we too are waiting with you." [Al-Tawbah: 52]; "Never will I allow to be lost the work of any of you, be he male or female. You are (members) one of another, so those who emigrated and were driven out from their homes, and suffered harm in My Cause, and who fought, and were killed (in My Cause), verily, I will remit from them their evil deeds and admit them into Gardens under which rivers flow (in Paradise); a reward from Allâh, and with Allâh is the best of rewards."» [Āl Imrān: 195]; (He who emigrates (from his home) in the Cause of Allâh, will find on earth many dwelling places and plenty to live by. And whosoever leaves his home as an emigrant unto Allâh and His Messenger, and death overtakes him, his reward is then surely incumbent upon Allâh. And Allâh is ever Oft Forgiving, Most Merciful. [Al-Nisā': 100]

Such form of triumph is achieved through emigration, torture or expulsion: either martyrdom or the prevalence of religion. Emigration, imprisonment, torture and all sorts of trials, are all manifestations of rising power, increase in the number of followers, and the enemy's defeat: (but the hypocrites know not.) [Al-Munāfiqūn: 8]





One must not forget the rancour and psychological agony that befall the enemy. Allah (May He be extolled) says:

(And when they meet you, they say, "We believe". But when they are alone, they bite the tips of their fingers at you in rage. Say: "Perish in your rage» [Āl Imrān: 119]; (And Allâh drove back those who disbelieved in their rage, they gained no advantage (booty, etc.). Allâh sufficed for the believers in the fighting (by sending against the disbelievers a severe wind and troops of angels). And Allâh is Ever All Strong, Almighty» [Al-Aḥzāb: 25] and (He who emigrates (from his home) in the Cause of Allâh, will find on earth many dwelling places and plenty to live by) [Al-Nisā': 100]

One of the most eloquent descriptions in this respect is what Allah (May He be extolled) says about the emigration of Prophet Muhammad (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him):

(If you help him (Muhammad) not (it does not matter), for Allâh did indeed help him when the disbelievers drove him out, the second of two, when they (Muhammad and Abu Bakr) were in the cave, and he (SAW) said to his companion (Abu Bakr) "Be not sad (or afraid), surely Allâh is with us." Then Allâh sent down His *Sakînah* (calmness, tranquillity, peace, etc.) upon him, and strengthened him with forces (angels) which you saw not, and made the word of those who disbelieved the lowermost, while it was the Word of Allâh that became the uppermost, and Allâh is All-Mighty, All-Wise) [Al-Tawbah: 40]

Ibrahim –peace be upon him– openly declared:

(He [Ibrâhim (Abraham)] said: "I will emigrate for the sake of my Lord. Verily, He is the All-Mighty, the All-Wise") [Al-Ankabūt: 26]

The Sheikh of Islam Ibn Taymiyah –may Allah have mercy on his soul– says: "What can my enemy do to me? My paradise and garden are in my chest; killing me is granting me martyrdom, banishing me is tourism, and imprisoning me is granting me retreat (with my Lord)!"

Here, people of Truth, nay people of reason, realize who is victor and who is vanquished!

O Muslim ... pilgrims to the House of Allah!





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Among the manifestations and forms of victory are: steadfastness, patience with those holding different religious views, expecting reward from Allah, and withstanding the severity of the infliction (i. e. trial). Indeed, is there a greater victory or a better success than that granted by Allah to His servant, thus allowing him to overcome his desires and cross the obstacles bravely and steadfastly?! Certainly, it is the inner victory (i.e. that of the soul) that would soon be followed by the outward one. Allah Almighty said to His Prophet (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him):

(And had We not made you stand firm, you would nearly have inclined to them a little.) [Al-Isrā': 74]

How often did the Prophet (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him) stand unwavering against the tempting offers of *Quraish* (his tribe) including supreme authority, money, and prestigious ranks! Consider also the steadfastness of Abu Bakr, the veracious (May Allah be pleased with him) on the day of the Prophet's death, the day of apostasy, and when he fought those who refused to pay the *Zakat*¹. Take the example of Imam Ahmad's steadfastness, may Allah bless his soul, during his trial and *Mihnah*² and the ensuing victory and renown hereafter.

O pilgrims to the House of Allah! O Muslims!

If we reflect on those manifestations and kinds of victory we will certainly realise how Allah is so generous and wise. Such kinds of victory may be found in some of Allah's servants as they were found in our Prophet (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him). He came out victorious by helping achieve success and perfection for religion (Islam) and by the perishing of the disbelievers. He was victorious in his migration to *Madinah*, in providing proof and evidence (of his Prophethood). Moreover, Allah protected him against his enemies. The same was true for Mūsā (Moses), peace be upon him.

