

**NEIGHBOURLY VIRTUES**

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إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ، نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ، وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا
 وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِ اللَّهُ فَهُوَ الْمُهْتَدِ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ فَلَنْ تَجِدَ لَهُ وَلِيًّا مُرْشِدًا.
 أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ،
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ، وَمَنْ دَعَا بِدَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.
 أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ
 تُفْلِحُونَ.

قَالَ تَعَالَى:

وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا^ط وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ
 وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ
 السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ^ط إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَنْ كَانَ مُخْتَالًا فَخُورًا ﴿٣٦﴾

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Let us increase the level of our conviction in Allah SWT by performing all His commands and striving hard to avoid all that He has prohibited. May we always be protected by our faith and be rewarded with success in this world and in the Hereafter.

The *mimbar* on this day will talk about **“Neighbourly Virtues”**.

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

It is natural for human beings to have the need to live in a community, or within a neighbourhood, as we tend to rely on each other in our life. It



is impossible for a human being to live alone without socialising with others, even though he is a very wealthy and educated person.

In a hadith recorded by Ibn Hibban and narrated by Saad bin Abi Waqas regarding the importance of neighbours, Rasulallah SAW once said:

أَرْبَعٌ مِنَ السَّعَادَةِ : الْمَرْأَةُ الصَّالِحَةُ ، وَالْمَسْكَنُ الْوَاسِعُ ، وَالْجَارُ الصَّالِحُ ،
وَالْمَرْكَبُ الْهَيِّئُ ، وَأَرْبَعٌ مِنَ الشَّقَاوَةِ : الْجَارُ السُّوءُ ، وَالْمَرْأَةُ السُّوءُ ، وَالْمَسْكَنُ
الضَّيِّقُ ، وَالْمَرْكَبُ السُّوءُ

Which means: *“Four things are part of happiness: a righteous spouse, a spacious dwelling, a righteous neighbour, and a comfortable means of transport. Four things are part of misery: a bad neighbour, a bad spouse, a restrictive dwelling, and a bad means of transport.”*

This hadith clearly mentions the advantages of a good neighbour as a sign of happiness. Remember, Rasulallah SAW himself is the best example for us with regards to neighbourly virtues. Let us appraise ourselves on how much we have done for our neighbours until today. Have we safeguarded the rights of our neighbours as much as we want them to safeguard our rights as their neighbours?

In reality, good neighbourly practices has evaded us. Perhaps some of us do not even know who our neighbours are. This is the current reality of living in a neighbourhood. There are neighbours who do not acknowledge each other even though they have lived as neighbours for a long time. Therefore, let us endeavour to bridge the relationship with our neighbours. Start with greetings and salutations, offering assistance when needed and sharing experiences about family and life.

**Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,**

Let us reflect on the meaning of verse 36, in Surah an-Nisa, where Allah SWT declared:

وَأَعْبُدُوا اللَّهَ وَلَا تُشْرِكُوا بِهِ شَيْئًا^ط وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا وَبِذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْيَتَامَىٰ
وَالْمَسْكِينِ وَالْجَارِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَالْجَارِ الْجُنُبِ وَالصَّاحِبِ بِالْجَنبِ وَابْنِ
السَّبِيلِ وَمَا مَلَكَتْ أَيْمَانُكُمْ^ظ إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُحِبُّ مَن كَانَ مُخْتَالًا فَخُورًا ﴿٣٦﴾

Which means: “Worship Allah and associate nothing with Him, and to parents do good, and to relatives, orphans, the needy, the near neighbour, the neighbour farther away, the companion at your side, the traveller, and those whom your right hands possess. Indeed, Allah does not like those who are self-deluding and boastful.”

From that verse, it is clear that among the characteristics of the believers are those who have close relationships with their neighbours. Therefore, let us strive to maintain the manners and neighbourly rights as taught by Islam, by taking the following steps:

First: *Always smile, greet and give salutations.* A person who smiles easily and care about their neighbours will usually be approachable. This practice will ensure good neighbourly relations. A good neighbour will not hurt his neighbours either through speech or deed.

