

IN THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST GRACIOUS MOST COMPASSIONATE

**SEEK THE BLESSINGS OF ALLAH IN SEEKING YOUR
SUSTENANCE**

Praise be to God, Whom in His hand is our creation and from Him is our provision. Glory be to Him who created mankind, calculated their number, ensured their provision and did not forget anyone of them. 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, who called people to endeavor and achieve good deeds. May Allah grant peace and honor on him, his family and companions and whoever followed his method and adhered to his Sunnah to the Day of Judgment.

O servants of Allah

Fear Allah the way he should be feared, comply with His orders and do not disobey Him. Know, may God bless you, that the earning of living and the endeavor to make a living is an inherent feature with which Allah has characterized His people since their creation. Every morning you see people striving, each of them is pursuing the living that Allah has decreed for him or undertaking a job that he practices, or investing money he has already earned. Indeed, this is the case for all creatures as every morning they fill themselves with a new breath of life. Thus, blessed is whoever preoccupied himself during his life with work, wiped the sweat of his forehead to give birth for the seeds of hope by relying on God in the pursuit of his living and seeking the help and blessings of Allah thereto.

Almighty be to Him who says: [And will provide for him from where he does not expect. And whoever relies upon Allah – then He is sufficient for him. Indeed, Allah will accomplish His purpose. Allah has already set for everything a [decreed] extent]¹. People desperately need to

¹ Surat Aṭ-Ṭalāq-3

rely on Allah in their work, seek His Almighty help, entrust him on their deeds. Glory be to Him who says: [And in the heaven is your provision and whatever you are promised]².

O Muslims

Nowadays, the life of Human beings has been developed which resulted in the change of their requirements and the multiplicity of their needs. Actually what was in the past a luxury has become today a necessity. So, the only preoccupation of people has totally and exclusively turned on how to provide for them. Therefore, they are gripped with anxiety, exhausted with fatigue, overshadowed by a cloud of misery and suffering. Even though Allah has never created people without decreeing their sustenance, they have largely swerved from the right path or ignored it deliberately. Thus, they abandoned their work and neglected it, turned away from the sources of blessings in their living. If they had referred to the Holy Book and the Sunnah of their prophet (Pbuh) they would have discovered their cure and remedy. On top of these remedies is righteousness as it earns the human being the assistance and Help of His God, as well as yields for him a living to the extent it gets reached to him out of his expectation and revealed to him abundantly. Almighty God says [And when they have [nearly] fulfilled their term, either retain them according to acceptable terms or part with them according to acceptable terms. And bring to witness two just men from among you and establish the testimony for [the acceptance of] Allah. That is instructed to whoever should believe in Allah and the Last day. And whoever fears Allah – He will make for him a way out. And will provide for him from where he does not expect. And whoever relies upon Allah – then He is sufficient for him. Indeed, Allah will accomplish His purpose. Allah has already set for everything a [decreed] extent]³. Almighty God also says [And if only the people of the cities had believed and feared Allah , We would have opened upon them blessings from the heaven and the earth; but they denied [the messengers], so We seized them for what they were earning]⁴.

Actually the blessings of Allah on our living come from our obedience to him as well as our righteousness and piety. Therefore, it is merely unreasonable that the individual disobeys his Creator and Provider but in return seeks His blessings in terms of his living and expects that He increases it.

O brothers in faith

² Surat Adh-Dhāriyāt-22

³ Surat Aṭ-Ṭalāq2 -3

⁴ Surat Al-'A`rāf-96

Among the greatest keys of righteousness which facilitate the earning of livelihood and bless it is keeping contact with kinship. Actually, this virtue is one of the most honorable Islamic ethics which our Prophet (Pbuh) presents in its best images. He said (The best amongst you is he who is the most kind to his family and I am good for my family). He made evident for his nation that keeping contact with kinship has multiple benefits among which being a blessed money and life. Thus the prophet (Pbuh) said (Whoever loves that he be granted more wealth and that his lease of life be prolonged then he should keep good relations with his kin). So, try your best –May Allah bless you– to keep contact with you kinship so that Allah blesses your life and earnings. Furthermore, whoever kept contact with his kins, Allah will assist him, bless his sustenance and enlarge his living. Know also that amongst the blessings of Allah is to provide for poor and needy people as If anyone fulfills his brother's needs, Allah will fulfill his needs; if one relieves a Muslim of his troubles, Allah will relieve his troubles on the Day of Resurrection. So servants of God , try always to relieve the distress of those in need and wipe with charity the tear of orphans and the poor as charity is a good reason for the increase and development of money. The prophet (Pbuh) said (The wealth of a man will not diminish by Sadaqah) charity).