¹ Zakat, one of the five pillars of Islam, is the amount of money that every adult, mentally stable, free, and financially able Muslim, male and female, has to pay to support specific categories of people. The word *zakat* means both 'purification' and 'growth'. Muslims' possessions are purified by setting aside a proportion for those in need, and, like the pruning of plants, this cutting back balances and enhances new growth.

² Ibn Hanbal's Inquisition or *Miḥnah* took place during the rule of the Abassid Caliph *Al-Ma'mūn* who wanted to assert the religious authority of the Caliph by pressuring scholars to adopt the *Mu'tazilite* view that the Qur'an was created rather than uncreated. According to Sunni tradition, Ibn Hanbal was among the scholars to resist the Caliph's interference and the *Mu'tazilah's* doctrine of a created Qur'an.

Due to his refusal to accept *Mu'tazilite* authority, Ibn Hanbal was imprisoned in Baghdad throughout the reign of Al-Ma'mūn. In an incident during the rule of *Al-Ma'mūn's* successor, *Al-Mu'taşim*, Ibn Hanbal was flogged to unconsciousness. However, this caused upheaval in Baghdad and *Al-Mu'taşim* was forced to release Ibn Hanbal. After *Al-Mu'taşim's* death, *Al-Wāthiq* became caliph and continued his predecessor's policies of *Mu'tazilite* enforcement and in this pursuit, he banished Ibn Hanbal from Baghdad. It was only after *Al-Wāthiq's* death and the ascent of his brother *Al-Mutawakkil*, who was much friendlier to the more traditional Sunni tradition, that Ibn Hanbal was welcomed back to Baghdad.





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As for prophet Ibrahim, peace be upon him, he was victorious by proof, evidence, and emigration. Nūḥ (Noah), Hūd, Saleh, Lūṭ (Lot), and Shuaib (peace be upon them) all came victorious through patience, steadfastness, and the perishing of their enemies. Thus, they and their followers were saved though the number of the believers with them was small.

Oh Muslims!

It is the responsibility of every Muslim to make sure that he is following the right path, the path of the Chosen One, Muhammad, may Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him, as indicated in what he said: "*Those who followed what I and my Companions did.*"; and in his -may Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him- following words: "*You must keep to my Sunnah and to that of the rightly-guided Caliphs after me; cling to them stubbornly* (literally: clench your teeth to them). *Beware of newly invented matters.*"

Now then, may Allah protect you:

All matters belong to Allah Almighty first and foremost. We are but His servants seeking to get close to Him by worshipping and serving Him, while believing that everything belongs to Him and is under His control. He brings down and lifts up (His servants); He gives and may take back what He has given. He gives glory to whomever He wills, humiliates whomever He wills, and grants victory to whomever He wills; He brings things forward and takes things backward. Indeed, there is no deity worthy of worship except Him.

Upon realising this, a Muslim will not succumb to the pressure of the oppressors and their bargains; neither will he give in to the rashness of his followers and their lack of patience in an attempt to secure some benefits, which are in truth nothing but "painkillers". Otherwise, he might be afflicted with the obligation of making concessions. I seek refuge with Allah from the accursed Satan:

(They (the disbelievers, the Jews and the Christians) want to extinguish Allâh's Light (with which Muhammad SAW has been sent -Islâmic Monotheism) with their mouths, but Allâh will not allow except that His Light should be perfected even though the *Kâfirûn* (disbelievers) hate (it). It is He Who has sent His Messenger (Muhammad SAW) with guidance and the religion of truth (Islâm), to make it superior over all religions even though the *Mushrikûn* (polytheists, pagans, idolaters, disbelievers in the Oneness of Allâh) hate (it). [Al-Tawbah: 32-33]

May Allah benefit me and you from the Great Qur'ān and the Guidance of Muhammad (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him). This being said, I ask Allah to forgive my sins, yours, and those of all the Muslims, so ask Him to forgive you, for He is Most Forgiving, Most Merciful!



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Part Two

Praise be to Allah! Much and constant praise is due to Allah. I thank Him for His ever-flowing favours and bounty. I bear witness that there is no deity but Allah Who has no partner, a witness that may lead me to the House of Peace (Paradise). I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him) is Allah's Servant and Messenger, the Master of all mankind. May Allah send His abundant, ceaseless and eternal *Salat* (Graces, Honours, Mercy), Peace and Blessing upon him, his family and his honourable Companions, as well as upon the *tabi'īn* (the contemporaries of the Companion of the Prophet [May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him] after his death) and those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Resurrection!

