

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST GRACIOUS MOST COMPASSIONATE

**THE PROPHET MUHAMMAD'S (PBUH) MAWLID
(BIRTH ANNIVERSARY)**

Praise be to God, the All-Merciful and Loving One, who sent unto the worlds the master of all mankind. I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah. I also bear witness that Muhammad (Pbuh) is His Servant and Messenger. He is raised to the honored position, promised with the Frequented Basin. Allah deputed him at a time when there had been no prophets for some time and no revelation for many years. He conveyed the message of his Lord and led his nation to clear and sound arguments. May Allah grant peace and honor on him, his family and companions who knelt, prostrated, and fulfilled the covenants of Allah along with whoever followed them in truth to the Day of Judgment.

O servants of Allah, Fear God, [And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. And remember the favor of Allah upon you – when you were enemies and He brought your hearts together and you became, by His favor, brother]¹, and know O Muslims that God has sent His Prophet (Pbuh) to ignorant people who were guided by their passions and mindless partisanship and were seduced by the desires of life. Therefore, they had become unable to see the truth nor were they directed to a clear way. Almighty God says [And you were on the edge of a pit of the Fire, and He saved you from it]. The mission of the prophet (Pbuh) has ushered in a new era during which mankind had been guided to the straight path that is not distorted and were removed from error and misguidance. [There has come to you Our Messenger making clear to you much of what you used to conceal of the Scripture and overlooking much. There has come to you from Allah a light and a clear Book. By which Allah

¹ Surat Al-Imran/103

guides those who pursue His pleasure to the ways of peace and brings them out from darkneses into the light, by His permission, and guides them to a straight path]².

Allah has chosen and selected his prophet. He praised him by saying [And indeed, you are of a great moral character]³.He followed his brothers among the prophets and messengers before him and was guided by their pattern in response to the command of his Lord who says [Those are the ones whom Allah has guided, so from their guidance take an example]⁴.

The prophet has summarized the objective of his mission and the purpose of his message in these words ((I was sent to perfect good manners)).

O servants of Allah!

Whoever has looked into the character of the messenger of Allah (Pbuh), studied the different stages of his life and reflected on his ethics will certify that he (Pbuh) put everything in the right position and ordered the return of all rights to their true masters so that people can live in peace and harmony with great appreciation and respect for humanity. Therefore, no place is left for arrogance, superiority and obscene or indecent language. Actually, these are not but the teachings of the sky. The prophet (Pbuh) says: ((Allah has revealed to me that you must be humble, so that no one oppresses another and boasts over another)).He used to hate it when anyone of his companions conveyed to him anything about another. He said (I desire to meet every one of you with a clean heart).The prophet (Pbuh) used to live in a beautiful way, always cheerful to others. He always took the initiative to greet whoever he met, honored whoever entered upon him and used to call people by the best names they had. He really was a mercy to the lords. His Lord commanded him to tell those who objected to him [I have believed in what Allah has revealed of the Qur'an, and I have been commanded to do justice among you. Allah is our Lord and your Lord. For us are our deeds, and for you your deeds . There is no [need for] argument between us and you. Allah will bring us together, and to Him is the [final] destination]⁵.

² Surat Al-Mā'idah /15-16

³ Surat Al-Qalam/04

⁴ Surat Al-'An`ām /90

⁵ Surat Ash-Shūraá/15

Even when tribialistics tried to intercept his call and repel his message, Almighty God had commanded him to say to them [Say, [O Muhammad], "Do you argue with us about Allah while He is our Lord and your Lord? For us are our deeds, and for you are your deeds. And we are sincere [in deed and intention] to Him]"⁶.

He (Pbuh) used to show leniency (to the people); was not hard upon them; gave them glad tidings (of Divine favours in this world and the Hereafter); and did not create aversion. He used to give advice to follow him in this regard. Therefore, he told some of his companions (make it easy and smooth for people rather than difficult and harsh, give them good tidings and do not frighten and deter them).Furthermore, he asked Asma' bint Abu Bakr to see her mother even though she was not Muslim. Asma reported: I asked the Holy Prophet "can I see my mother, and stay with her. The Holy Prophet replied, "Yes you can play host to her ".

Actually, the mercy of The Prophet (Pbuh) has encompassed all people of different faiths and races. His method was moderate and graceful, and lenience and relief were of his inherent nature. He removed from people their burden and the shackles that are upon them, so, they felt the pleasure of worship to God, owner of greatness and glory. Allah describes his prophet [Pbuh] by saying [Makes lawful for them (Those who follow the messenger) the good things and prohibits for them the evil and relieves them of their burden and the shackles which were upon them. So they, who have believed in him, honored him, supported him and followed the light which was sent down with him – it is those who will be the successful]"⁷.

Brothers in Faith!

The prophet (Pbuh) was guidance to his companions. He would bravely bear responsibility, patiently face adversities and misfortunes. Despite he (Pbuh) was sent by his Lord, he was the kind of human being who worked laboriously and strained , as well as he used to eat that which he earned with his hands. He recommended people to work and to maintain their work in these words ("Strive to do that which will benefit you and seek the help of Allah , and do not feel helpless. If anything befalls you, do not say: 'If only I had done (such and such), then such and such would have happened,' rather say: 'Allah has decreed and what He wills He does.' For 'if only' opens the door to the work of the Satan (Sh aitân)).

The Prophet (Pbuh) used to say in his supplication (O Allah , I seek refuge in You from incapacity, laziness, miserliness and cowardice)).This is why , he (Pbuh) was never found

⁶ Surat Al-Baqarah/139

⁷ Surat Al-'A`rāf/157

incapable or lazy, coward or miserly. He (Pbuh) practiced trade and herded sheep which made him kind to the weak , compassionate to the ill and affectionate to the poor and the orphan .He said (Pbuh) ((He who has an extra mount should give that to one who has no mount, and he who has surplus provisions should give them to he who has no provisions).

