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# THE OBLIGATION OF BEING DUTIFUL TO PARENTS



Let us strive our best in increasing  
our *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu  
Wata'aala* by always fulfilling and  
performing all of His Commands  
and avoiding all of His  
prohibitions.

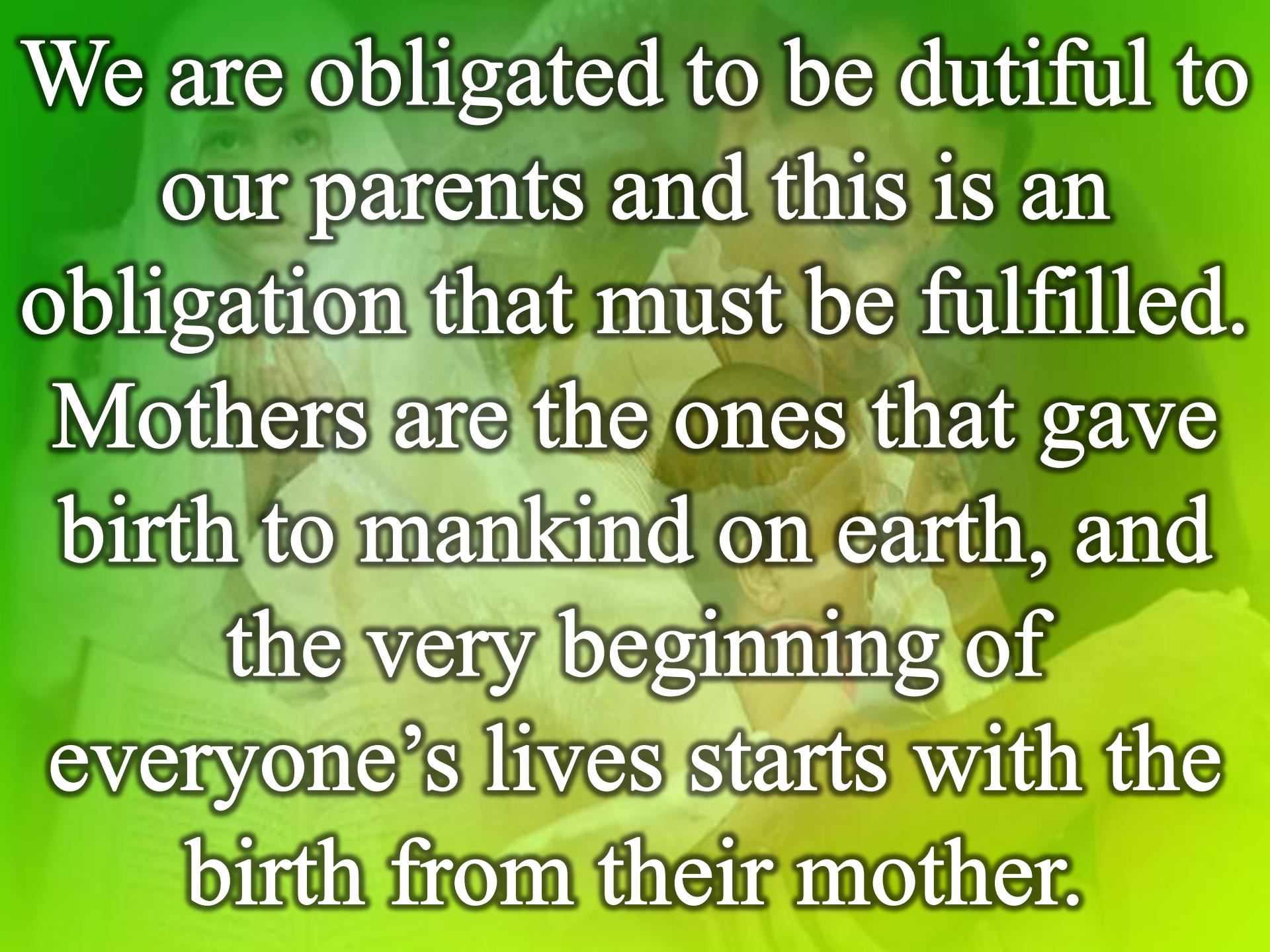
With this, we truly hope to  
attain blissfulness and  
*rahmah* from Allah in our  
lives of this world and the  
Hereafter.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala*  
mentions in al-Qur'an:

