



1	 <p>RESPECT AND LOVE THE ELDERLY 6 October 2017AD / 15 Muharam 1439H</p>
2	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 وِلِيًّا مُرْشِدًا.
3	أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ،
4	اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَمَنْ دَعَا بِدَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.
5	أَمَّا بَعْدُ، فَيَا عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ، أَوْصِيكُمْ وَنَفْسِي بِتَقْوَى اللَّهِ وَطَاعَتِهِ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَفْلِحُونَ.
6	قَالَ تَعَالَى: أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ حَمَلَتْهُ أُمُّهُ وَهْنًا عَلَى وَهْنٍ وَفِصْلَهُ فِي عَامَيْنِ أَنْ أَشْكُرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيْكَ إِلَى الْمَصِيرِ
7	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,



	Let us profess our conviction in Allah SWT by performing all that He has commanded and avoiding all that He has prohibited. May our conviction enable us to be resurrected among those who are joyful in the Hereafter.
8	The teachings of Islam emphasises the virtues of caring for, and looking after the welfare of, the elderly and the weak. It is certainly a responsibility that the younger generation has to bear. Therefore, today's sermon is entitled, "Respect And Love the Elderly" .
9	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah, Life in this world is like the rotation of a wheel. The generation which was younger before has now grown old. As a religion filled with values of goodness and charity, Islam encourages its believers to have compassion
10	And love towards humanity. The elder ones love the young, while the young respects, love, and serve the elders.
11	The elderly are now weak. Some of them need help and support to facilitate their daily activities. This is the reality of the human life cycle, where the physical aspect is also a measure of a person's age.
12	As declared by Allah SWT through Surah al-Rum, verse 54: <p style="text-align: center;">اللَّهُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ ضَعْفٍ ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ ضَعْفٍ قُوَّةً ثُمَّ جَعَلَ مِنْ بَعْدِ قُوَّةٍ ضَعْفًا وَشَيْبَةً يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَهُوَ الْعَلِيمُ الْقَدِيرُ ﴿٥٤﴾</p>
13	Which means: "Allah is the one who created you from weakness, then made after weakness strength, then made after strength weakness and white hair. He creates what He wills, and He is the Knowing, the Competent."
14	Based on the verse above, Allah SWT has made the nature of mankind to be weak again after being given strength. This is to enable mankind to realise that the strength given to them
15	Is not to be wasted, and also to provide assistance and service to aid the weak.
16	Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,



	Serving and providing welfare for the old and the weak is a noble act in Islam. In fact, it was demonstrated by Rasulallah SAW himself,
17	As recorded by Imam Abu Dawud Rahimahullah and narrated by Jabir bin 'Abdillah RA as follows: <p style="text-align: center;">كَانَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يَتَخَلَّفُ فِي الْمَسِيرِ، فَيُزِجِي الضَّعِيفَ وَيُرْدِفُ وَيَدْعُو لَهُمْ.</p> <p>Which means: "While Rasulallah SAW walked behind on one journey, he guided the weak, carried, and called out for them to be helped."</p>
18	It is clear through this hadith that Rasulallah SAW has been advocating for Muslims to help the weak and the needy. In fact, he has been cultivating it in his own life. If Rasulallah SAW himself advocated helping the weak in their day-to-day affairs,
19	Helping them with their efforts to worship Allah SWT should be without question.
20	Therefore, what other excuses do we have in denying help to the weak, especially senior citizens? <p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>We must realise that we are also responsible for the care and the fulfilment of the rights of senior citizens, especially if we are their children, which also coincides with the teachings of Islam.</p>
21	Children should be responsible in ensuring that their parents receive adequate care and welfare, especially when they have become senior citizens. Ask ourselves: what would we be today if not for them?
22	Among the most important aspects that should be given attention with regards to ensuring their well-being, is providing them with the means to live. This includes providing them food, water, clothing, shelter, money, medication and other necessities.



23	Apart from their children, our leaders also have a major responsibility in protecting the elderly. This is because senior citizens are also part of the society.
24	They have also served in various fields, whether economic, social, cultural or religious, in spearheading the formation and development of this country.
25	Every citizen, especially the young, should re-establish their respect for these senior citizens. Religious and social customs definitely uphold good behaviour and politeness when dealing with them.
26	<p>In fact, it has been infused into the Rukun Negara. Let us reflect upon that, and practice it in our lives.</p> <p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Through a study carried out some years ago, by the year 2030, the number of Malaysians aged over 60 years old is expected to account for fifteen per cent (15%) of the Malaysian population.</p>
27	<p>This means that more and more Malaysians will need special attention and care in the future.</p> <p>In line with the study, the Malaysian government introduced the National Senior Citizens Policy and Senior Citizens Action Plan in 2011.</p>
28	Its function is to address issues related to senior citizens in the future. In addition, the National Senior Citizens Policy and Action Plan are also important to promote and to protect the rights of senior citizens in going through their daily life.
29	Senior citizens have the right to enjoy a good quality life, to have respect and to continue contributing to national development. A senior citizen is entitled to social security and income assistance, good housing, health care, social services, free from any form of discrimination, and free from abuse.
30	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>Before ending today's sermon, the <i>mimbar</i> would also like to take this opportunity on the occasion of the Organ Donation Awareness Week by the Ministry of Health Malaysia, to encourage everyone to jointly support and make the campaign successful.</p>



31	Register yourself as an organ donor, as it is an act of charity that needs to be given important attention, especially in addressing contemporary health issues. For those in dire need, they are more appreciative and more grateful of such contributions, compared to cash.
32	Islamic <i>Fiqh</i> , is on par with this issue, as donations and organ transfers have been allowed by scholars with <i>ijtihad jama'i</i> , such as the National Fatwa Council and the State Fatwa as early as 1965 domestically,
33	While internationally, it is agreed by the <i>Majma 'Fiqh Islami</i> and <i>Lajnah Da'imah</i> of Saudi Arabia and others. Therefore, there should be no hesitation whatsoever for Muslims
34	To continue donating organs, especially when doing so would preserve the <i>Maqasid al-Shariah</i> regarding the protection of human life.
35	<p>As declared by Allah SWT in Surah al-Maidah, verse 32:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">...وَمَنْ أَحْيَاهَا فَكَأَنَّمَا أَحْيَا النَّاسَ جَمِيعًا ...^ع</p> <p>Which means: "...And whoever saves one - it is as if he had saved mankind entirely."</p>
36	<p>Fellow Muslims blessed by Allah,</p> <p>The conclusions that can be drawn from today's sermon are:</p> <p>First: Performing charitable acts and assisting the elderly and the weak are religious obligations.</p> <p>Second: Children need to play a key role in safeguarding the welfare of their parents, especially those who have reached old age.</p> <p>Third: Organ donation is an act of charity that needs to be given important attention, especially in addressing contemporary health issues.</p>
37	<p>Let us all reflect upon the words of Allah SWT in Surah Ali 'Imran, verse 92:</p> <p style="text-align: right;">أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ</p>



	<p>لَنْ نَنَالُوا الْبِرَّ حَتَّىٰ تُنْفِقُوا مِمَّا تُحِبُّونَ ۚ وَمَا تُنْفِقُوا مِن شَيْءٍ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ بِهِ عَلِيمٌ ﴿١٣﴾</p> <p>Which means: “By no means shall you attain righteousness unless you give (freely) of that which you love; and whatever you give, of a truth Allah knows it well.”</p>
38	<p>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 وَأَسْتَغْفِرُوا اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمَ لِي وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.</p>