Second: *Assist neighbours in trouble.* It is one of the rights of a Muslim upon his other Muslim brother. In fact it is one of the greatest rights of our neighbours. Reflect upon a hadith from Rasulullah SAW, as recorded by Imam Muslim and narrated by Abu Hurairah RA:



مَنْ نَفَسَ عَنْ مُؤْمِنٍ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرْبِ الدُّنْيَا نَفَسَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ كُرْبَةً مِنْ كُرْبِ يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ

Which means: "Whoever releases a believer from the difficulties or distress of the world, then Allah SWT will free him from the difficulties of the Day of Judgment."

Third: Protecting the honour and virtue of our neighbours as well as continuously doing good. A good person would not betray his neighbour by slandering or disclosing confidential information and shortcomings of his neighbour to others. In fact, in terms of neighbourly manners, we are the ones who should defend the dignity of our neighbours if they are defamed or harassed. This was stated in a hadith recorded by Imam al-Bukhari and narrated by Abu Syuraih al-`Adawi, where Rasulullah SAW was reported to have said:

مَنْ كَانَ يُؤْمِنُ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ فَلْيُكْرِمْ جَارَهُ

Which means: "Whoever believes in Allah and the Last Day, let him glorify his neighbour"

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

According to Sheikh Dr. Abdul Aziz Fauzan in his book "*Fiqh al-Ta`amul Ma'an Nas*", the Shari'ah has outlined three types of neighbours, namely Muslim neighbours who are also blood relatives, Muslim neighbours who are not blood relatives and non-Muslim neighbours. The difference between them is that the neighbours in the first category have three rights to be fulfilled, namely their Islamic rights, family rights and neighbourly rights. As for neighbours in the second category, there are



two rights, namely Islamic rights and neighbourly rights, while the non-Muslim neighbours have only one right, which is neighbourly rights.

Be kind to your neighbours. Avoid conflicts or negative perceptions in our daily life. Living in a neighbourhood needs mutual cooperation and understanding in order to achieve community harmony and happiness. As the Malay proverb goes, "*Bulat air kerana pembetung, bulat manusia kerana muafakat*" which is literally translated into English as "*Water is shaped by its container, people are shaped by consensus*".

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

Before concluding the sermon today, the *mimbar* would like to take the opportunity, in conjunction with National Environment Day 2017 which shall be celebrated on 21st October 2017, to invite everyone to strive to preserve and protect the environment that is increasingly being threatened with all forms of pollution and destruction. Assist the authorities by avoiding acts that could bring negative impact upon the environment, such as open burning and rampant illicit discarding of rubbish. Besides that, we have to become *Rakan Alam Sekitar*, or friends of the environment, to act as the eyes and ears of the authorities. If there is any activity that could destroy the environment, provide information and complaints to the relevant authorities so that those who are involved shall face the force of law. Ponder upon what has been stated by Allah SWT in surah ar-Ruum, verse 41:

ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ فِي الْبَرِّ وَالْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ لِيُذِيقَهُمْ بَعْضَ الَّذِي عَمِلُوا لَعَلَّهُمْ

يَرْجِعُونَ ﴿٤١﴾



Which means: “*Mischief has appeared on land and sea because of (the deed) that the hands of men have earned, that (Allah) may give them a taste of some of their deeds: in order that they may turn back (from Evil).*”

Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,

The conclusions that can be derived from this Friday’s *mimbar* are as follows:

First: In Islam, honouring the neighbour is regarded as one of the signs of faith in Allah SWT and the Hereafter.

Second: Appreciate your neighbours by always enquiring about their wellbeing and thanking them for their good graces

Third: Protect our environment by avoiding activities that could result in destruction and pollution.

As declared by Allah SWT in Surah al-Rahman, verse 60:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

هَلْ جَزَاءُ الْإِحْسَانِ إِلَّا الْإِحْسَانُ ﴿٦٠﴾

Which means: “*Is there any Reward for Good - other than Good?*”

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِي وَلَكُمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَنَفَعَنِي وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ، وَتَقَبَّلَ مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتَهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ، أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِجَمِيعِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ فَيَا فَوْزَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ وَيَا نَجَاةَ التَّائِبِينَ.



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الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَبِإِيَّاسِ الصَّالِحِينَ، وَالْعَاقِبَةُ لِلْمُتَّقِينَ، وَلَا عُدْوَانَ إِلَّا عَلَى الظَّالِمِينَ، وَالصَّلَاةُ
وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى إِمَامِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ، وَقُدْوَةِ النَّاسِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ
بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ الْمُبِينُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ
سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَهُ وَرَسُولَهُ، صَادِقُ الْوَعْدِ الْأَمِينِ.

أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَكُونُوا مَعَ الصَّادِقِينَ، وَحَافِظُوا عَلَى الطَّاعَةِ
وَحُضُورِ الْجُمُعَةِ وَالْجَمَاعَةِ مَعَ الْمُصَلِّينِ.

The *Mimbar* would like to request for the congregation who are here today to use the donation boxes provided around the mosque to donate from their pockets, so that we can continue organising activities that would utilise the benefit of this House of Allah SWT. May such donations be counted by Allah SWT as part of the charity given by us throughout our life.

وَاعْلَمُوا أَنَّ اللَّهَ سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى أَمْرُهُ بِأَمْرٍ بَدَأَ فِيهِ بِنَفْسِهِ وَتَنَى بِمَلَائِكَتِهِ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ.
فَقَالَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى مُخْبِرًا وَأَمْرًا بِالْمُؤْمِنِينَ :

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ ءَامَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا

تَسْلِيمًا ﴿٥٦﴾



اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ
وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ
عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ سَيِّدِنَا إِبْرَاهِيمَ فِي الْعَالَمِينَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ.

وَارْضَ اللَّهُمَّ عَنِ الْأَرْبَعَةِ الْخُلَفَاءِ الرَّاشِدِينَ سَادَاتِنَا أَبِي بَكْرٍ وَعُمَرَ وَعُثْمَانَ وَعَلِيَّ،
وَعَنْ أَزْوَاجِ نَبِيِّنَا الْمُطَهَّرَاتِ وَعَنْ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَقَرَابَتِهِ وَسَائِرِ الصَّحَابَةِ وَالتَّابِعِينَ وَمَنْ
تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ. وَارْضَ عَنَّا بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ.

وَأَيُّدِ اللَّهِمَّ بِالتَّوْفِيقِ وَالهِدَايَةِ مُدَبِّرِ هَذِهِ الْبِلَادِ الْإِسْلَامِيَّةِ مَلِكِنَا كِبَاوَه دُولِي
يَعْمَهَا مَوْلِيَا سِرِي قُدُوك بَكِينِدَا يَغ دَفَرْتَوَانَا كُوغ ك-15 سُلْطَانَا مُحَمَّد ك-5.

اللَّهُمَّ أَطْلُ عُمُرَهُ مُصْلِحًا لِلْمُؤَدِّينَ وَالرَّعِيَّةَ وَالْبِلَادِ، وَبَلِّغْ مَقَاصِدَهُ لِطَرِيقِ الْهُدَى
وَالرَّشَادِ. اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَالِيزِيَا وَسَائِرَ بِلَادِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ طَيْبَةً آمِنَةً مُطْمَئِنَّةً رَّخِيَةً، يَا
رُؤُوفُ بِالْعِبَادِ.

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِزِّ الْإِسْلَامَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ وَحِينٍ، وَأَنْصُرْ مَنْ نَصَرَ الدِّينَ،
وَاخْذُلْ مَنْ خَذَلَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ، وَأَعْلِ كَلِمَتَكَ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ، وَدَمِّرْ أَعْدَاءَكَ أَعْدَاءَ
الدِّينِ.

O, Allah, You are The One Lord Who is the Most Gracious and the Most Merciful, we express our gratitude to You for all the gifts and blessings which you have bestowed upon us, provide to us and to our leaders



direction and guidance, strengthen the solidarity among us, unite our hearts for Your sake, ease all our affairs, multiply our beneficial knowledge, cultivate our souls with good morals, lead us to the route that You would approve, reinforce our faith while facing all forms of trials and tribulations from You, preserve the peace, harmony and safety of our country Malaysia and of our states and territories, namely the Federal Territories. Eschew us from any form of upheaval, disunity and chaos.

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ.
رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ.
عِبَادَ اللَّهِ،

إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَايَ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴿١٠﴾
فَاذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذُكُرْكُمْ، وَاشْكُرُوا عَلَىٰ نِعَمِهِ يَزِدْكُمْ، وَاسْأَلُوهُ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ
يُعْطِكُمْ وَلَذِكْرُ اللَّهِ أَكْبَرُ، وَاللَّهُ يَعْلَمُ مَا تَصْنَعُونَ.