*“And your Lord has decreed that you not worship except Him, and to parents, good treatment. Whether one or both of them reach*

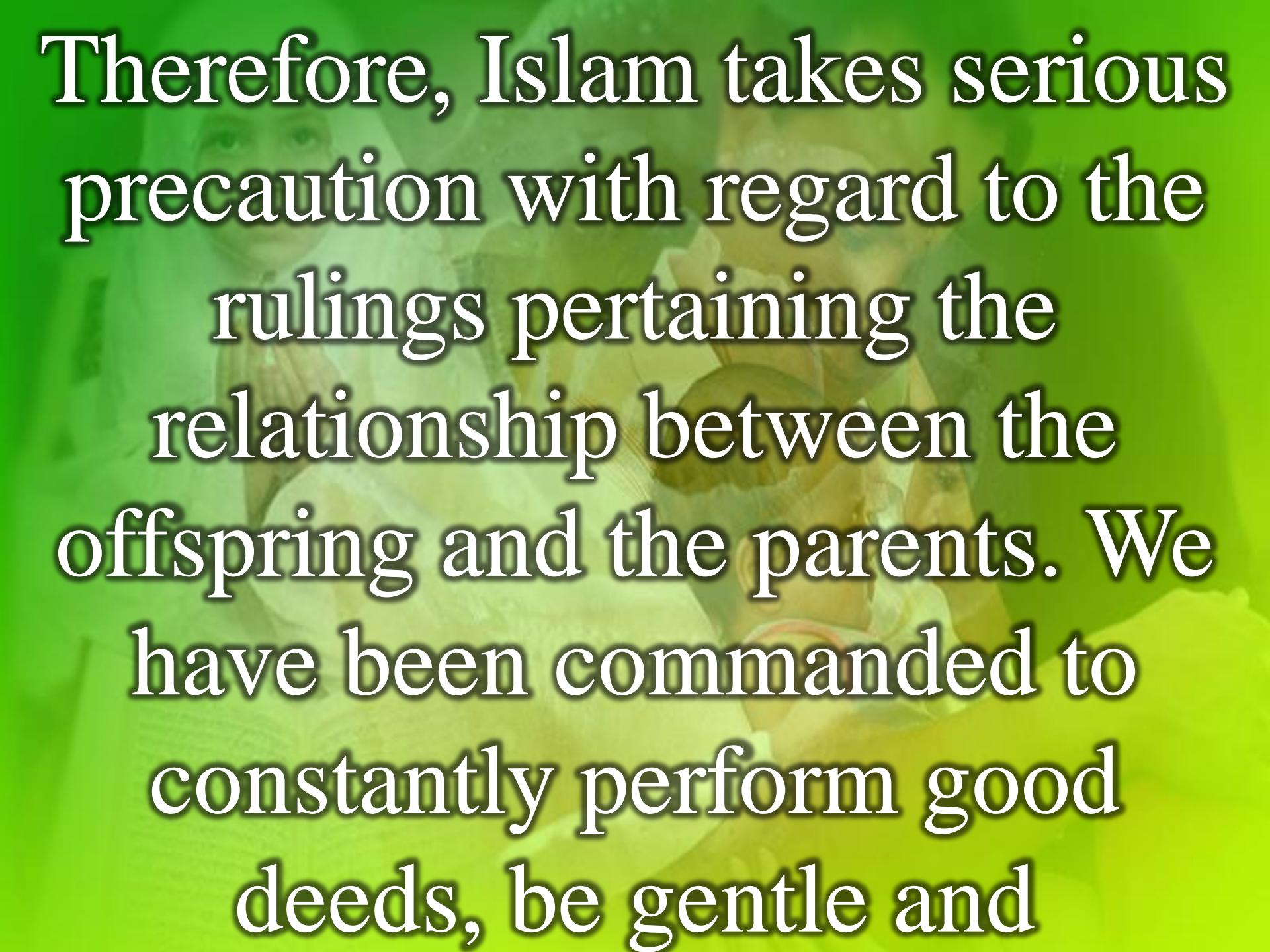
*old age [while] with you,  
say not to them [so much  
as], “uff,” and do not  
repel them but speak to  
them a noble word.”*

*(al-Israa’ 17:23)*

A soft-focus photograph of a woman with long dark hair holding a baby. The image has a greenish-yellow tint, creating a peaceful and maternal atmosphere.

