

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَاعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ الْيَقِينُ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ وَأَطْعِمُوا الطَّعَامَ وَصَلُّوا الْأَرْحَامَ

وَصَلُّوا بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّاسُ نِيَامُ تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِسَلَامٍ.

Honorable Muslims!

We are grateful to reach once again the month of Ramadan whose beginning is mercy, middle is forgiveness, and end is salvation from the hell. Although we are sad that this blessed month has ended, we are also happy to have this morning of eid, with the feelings of fidelity and brotherhood spread all over the nation in waves. May endless praise and thanks be to the Almighty Allah (swt) who has let us reach the eid. May salat and salam be upon our Prophet Muhammad Mustafa (saw) who describes the days of eids as the days of joy, happiness and remembrance of Allah (swt). Eid Mubarak! I wish you all a happy eid!

Honorable Muslims!

Eid is a bestowal of Allah the Exalted (swt) to His servants who fasted in the month of Ramadan. Today is the time to come close to each other, to open the doors of our hearts and homes, and to share our happiness. Today is the time to bring the hope, gratitude, and joy of being a believer who rejoined with the eid to all the places we go.

Then, let us experience this joy with our parents, who deserve respect and kindness most, with our wives who are our faithful companions and

the witnesses of our bad and good days, and with our children who are the little sources of joy and hope in our houses. Let us visit family elders, relatives, neighbors, and friends.

Let us ask each patient around us of their condition, and make each old person around us happy. Let us add meaning to our eid with the smile of the orphans, and people in need and lonely.

In the morning of this eid, let us end the resentments and offenses between us as brothers and sisters with whom we turn to the same qiblah shoulder to shoulder. Let us strengthen the bonds of affection and trust between us by obeying the divine command of **إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ** “The believers are but brothers.”ⁱ

Let us remember our relatives who passed away and our glorious martyrs who sacrificed their lives for our blessed homeland. Let us raise our hands and beg to Allah (swt) for our Muslim brothers and sisters in trouble, and pray that Allah (swt) let them experience the eids to which they will also reach in peace, tranquility, and security.

Dear Muslims!

With these thoughts and feelings, I would like to wish a happy eid to the entire Muslim world, primarily our nation. May Allah the Almighty (swt) let this eid bring goodness to humanity.

I would like to conclude my khutbah with this hadith of Prophet Muhammad (saw): **“O people! Spread salaam amongst you, share foods with each other, observe your kinship relations and establish prayer while people sleep so that you can enter heaven safely.”**ⁱⁱ

ⁱ Hujurat, 49/10.

ⁱⁱ Tirmidhi, Sifat al-Qiyamah, 42.