



جامعة إسلام سلاغور
JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR

THE ROLE OF THE UMMAH IN CURBING SOCIAL ILLS



Let us improve our piety (taqwa)
and good deeds by obeal call upon
all of us to increase our *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* by
fulfilling all of His Commands and
avoiding all of His prohibitions.

Indeed al-Qur'an and as-Sunnah has provided guidelines for mankind in all aspects of lives whether relating to '*aqeedah*, '*iibaadah*, *mu'amalah*, or even *akhlaaq* and *adaab* amongst mankind. It is only with adherence to al-Qur'an

and as-Sunnah that mankind will attain salvation in this world and Hereafter. According to the *hadeeth* of Anas *radiyAllaahu ‘anh* that Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* had said:

“I have left amongst you two things which, if you hold fast to them, you will never stray: the Book of Allah, and my Sunnah.”

(Maalik: *saheeh*)

This essentially means that all the corruption and disobedience that are rampant nowadays are due to the fact that mankind have left the guiding manual that was brought by Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam.*

As an *ummah*, it is *waajib* upon us Muslims to curb the *munkar* (disobedience) occurring around us. In the *hadeeth* of Abu Sa‘eed al-Khudri *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, Rasulullah *sallAllaahu ‘alayhi wasallam* had said:

“Whosoever of you sees an evil action, let him change it with his hand; and if he is not able to do so, then with his tongue; and if he is not able to do so, then with his heart; and that is the weakest of faith.”

(Muslim)

From this *hadeeth*, it is clear to us that the duty and responsibility in preventing *munkar* does not only lie upon the shoulder of the authorities alone, but instead a collective responsibility upon the Muslims.

We must exercise our role in the best manner in the effort to curb all the social ills that are ever increasing and severe in today's society. The main thing that should be emphasized on this collected effort is giving good advice and admonition to those

involved in such acts of
disobedience. This is based
upon the Words of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala in al-
Qur’ an:

“Invite to the way of your
Lord with wisdom and good
instruction,

and argue with them in a way
that is best. Indeed, your Lord
is most knowing of who has
strayed from His way, and He
is most knowing of who is
[rightly] guided.”

(an-Nahl 16:125)

Indeed, giving advice and admonition to those committing *munkar* is no easy task.

Especially with the inadequate Islamic knowledge that they normally have, whether taught by their parents or educational institutions.

Thus, it is of no surprise that we find among us today those incapable of distinguishing between truth and falsehood, good and evil. For them, all that matters is pleasure and enjoyment in their lives.

Therefore, as an *ummah* having Islamic realization, we should not allow them to be drowned in falsehood. They must be advised, rectified, and assisted from falling into error. This very role is a duty upon every Muslim in order to be lifted

from the curse of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala, as He
mentions in al-Qur’ān:

“And fear a trial which will
not strike those who have
wronged among you
exclusively, and know

that Allah is severe in
penalty.”

(al-Anfaal 8:25)

Truly, the role and responsibility
of preventing social ills that are
rampant around us is a religious
duty. This is based upon the
verse of al-Qur'an:

“And let there be [arising] from you a nation inviting to [all that is] good, enjoining what is right and forbidding what is wrong, and those will be the successful.”

(Aali-‘Imraan 3:104)

We are truly grateful for we have religious enforcement officers in this state having the role of curbing moral vices and other social ills.

Let us as concerned Muslims work together and cooperate in providing information and full assistance so that efforts in preventing social vices within our society can be efficiently carried out.

We cannot afford to close one eye and disregard the *munkar* occurring around us. In addition, we cannot just express sympathy without taking any proper actions or measures.

Take heed for there are many threats endangering the Muslims' '*aqeedah* nowadays such as deviant teachings that prevails around us. There are also Muslims that do not even perform Friday prayer and take very lightly on the obligation of

daily *fard* prayers.

As a Muslim community, every individual must have the concern and to inform relevant authorities regarding activities or actions that are against authentic Islamic teachings.

We are also responsible in helping to resolve existing problems within the society.

Our failure in carrying out such responsibility may further jeopardize our status in being part of the *ummah* of

Muhammad *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* as it was mentioned in a *hadeeth*:

“The one that is not concerned about the affairs of the Muslims does not belong to them.”