O servants of God, charity has many advantages. It is a good reason for attracting a lot of graces, pushing many vices and was a good reason for an answered supplication from honest hearts. [Not upon you, [O Muhammad], is [responsibility for] their guidance, but Allah guides whom He wills. And whatever good you [believers] spend is for yourselves, and you do not spend except seeking the countenance of Allah. And whatever you spend of good – it will be fully repaid to you, and you will not be wronged]⁵.

O Muslims

The true seeker of living is a person, who is characterized by diligence and hard work, rejection of idleness and inactivity because the sky does not rain gold or silver. So whoever is being serious in earning his living through hard work, Allah will grant him success and bless his endeavor by making him attain his objective. Almighty God says: [And say, "Do [as you will], for Allah will see your deeds, and [so, will] His Messenger and the believers. And you will be returned to the Knower of the unseen and the witnessed, and He will inform you of what you used to do]⁶. Have you not considered what Allah has revealed to Maryam (Pbuh) while being in the hardest situations she had ever witnessed? His Almighty said [And shake toward you the

⁵ Surat Al-Baqarah-272

⁶ Surat At-Tawbah-105

trunk of the palm tree; it will drop upon you ripe, fresh dates]⁷. Actually, Almighty God could have bent the trunk of the palm tree for her without being obliged to shake it .He could even have made her taste the sweetness of the palm tree dates with no reason .Yet , Almighty be to Him who teaches His servants what sets right their issues and straightens up their affairs. So, O youth, you are the asset of the nation and its pillars; this is why by you it develops and prospers. Rely on Allah in all your deeds , seek his blessings and know that starting work on due time and maintaining discipline from the time it starts till it finishes is one secret of Allah 's blessings. The Messenger of Allah (Pbuh) said, (O Allah! Bless my people in the early part of the day (morning)).

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.

Praise be to Allah who created and shaped. He who proportioned and then guided, provided and gave. I bear witness that there is no god worthy of worship except Allah whose blessings are greater than being counted or either calculated. And I bear witness that Muhammad (Pbuh), the prophet and Messenger of Allah is the best model for the believers, those who remember, patient and thankful. May peace and blessing of Allah be upon him, his family and all his companions.

O servants of Allah

Fear Allah the way he should be feared, adhere to the firm tie of Islam and Know that sustenance is a share that is decreed by Allah, so getting it is not possible with strength and tyranny or astuteness or scheme. The distribution of sustenance is managed by Almighty God in a wise manner of which human beings are unaware. Glory be to Him who says [Do they distribute the mercy of your Lord? It is We who have apportioned among them their livelihood in the life of this world and have raised some of them above others in degrees [of rank] that they

⁷ Surat Maryam-25

may make use of one another for service. But the mercy of your Lord is better than whatever they accumulate]⁸.

O believers know that the benefit of your sustenance does not lie in its abundance but rather in being granted the blessings of Allah. Here comes the example of those who earn thousands and thousands while they are burdened of loans reaching doubles of their income. There are also those who earn low income, yet they helped to build a house, make a family and afford for his family members necessities. The also the example of those who gave birth to many children but due the lack of God's blessings, they had become a source of mischief and misery for their fathers. This is why; you should seek the blessings of Allah in your sustenance in order to be of good effect.

O brothers in faith

The true believer should resort to his lord in looking for the path of success, so that Allah blesses him in his sustenance. This is the way the righteous, with the messengers and prophets being on top of them, used to act. Here comes the example of the father of prophets Ibrahim (Pbuh) when he left his descendants in a bare valley and asked his Lord to bless their land and increase its bounties through the valley .Therefore, Ibrahim (Pbuh) said [Our Lord, I have settled some of my descendants in an uncultivated valley near Your sacred House, our Lord, that they may establish prayer. So make hearts among the people incline toward them and provide for them from the fruits that they might be grateful]⁹. Then, Allah answered his supplications which was a pure and upright supplication unto God, Lord of the worlds. This explains the fact that the true believer is the one who seeks the help of no one except Allah. He does not grovel before the thresholds of rich people or tend to lose face because of imploring and beseeching. He is actually certain that Allah is the only provider and the Human beings whether being together or in person are helpless people. This is why the true believer shall preserve dignity and honor of the self with his head being raised to the sky. He does not cry over the opportunities of life he missed because he knows very well that the one who denies and also provides is no one but Allah who is very wise in all his deeds and merciful in all his actions.

So servants of God fear Allah and supplicate him in doing your business lest He blesses your sustenance. Glory be to Him who says [And when My servants ask you, [O Muhammad],

⁸ Surat Az-Zukhruf-32

⁹ Surat 'Ibrāhīm-12

concerning Me – indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me [by obedience] and believe in Me that they may be [rightly] guided]¹⁰.

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]¹¹.

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.

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.

¹⁰ Surat Al-Baqarah-186

¹¹ Surate Al-Ahazab 56

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.]