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WATER - SOURCE OF LIFE AND HEALING

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَأَنْزَلْنَا مِنَ السَّمَاءِ مَاءً بِقَدَرٍ فَأَسْكَنَّا فِي الْأَرْضِ

وَأَنَا عَلَى ذَهَابٍ بِهِ لَفَادِرُونَ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَنَا وَسَقَانَا وَكَفَانَا وَأَوَانَا.

Dear Muslims!

Water is one of the most precious blessings bestowed upon us by Allah (SWT). As expressed in the Holy Qur'an, "every living thing was made from water" ¹ and lives a life dependent on water. Water is the source of our life and the abundance and fertility of our land. Through water comes health and cleanliness to our bodies, mercy, and beauty to our environment.

Honorable Muslims!

Our exalted religion, Islam, commands us not to waste water but to use it in moderation. As a matter of fact, the Messenger of Allah (saw) warned a Companion who was using too much

water while performing ablution, saying, "What is this extravagance?" When the Companion asked "Can there be any extravagance in ablution?", he (saw) replied as, "Yes, even if you are on the bank of a flowing river." ² This warning of the Prophet (saw) reminds us that water is a rare blessing that should never be wasted even for the purpose of worship.

Dear Muslims!

While there are millions of people on earth devoid of a drop of clear and fresh water, what falls upon us is endless gratitude only. "Praise is due to Allah Who fed us, provided us drink, sufficed us and provided us with shelter!" ³

As a requirement of our gratitude, let us appreciate the value of the blessing and act consciously while using water. Let us not jeopardize our future by consuming more water than we need. Let us not fall into sin by violating the rights of other living beings.

¹ Anbiya, 21/30.

² Ibn Majah, Taharah, 48.

³ Muslim, Dhikr, 64.