Now then, O Muslims!

True victory is that of religion not of people; it is the victory of principles, values, true faith, and crystal-clear truth. The victory of Islam manifests itself in the clarity of its rituals such as: the Oneness of Allah (Monotheism) and His worship, performance of the prayer, giving of *Zakat*, building of mosques, charity activities, enjoining good and forbidding evil, and filling the Two Holy Mosques with pilgrims, visitors, those coming for *Umrah*, circumambulators, and those performing prayers. However, if people of the truth lack materialistic power, it does not mean defeat, weakness or failure. Prevalence and victory belong to (true) causes and principles, to those who observe patience and to martyrs.

Believers are entrusted with Allah's religion and *sharia*. Listen to what a leader of the largest and most powerful country in the world has said: "*Islam is a strong faith and Western secularism cannot defeat it, neither can secularism in the Islamic World. The decisive factor, here, is the power of the great ideas that Islam has."*

O Muslims!

Your religion is the fastest-spreading despite the huge efforts to hinder its propagation and despite the extraordinary media efforts aimed to distort it and scare people away from it.





The path of Islam to human minds and hearts is open. Your age is one of communication and information, so be optimistic and expect good tidings. Show Allah the good in yourselves, for only then will the banners of victory be raised and the promise of victory expected:

(But honour, power and glory belong to Allâh, His Messenger (Muhammad SAW), and to the believers, but the hypocrites know not.) [Al-Munāfiqūn: 8]

Now then, may Allah protect you!

With all these good tidings and facts, we should not underestimate the thwarters of victory such as oppression, sinning, trusting the disbelievers and oppressors, and being oblivious to set priorities. The first of such priorities is establishing the Oneness of Allah and carrying out its requirements, keeping away from (forming or joining) partisanship, avoiding the nurture of dissension among believers, alienation and hastiness.

The religion of Muhammad (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him) is the seal of all religions. It is well-protected and victorious, and no power on earth can harm or defeat it. The truthful and trustworthy (Prophet), may Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him, has said: "*There will always be a group from my Ummah that will be steadfast on the order of Allah, they will not be harmed by those who oppose them or abandon them, until the order of Allah comes.*" [An agreed-upon *hadith*]

Allah Almighty said:

(They intend to put out the Light of Allâh (i.e. the religion of Islâm, this Qur'ân, and Prophet Muhammad SAW) with their mouths. But Allâh will complete His Light even though the disbelievers hate (it).) [A1-Ṣaff: 8]; (And Allâh has full power and control over His Affairs, but most of men know not.) [Yūsuf: 21]

Now, this is said, ask Allah to send His *Salat* (Graces, Honours, and Mercy) and Peace upon the Given Mercy and the Offered Blessing, your Prophet Muhammad, the Messenger of Allah (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him), for Allah commanded you in His Wise Revelation to do so, for He, the All-Truthful, says:

(Allâh sends His Salât (Graces, Honours, Blessings, Mercy) on the Prophet (Muhammad), and also His angels (ask Allâh to bless and forgive him). O you who believe! Send your Salât on (ask Allâh to bless) him (Muhammad), and (you should) greet (salute) him with



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the Islâmic way of greeting (salutation i.e. As-Salâmu 'Alaikum).» [Al-Ahzāb: 56]

O Allah! Send Your *Salat*, (Graces, Honours, and Mercy), Peace and Blessing upon Your Servant and Messenger, our Prophet Muhammad, the beloved and chosen one, upon his virtuous and immaculate family, and upon his wives, the mothers of the believers! O Allah! Be pleased with the four guided Caliphs, Abu Bakr, Omar, Othman and Ali, with all the Companions, the *tabi'in* (the contemporaries of the Companions of the Prophet [May Allah's Salat and Peace be upon him] after his death) and those who righteously follow them till the Day of Judgement! O Allah! Be also pleased with us all, along with them, by Your Pardon and Generosity, O You, the Most Generous and Bounteous of all!

O Allah! Grant glory to Islam and Muslims! O Allah! Grant glory to Islam and Muslims! O Allah! Grant glory to Islam and Muslims, and fail polytheism and polytheists (who associate partners with You), and let down the tyrants, disbelievers, and all the enemies of religion!