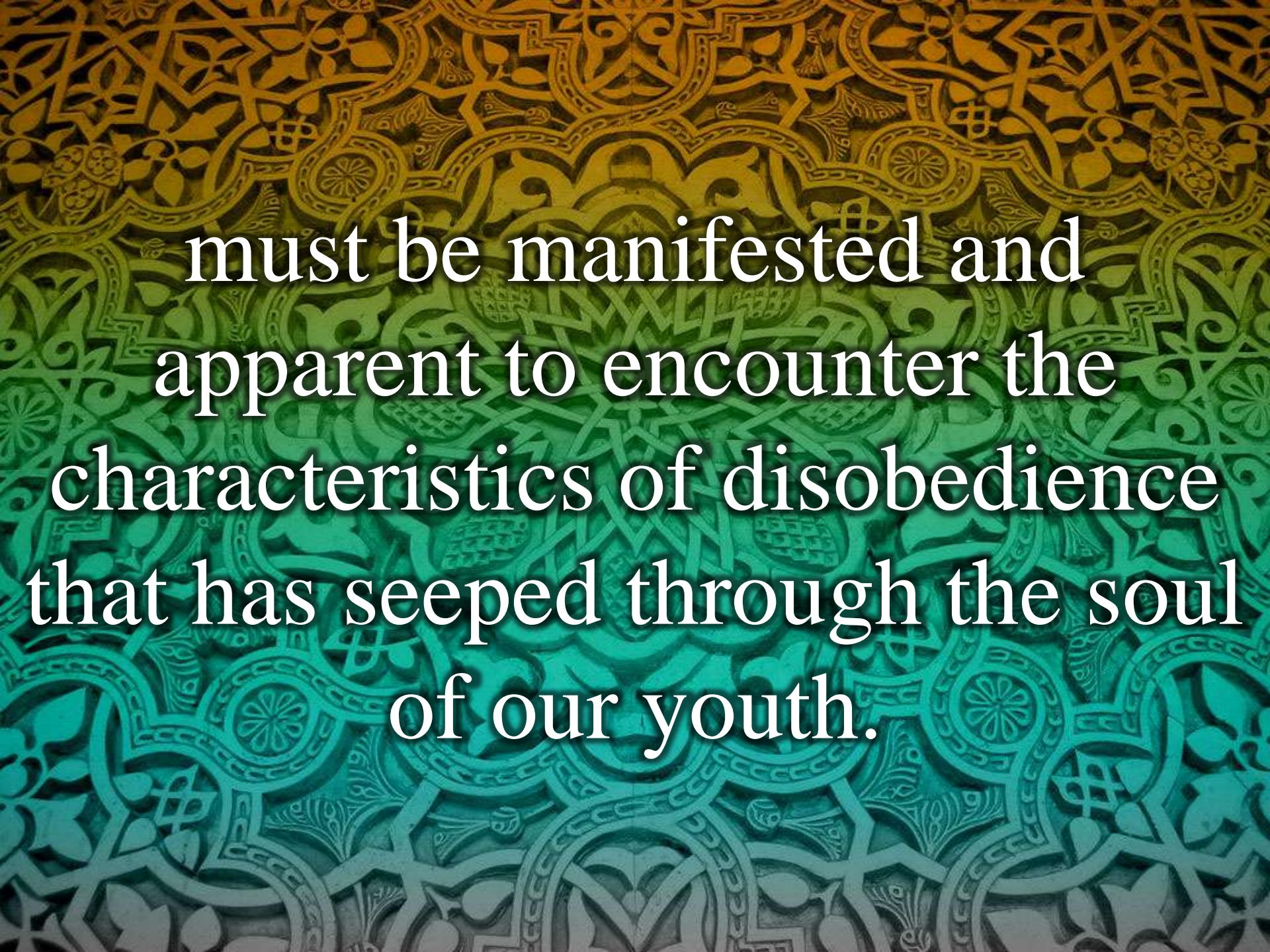
(al-Bayhaqi: *da ‘eef jiddan*)

Efforts in preventing social vice will never end without them being followed up with pertinent actions. Therefore, one important matter to be implemented is providing sufficient and relevant Islamic knowledge to those involved

in immoral activities. Every individual and organizations within the society must exercise their very role with an integrated and united effort, sincerity, and full responsibility.

