

**IN THE NAME OF ALLAH MOST GRACIOUS MOST COMPASSIONATE**

## **SOME ILLUSTRATIONS OF PATRIOTISM**

Praise be to Allah who bestowed us with one of the best countries in the world and protected us under the umbrella of stability and security. I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah .He made patriotism inherent in human nature and asked the human beings to be thankful for the graces they are granted. I bear witness that Muhammad is the servant and Messenger of Allah , He is the commander of the thankful ones and the leader of the most grateful as well. May Allah grant peace and honor on him, his family and companions and whoever followed his teachings to the Day of Judgment.

[O you who have believed, fear Allah . And let every soul look to what it has put forth for tomorrow – and fear Allah . Indeed, Allah is Acquainted with what you do]<sup>1</sup> and know, May Allah bless you, that patriotism is reflected in the real life of the believer and can be translated in the bestowment that is devoid of any kind of selfishness or unmerited favor of God .It is rather some sort of bestowment that is full of sincere feelings of belonging and honest commitment. Actually, what a Muslim does for the sake of the development of the society to which he belongs along with the prosperity of his nation is just one form of showing gratitude and acknowledging appreciation.[ Is the reward for good [anything] but good?]<sup>2</sup>

In fact, this generous country has prospered thanks to the sincere efforts along with the trustworthy people who helped it to reach the situation it has reached so far. We should be aware of this grace and raise our hands for praying and supplicating our Lord to make it sustainable and bless it.

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<sup>1</sup> Surat Al-Ĥashr-18

<sup>2</sup> Surat Ar-Raĥmān-60

Our God is so generous and bounteous; He bestows favors upon people and increases his bestowments and gives more than we ask. However, Almighty be to Him, He made a reason for everything and provided the survival of graces only by acknowledgment, and their increase by due thanking. Undoubtedly you have read the truthful saying of the Glorified and Exalted Allah which provides [And [remember] when your Lord proclaimed, 'If you are grateful, I will surely increase you [in favor]; but if you deny, indeed, My punishment is severe]<sup>3</sup>.

Indeed, thanking should not be limited to words, it should be expressed through sincere and faithful hardworking, with the collaboration of dedicated efforts and by the sons of the homeland being unified together for the common purpose of doing their best to provide all capacities they have and make apparent the talents and potentials which Allah has bestowed upon them.

The objective is one and the nation is witnessing. Hence, Allah will not make the deeds of whoever's main concern, being the glory of the nation and the service of his society to which he belongs, deemed to failure. In effect, the best people are those who are most beneficial to other people [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]<sup>4</sup>.

O Muslims

Work for the sake of the nation can be illustrated in many images, according to the human beings' capabilities and potentials. Including the best meanings of patriotism are thanking, gratitude, the fact of being charitable to people, striving for their benefit, and being wise in dealing with them in different circumstances and conditions. Actually patriotism is a sort of proper fulfillment of duties and responsibilities. It is a kind of trust in terms of the word and the pen and sincerity in giving advice and guidance. The truthful and almighty Allah says [And do not approach the orphan's property except in a way that is best until he reaches maturity. And give full measure and weight in justice. We do not charge any soul except [with that within] its capacity. And when you testify, be just, even if [it concerns] a near relative. And the covenant of Allah fulfill. This has He instructed you that you may remember]<sup>5</sup>. Almighty Allah also says [Say, "My Lord has only forbidden immoralities – what is apparent of them and what is concealed – and sin, and oppression without right, and that you associate with Allah that for

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<sup>3</sup> Surat 'Ibrāhīm-7

<sup>4</sup> Surat At-Tawbah-105

<sup>5</sup> Surat Al-'An`ām-152

which He has not sent down authority, and that you say about Allah that which you do not know."]<sup>6</sup>.

Among the noblest deeds thereof, is raising the self on good values and strengthening the social ties so that the nations would be full of reassurance. No noble grace can come after the belief in God than a nation based on justice and good governance, along with a righteous society thanks to obedience, gratitude and enjoining the good. The basis of state building and the prosperity of societies lie in the sound relationship between the leader and the parish and dealing with people through justice and equity. Such sound building requires to be maintained and have its graces made sustainable. Actually we should thank Allah for what the nation provides for us including safety, order and good living he has granted and bestowed upon us. So, servants of Allah, praise Allah for these graces and ask Him to increase it and make it permanent.