O Allah! Grant us security in our homelands! O Allah! Make good our leaders and those responsible for our affairs, and make our leadership from among those who are fearful of You, who guard *taqwa* (fear of disobeying Allah), and follow the path that leads to Your satisfaction, O You, Lord of al-'ālamîn (the worlds)!

O Allah! Grant our Imam who is responsible for our affairs a success of your own! Grant him glory through his obedience to You and make Your religion strong and Your Word the uppermost through him! O Allah! Make him a support to Islam and Muslims! O Allah! Grant him good health and make longer his life in obeying You! O Allah! Guide him, his two deputies, his brothers and assistants to what You like and accept and guide them to piety and righteousness!

O Allah! Guide Muslim leaders to implement the teachings of Your Book and the *Sunnah* of Your Prophet Muhammad (May Allah's *Salat* and Peace be upon him)! O Allah! Make them a mercy for Your believing servants, unite their word on the truth, right guidance, and the *Sunnah*, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Set right the conditions of Muslims! O Allah! Set right the conditions of Muslims everywhere! O Allah! Stop their bloodshed, give their leadership to the best among them, protect them against the evildoers amongst them, and unite their word on the Truth, the right guidance, and the *Sunnah*! Spread security and prosperity in their homelands! O Allah! Lift off war and hardship from amongst them! Give them refuge against evils and seditions, whether explicit or implicit!

O Allah! Whoever intends to do any evil against us, our religion, our homeland, our security, our leaders, our (religious) scholars, the good and the righteous among us, our security forces our *Ummah*, or our unity, O Allah, get him busy with himself, let his plotting return against him, and make his destruction in his planning, O You, the Lord of the Worlds!





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O Allah! Set for this Muslim *Ummah* a matter of guidance where people of obedience are dignified and those of sins are guided, where good is enjoined and evil is prohibited, for You are capable of doing everything!

O Allah! You are the Lord of the believers, the supporter of the helpless, the helper of those who seek Your help, and the Ultimate Hope! O Allah! We have brothers and sisters in faith who are helpless and oppressed in Palestine, Syria, Burma and Central Africa! O Allah! They have been inflicted with adversity and anguish! Their condition has turned to be so harsh; they have been subjected to oppression, tyranny, homelessness, and siege. Blood is being shed over there, innocent people killed, women widowed, children orphaned, and houses and facilities destroyed!

O Allah, the Supporter of the helpless! O Allah, the Saviour of the believers! Grant them victory, take care of them, relieve their anguish, lift off their adversity, and grant them victory, unite their word, support them with Your soldiers! O Allah! We ask You to grant them full victory, relief, mercy, and steadfastness! O Allah! Guide their opinion to be right, guide their shooting to hit the targets, and empower them!

O Allah! Destroy the tyrant oppressors! O Allah! Destroy the tyrant oppressors and those who take their side and support them! O Allah! Disperse their unity, break up their gathering, and tear them asunder! O Allah! Make their own destruction in their plotting and grant victory to our brothers and sisters against Your enemy and theirs, O Lord of the Worlds!

O Allah! Destroy the usurpers among the Jews! Destroy them, for You are certainly able to do so! O Allah! Inflict Your wrath –which can never be turned back from the people who are *Mujrimûn* (criminals, polytheists or sinners)– on them! O Allah! We leave them to You (to deal with them) and seek refuge in You from their evils!

O Allah! Destroy those who follow the paths of terrorism, O Allah! Destroy those who follow the paths of terrorism, for they kill Muslims! O Allah! Scatter their gathering (unity), spread corruption in their land, open the doors of evil on them, and empower their enemies! O Allah! We set You against them and we seek refuge in You from their evil! O Allah! Make their destruction in their own planning!

O Allah! Accept the pilgrims' pilgrimage! O Allah! Accept the pilgrims' pilgrimage! Make easy their matters, help them perform an accepted Hajj (*Mabrur*), an appreciated effort and a never failing trade! O Allah! Return them to their homelands and families with forgiven and cancelled sins, safe and successful, O Lord of the Worlds!

(Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If You forgive us not, and bestow not upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be of the losers.) [Al-A'rāf: 23]





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(... Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire!) [Al-Baqarah: 201]

Glorified be our Lord, the Lord of Honour and Power! He is free from what they attribute unto Him! May peace be upon the Messengers! And praise be to Allah, Lord of the ' $\hat{A}lam\hat{n}$ (mankind, jinn and all that exists)!