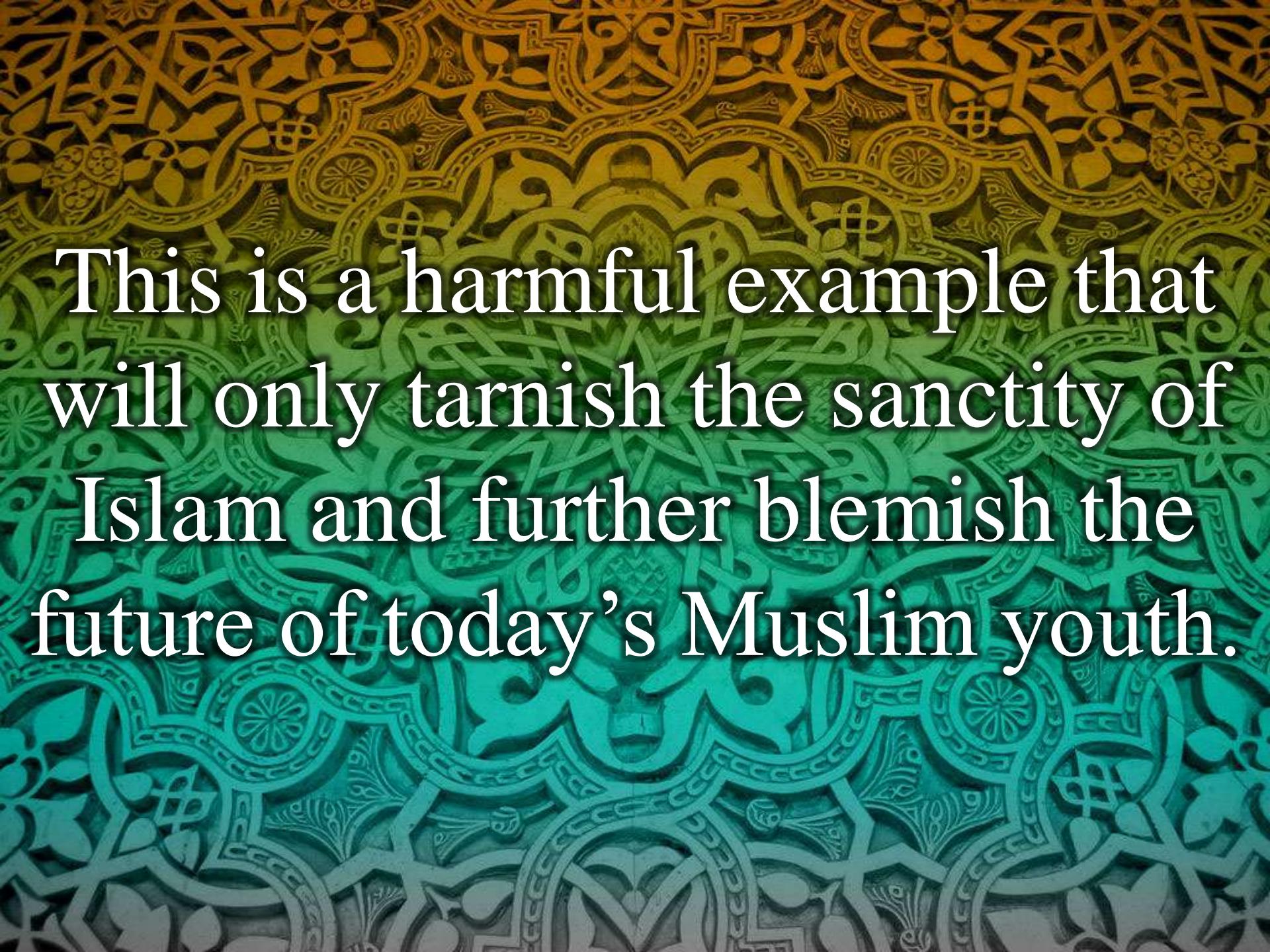
Every Muslim individual must display good example for everyone within the community, whether in actions or words.

Our actions and manners must be according to the teachings of the *Sharee'ah*. The excellent image and *akhlaaq* of Islam



must be manifested and apparent to encounter the characteristics of disobedience that has seeped through the soul of our youth.

Today, we find many parents negligent in not becoming a good role model to their children. Unfortunately, such attitude will be emulated by the children thinking that it is acceptable, following the footsteps of their parents.



This is a harmful example that will only tarnish the sanctity of Islam and further blemish the future of today's Muslim youth.

Free mixing between opposite gender is one of the main reasons for the rampant moral indecencies among today's youth. Hence, the prescribed Islamic *adaab* of interactions must be strictly observed whether in the family institution,

educational institution, work environment, public sphere, and others, so that it will be embedded as a cultural habit within the society. This practice will greatly contribute in behavioral change from bad to the better.

It is incumbent upon every Muslim and organizations within the society such as the masjid committee, the village's committee, community association, and the youth association to collectively exercise the very concept of

amar bil ma‘ruf (enjoining good) and *nahiyy ‘anil munkar* (forbidding evil). This has been a command from Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘ala* and His Messenger *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam*.

**“Cursed were those who
disbelieved among the
Children of Israel by the
tongue of David and of Jesus,
the son of Mary. That was
because they disobeyed and
[habitually] transgressed.**

They used not to prevent one another from wrongdoing that they did. How wretched was that which they were doing.”

(al-Maa’idah 5:78-79)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَسْتَغْفِرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ
وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ
وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتَ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

**O Allah, You are the Almighty
Lord, we are grateful unto You
for having bestowed upon us
Mercy and Blessings, nourishing
us to strive to continue in
strengthening the Muslim nation
especially the state of Selangor,
as an advanced, progressive,
peaceful, and benevolent state.**

We beseech and beg You, Ya
Allah, to strengthen our
imaan, increase our good
deeds, strengthen our unity,
increase our provision,
enrich us with beneficial
knowledge, nourish our soul
with beautiful *akhlaaq*, guide
us to the Path that is
Pleasing to You,

protect us from Your severe tribulations such as the long drought, severe flooding, disease outbreak, violence and instability, poverty, and others, so that our land will become more peaceful and blessed.

Oh Allah, we ask You to open up the hearts of the Muslim *ummah* especially in Selangor, to fulfill their *zakaat* obligation as You had decreed in al-Qur'an. Bless the lives of those who have fulfilled their *zakaat* obligation, loving and caring for the poor and needy.

**Purify their wealth and soul so that
they will live according to that which
pleases You. Protect the poor and
needy from disbelief and everlasting
poverty. *Allaahumma ameen***



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