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وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ

إِذْ كُنْتُمْ أَعْدَاءً فَأَلَّفَ بَيْنَ قُلُوبِكُمْ فَأَصْبَحْتُمْ بِنِعْمَتِهِ إِخْوَانًا

قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

إِنَّ الْمُؤْمِنَ لِلْمُؤْمِنِ كَالْبُنْيَانِ، يَشُدُّ بَعْضُهُ بَعْضًا.

EID AL-FITR

Honorable Brothers and Sisters Who Packed This Mosque with Eid Joy!

Eid Mubarak to you all.

Honorable Believers!

We have reached the Eid after many days, many iftars, and many sahur. We are at the doorstep of joy, jubilation, and peace after having fasted for a month.

We waited for the same thing altogether around the same table. We rejoiced, made others rejoice, and others made us rejoice. We collectively shared the same joy in our hearts. As Muslims, we shared the same despair, the same grief. We forgot about our differences. We became one and banded together. As we deserved iftar every night, we now have deserved the celebration.

Venerable Muslims!

This is the celebration of peace and prosperity. This is the celebration of believers who have sincerely devoted themselves to Allah.

This is the celebration of leading a life in compliance with the purpose and wisdom of creation. This is the celebration of renewing ourselves with Quran. This is the celebration of iftar where blessings turn into treats as a reward for restraining our souls with imsak.

This is the celebration of sharing our blessings and experiences with others after experiencing poverty, hunger, and thirst. This is the celebration of solidarity, helping others, purifying ourselves, and giving without asking anything in return.

This is the celebration of those who improve and salvage the Earth, not of those who corrupt it. This is the celebration of those who stand against any sedition, mischief, and division by adhering to Allah's command, **“And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided.”**¹

Brothers and Sisters!

Come! Let us be brothers and sisters today just like we rejoice at the same table, meet at the same qibla, unite with the same Prophet, and believe in the same Book. Let us humiliate those who want to pit us against one another, and beat all the traps tangled around our feet.

Let us strengthen one another as per our Beloved Prophet's hadith (pbuh), **“Believers are like the building blocks of a structure. They make each other stronger.”**² Let us reinforce our fraternity. Let us look after one another. Let us make our cities the cities of peace and brotherhood. Let us tolerate our differences.

Brothers and Sisters!

Come! Let us strive to be worthy children to our ancestors. Let us remember that we are the hope for celebration for the humankind under the firmament. Let us make all the effort to avoid any blood being shed in the world. Let us pray for the salvation of others.

Come! Let us end the resentment which is the heaviest burden on the heart. Let us feel the joy of Eid inside. Let us spread Eid jubilation from soul to soul, home to home, city to city.

Come! Let us make our Eid better with the smile of orphans, the poor, the downtrodden. Let us bring the celebration to those who cannot celebrate the Eid. Let us please those awaiting a cure in hospitals. Let us pray for brothers and sisters going through tough times in cities of Islam.

Come! Let us remember with compassion the glorious martyrs who readily sacrificed their lives for our paradise of a homeland. Let us hold our love for Allah, who made this morning a celebration for us and showered our day with His mercy, above love for anyone else.

Dear Brothers and Sisters!

Let our celebration breed new celebrations. Let our joy be the soil of new joyful occasions. Let our happiness offer consolation to the suffering all around the world. Let the hungry eat from our table. Let the thirsty drink water out of our hand. Let our unity, peace, and harmony be everlasting. Eid Mubarak.

¹ Ali 'Imran, 3/103.

² Bukhari, Salât, 88.

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