So servants of Allah , Fear God , and make from the anniversary of the Prophet's birthday (Pbuh) a good reason for you to be guided by his example , follow his approach and method , love and obey him in a renewed manner so that Allah encompasses you with His mercy and admits you in the Hereafter in His spacious Heavens.

I say this saying of mine, and I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and for you, and to the rest of the Muslims, so ask Him for forgiveness, He is the forgiver, the Merciful and call upon Him, He will respond to you, as Allah is the most generous.

All praise is due to Allah who set down in the perfect Qu'ran [Allah has sent down to you a Messenger [Muhammad] reciting to you the distinct verses of Allah that He may bring out those who believe and do righteous deeds from darkneses into the light]⁸

So may the Mercy and blessings of Allah be upon the prophet of mercy and guidance for Mankind Mohammed bin Abdullah, and his family and companions, and those who followed them until the Day of Resurrection.

O servants of God !

The first month of the year “Rabi' al-awwal has a great position in the heart of every Muslim both in the East and the West, as during which is commemorated the anniversary of the birthday of the best of Mankind, seal of prophets and messengers. The birth of the prophet (Pbuh) was a light which illuminated the universe and his biography was a lamp and mercy to the Worlds. Almighty God says [O Prophet, indeed We have sent you as a witness and a bringer of good tidings and a warner. And one who invites to Allah , by His permission, and an illuminating lamp]⁹. He says also [And We have not sent you, [O Muhammad], except as a mercy to the worlds]¹⁰. The biography of the prophet was a model for cleanliness , purity,

⁸ Surat Aṭ-Ṭalāq /10-11

⁹ Surat Al-'Aḥzāb/46

¹⁰ Surat Al-'Anbyā'/107

transparency, humility, honest and sincere work. O you Muslims: If you have the need to admire, just do it for the man who has revived the nation in a period of no more than twenty-three years. Actually, the very greatest preacher at that time was the one who has done great and best efforts in order to straighten up the status of a large number of individuals. How could this illiterate Prophet build this Islamic civilization that can never be matched throughout history. Yes, it is the school of Muhammad ibn Abd Allah who adopted his morals from the Holy Qur'an and his education was shaped by the Almighty .He removed from his account all colors of weaknesses and slackening, hold the model of pride , dignity, courage and bravery and opened people's hearts by his capacity [Invite to the way of your Lord with wisdom and good instruction].¹¹ Therefore, he was the teacher of youth, parents, educators and the best virtuous women for believers.

So servants of God, Fear Him and take from the chosen prophet and the beloved messenger the best guidance for you and follow his path in all aspects of your life, acts of worship and deeds and adopt his ethics and good morals. Be kind to needy people and provide them from the money you earn and treat them well because these were the best honorable qualities of your prophet (Pbuh). Actually, he was more generous than the blowing wind mainly with needy people. These are , servants of God, some of the noble characteristics of your prophet (Pbuh) this is why you should follow his path and be conscious of his position.[There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often]¹².

So, send your blessings upon the leader of Messengers, as Allah has ordered you in the Holy book by saying: [Indeed, Allah and His Angels send blessings upon the Prophet. O you who believe! Send blessings on him and greet him (with) greetings]¹³.

O Allah! Send your mercy on Muhammad and on the family of Muhammad, as You sent Your mercy on Abraham and on the family of Abraham. And send Your blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, as You sent your Blessings on Abraham and on the family of Abraham. Verily You are the Most Praise-worthy, the Most Glorious.

¹¹ Surat An-Nahl/125

¹² Surat Al-'Ahzab/21

¹³ Surate Al-Ahazab 56

O Allah! Be content with his Righteous Caliphs, his wives mothers of believers, his companions all together and the believers, men and women to the Day of Judgment, and be content with us too by Your Mercy, O Most Merciful.

O Allah! Bless our gathering here today and make us disperse in peace and in protection from sin and not to make us deficient in our religion.

O Allah! We ask you guidance, piety, chastity and wealth.

O Allah! We ask you to grant each of us honest tongue, humbled penitent heart, righteous deeds, useful knowledge, firmly belief, pure faith and lawful and blesses sustenance. O Allah you are the most glorious and honourable.

O Allah! Grant glory to Islam and Muslims! And grant support and unity to Islam and Muslims, O Allah! Let down tyrants and infidels. O Allah! Grant peace and security to all your servants.

O Allah! Grant us security in our homelands! Grant us long-lasting safety and stability in our homeland! Grant glory to our Sultan and support him with the truth and make him a guide to truth.

O Allah! Send upon us rain from the sky in showers and make us among those who remember you during day and night and who seek your forgiveness during evening and dawn.

O Allah! Bestow us the blessings of the sky and the bounties of the earth and bless our fruits and crops and our entire livelihood. O Allah you are the most glorious and honourable.

O Allah! Give us in this world good and in the Hereafter good and protect us from the punishment of the Fire."

O Allah! Let not our hearts deviate after You have guided us and grant us from Yourself mercy. Indeed, You are the Bestower.

O Allah! We have wronged ourselves, and if You do not forgive us and have mercy upon us, we will surely be among the losers."

O Allah! Forgive all the believing men and women, those of them who were living and those of them who were dead, you are the most hearing and respondent.

Slaves of Allah! [Allah commands justice, the doing of good, and liberality to kith and kin, and He forbids all shameful deeds, and injustice and rebellion: He instructs you, that you may remember.]

