

INFAQ: CURE FOR SOCIETY

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَأَنْفِقُوا مِمَّا رَزَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ قَبْلِ أَنْ يَأْتِيَ أَحَدَكُمُ الْمَوْتُ فَيَقُولَ
رَبِّ لَوْلَا أَخَّرْتَنِي إِلَىٰ أَجَلٍ قَرِيبٍ فَأَصَّدَّقَ وَأَكُنْ مِنَ
الصَّالِحِينَ .
وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
قَالَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَىٰ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ أَنْفِقْ أُنْفِقُ عَلَيْكَ .

Honorable Muslims!

Infaq means to offer to other people from the property and wealth and from the blessings Allah (swt) has entrusted to us. It means to protect, observe, and guard those in need. It means to strive to be useful to our family, relatives, neighbors, brothers and sisters, and, in short, all humanity.

Dear Muslims!

Infaq leads to rehabilitation of the body and soul. We purify our nafs and property with infaq. With infaq, we share our sorrow and suffering, thereby attaining the pleasure of Allah (swt).

Infaq leads to rehabilitation of the society as well. It reinforces the harmony, peace, unity and solidarity between us and our brothers and sisters.

Helping and being there for our brothers and sisters become widespread with infaq. Ultimately, believers tend to enjoy the help of the Almighty Allah (swt) with infaq. In this respect, the Prophet Muhammad (saw) says, “Allah helps His slave as long as he helps his brother.”ⁱ

Dear Believers!

It is stated in the Holy Qur’an as follows, “And from their properties was [given] the right of the [needy] petitioner and the deprived.”ⁱⁱ

Then, let us, with peace of heart, let our brothers and sisters enjoy their rights over us. Let us support the poor, the needy, the orphan, and the abandoned. Let us try to be a solution to the problems of primarily our relatives and neighbors, and all those in need, with fitrah and zakat. Let us not forget that never will we attain the good [reward] until we spend [in the way of Allah] from that which we love.ⁱⁱⁱ

I would like to take this opportunity to wish a blessed ‘eid to the whole Muslim world. ‘Eid mubarak! May our ‘eid be conducive to our unity, togetherness and brotherhood as well as the peace and serenity of the Islamic world, and the salvation and true guidance of all humanity. Once again, ‘Eid Mubarak! I wish you all a happy ‘eid!

ⁱ Abu Dawud, Adab, 60.

ⁱⁱ Dhariyat, 51/19.

ⁱⁱⁱ Al-i ‘Imran, 3/92.