#### Servants of Allah

The home country builders, who work for its sake and are loyal to it, will be always remembered by people and they will be rewarded in the Day of Judgment. Therefore, among the images through which patriotism is illustrated, is by respecting those noble and spreading the values of those virtuous, as they were very keen on our comfort and have offered themselves along with their money for the sake of our prosperity. Thus, we should be loyal to them by highlighting their righteous deeds, and making known their achievements. Allah has made in His holy book the actions of great people who sought for the rightness of their nations and contributed in the progress of their countries exist forever. It is sufficient for you to know how Allah has nicely commended His Messengers, Peace be upon them, and His believing servants who has worked hardly to reform their nations and were keen on the safety of human beings. Almighty Allah says in this respect in the following verses from Surat Yā-Sīn [And there came from the farthest end of the city a man, running. He said, "O my people, follow the messengers]<sup>7</sup>. Was there no man except this one in this city? Surely there was, but they were unable to commit such good act. Therefore, such believer who belonged to the family of YāSīn was praised in the Holy book and his memory was made eternal in people's minds because such man was loyal to his nation and shared the concerns of his society. Furthermore, Our prophet Muhammad (Pbuh) honored the daughter of Hatem at-Ta'i as an acknowledgment of the noble values of her father. This latter used to be generous to his guests, kind to the poor and helpful to needy and indebted people. He also used to serve his homeland

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<sup>6</sup> Surat Al-'A'rāf -33

<sup>7</sup> Surat Yā-Sīn-20

in calamities and provide himself and his money in catastrophes. Indeed, this is a good illustration of loyalty to the holders of noble qualities and giving tribute to persons for their exalted deeds.

So , Fear Allah Servants of Allah , as well as preserve your achievements, make the beautiful glories of your nations survive and maintain unity so that they can be deemed to good consequences in your life and even after your death.

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.

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Praise be to Allah , Who loves whoever believes in him and is thankful and hates whoever shows disownment or disbelief. I bear witness that there is no God worthy of worship except Allah verily is He (that is) free of all wants, worthy of all praise. He made from thanking one reason of abundance, and I bear witness that our chief prophet is His Servant and Messenger; He was the most thankful to his lord for the blessings He bestowed upon him and acknowledged His favors upon Him. May Allah grant peace and honor on him, his family and companions and whoever followed his teachings to the Day of Judgment.

O servants of Allah

Fear Almighty Allah and remember His great blessings and His beautiful beneficence upon you. He has granted you from the bounties of His land and sky and offered you with his graces and favors, along with the security and contentment, ease and comfort good remembrance among nations and an exalted position in the hearts of people. You should therefore thank Him (Allah) for that through words and actions so that He grants you with His bounties and rewards. Almighty Allah says [O you who have believed, eat from the good things which We have provided for you and be grateful to Allah if it is [indeed] Him that you worship]<sup>8</sup>. Among the good ethics that the believer shall preserve towards his Lord is to be thankful whenever he is given, ask for forgiveness whenever he commits sins and be patient whenever he is afflicted, consoling the self with this supplication of the believing servant ["My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents and to work

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<sup>8</sup> Surat Al-Baqarah-172

righteousness of which You will approve and make righteous for me my offspring. Indeed, I have repented to You, and indeed, I am of the Muslims." ]<sup>9</sup>

Abu Hurairah, May Allah be pleased with Him, narrated that the Messenger of Allah (Pbuh) said ((He who does not thank the people is not thankful to Allah)). Usama bin Zayd, May Allah be pleased with him, also reported that the Prophet (Pbuh) said (("Whoever some good was done to him, and he says: 'May Allah reward you in goodness' then he has done the most that he can of praise."))

So fear Allah, Servants of Allah, and observe your positions towards the graces of Allah and be loyal and thankful. All much praise is due to you, Allah, seeking thereof Your favors and asking you to make abundant Your bestowments.

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]<sup>10</sup>.

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.

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<sup>9</sup> Surat Al-'Aḥqāf-15

<sup>10</sup> Surate Al-Ahazab 56

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.]