



**Majlis Ugama Islam Singapura**

**Friday Sermon**

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**Spreading The Joy Of Eidulfitri**

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَنْزَلَ الْفُرْقَانَ وَ أَيْدِ النَّاسِ بِالْحِكْمَةِ وَ الْبَيَانَ ،  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ شَهِدَ لِنَفْسِهِ  
الْوَحْدَانِيَّةَ وَ الْإِحْسَانَ وَ شَهِدَ بِهِمَا مَلَائِكَتُهُ وَ الثَّقَلَانِ ، وَأَشْهَدُ  
أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ الْمَبْعُوثُ بِالرَّحْمَةِ وَ الرِّضْوَانِ ،  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَ عَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ  
تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا. أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا  
تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ.

Honoured Friday Jemaah,

Today is a very special day for it combines two major days in Islam. Friday is the best day in Islam, and Eidulfitri is a day of victory for Muslims after completing a month of fasting and worship during Ramadan. Let us continue to be grateful by increasing our taqwa to Allah s.w.t.

In celebrating the joy and happiness of Syawal, let us not put an end to the good deeds carried out in the blessed month of Ramadan. Acts of worship including praying in congregation

(jemaah), reading and understanding the Quran and other spiritual acts should be continued throughout the year. Let us obey all of Allah's commands and abstain from His prohibitions to the best of our ability. Do not taint this blessed day with sinful acts and acts that can harm other humankind. Hopefully we will be placed among those who are successful in this world and the hereafter. Amin.

Blessed Friday Jemaah,

This past Ramadan saw many acts of compassion and kindness carried out by various groups within the Singapore Muslim community. We saw how the spirit of *gotong royong* or cooperation came alive. And through various community service projects that involved the different races in Singapore, we came together to extend a helping hand to those in need. It is estimated that about 2,000 volunteers from all walks of life took part in various welfare projects.

Such efforts are praiseworthy efforts at cultivating the community spirit. And we need to continue this culture throughout the year, beyond Ramadan. This is in line with what Rasulullah s.a.w. encouraged. In a hadith, Prophet Muhammad s.a.w. said:

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ، أَفْشُوا السَّلَامَ، وَأَطْعِمُوا الطَّعَامَ، وَصِلُوا الْأَرْحَامَ،  
وَصَلُّوا بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّاسُ نِيَامٌ، تَدْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِسَلَامٍ

Which means: *“Spread salam, offer food generously, uphold the ties of kinship, stand in prayer at night when people are sleeping, and enter Paradise in peace.”* [Hadith reported by Imam At-Tirmizi]

Beloved Jemaah,

We are grateful to Allah s.w.t for the peace and prosperity that He has bestowed upon us. We are able to celebrate this day with much happiness and joy, as we have witnessed today. We are able to visit the homes of our relatives and friends to strengthen the ties of kinship and friendship.

However, we should remember that not all Muslims are able to celebrate this day in a state of peace. Humanitarian crises in several parts of the world have caused Syawal to be welcomed amid sadness and conflict. The tragedies that have befallen some of them have made Syawal less joyous. Hence, for those who have been given the opportunity to spend this day with our beloved family, take the opportunity this Eidulfitri to strengthen the bond between us. Enjoin the ties that have been broken, and seek forgiveness for our mistakes. Let us deepen our familial ties with love, rahmah and ihsan.

At the same time, let us spread some joy of Eidulfitri with those who are less fortunate. Let us be a concerned member of the society, who looks out for the welfare and well being of our neighbours, friends and relatives. Encouraged by the spirit of

goodwill during Eidulfitri, let us continue the community spirit and mutual respect for one another. As Muslims, it is important for us to spread peace and tranquillity to help ensure that the world we inherit is a good place for all of us. We must all hence play a positive role and fulfil our responsibility of contributing to the development of the community.

Make use of the gifts that Allah s.w.t. has given to us to help those in need – be it in the form of time, wealth or energy. Allah s.w.t says in Surah Ali 'Imran verse 104:

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ



*“And spend in the way of Allah and do not throw [yourselves] with your [own] hands into destruction [by refraining]. And do good; indeed, Allah loves the doers of good.”*

Jemaah,

Let us continue on the path of goodness in this month of Syawal and the coming months. May we be consistent in spreading kindness and eventually earn Allah’s pleasure. Amin ya Rabbal 'Alamin.

بَارَكَ اللهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ  
الآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ  
الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ، وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ، وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا  
فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.