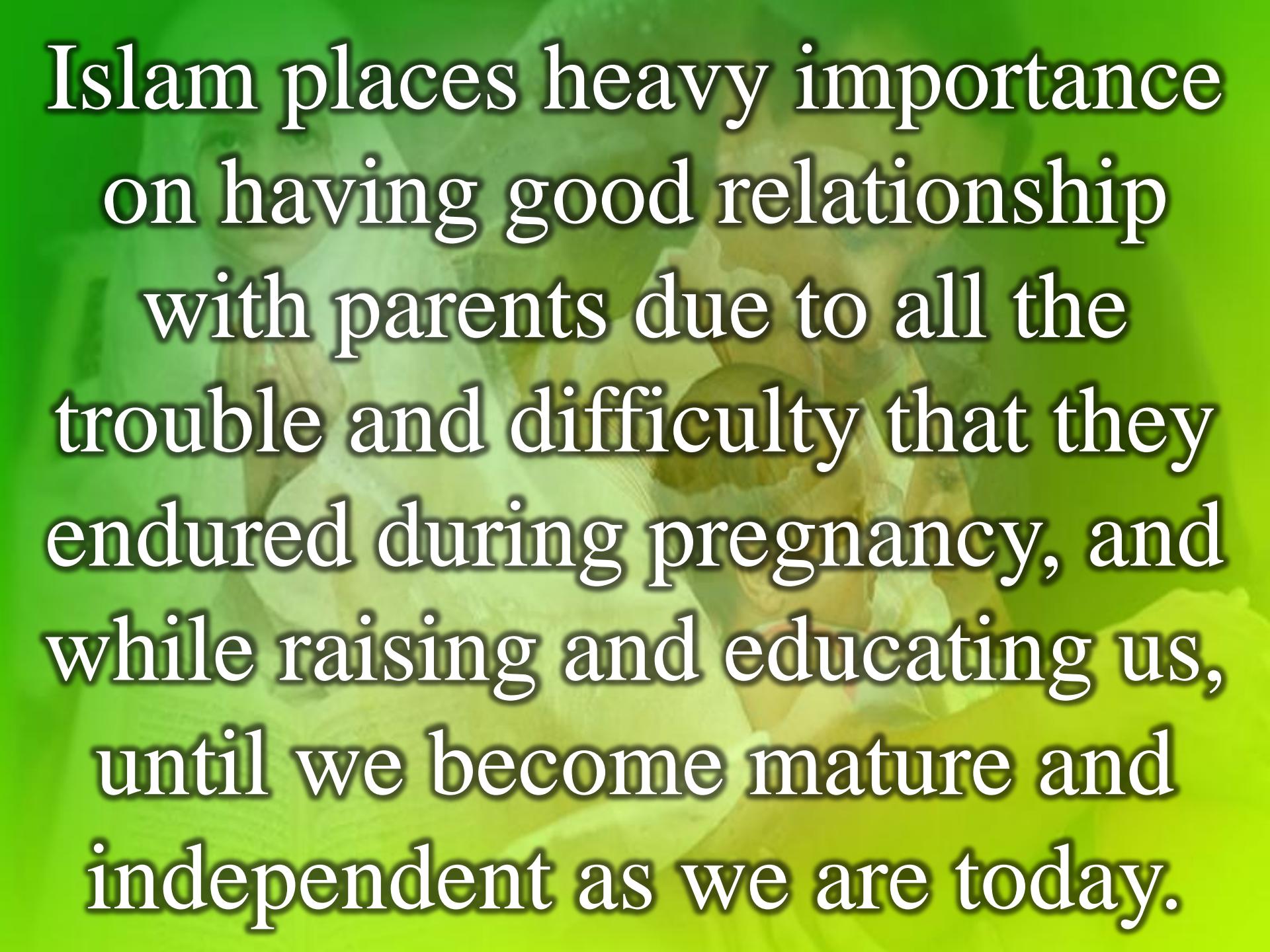
We are obligated to be dutiful to  
our parents and this is an  
obligation that must be fulfilled.

Mothers are the ones that gave  
birth to mankind on earth, and  
the very beginning of  
everyone's lives starts with the  
birth from their mother.

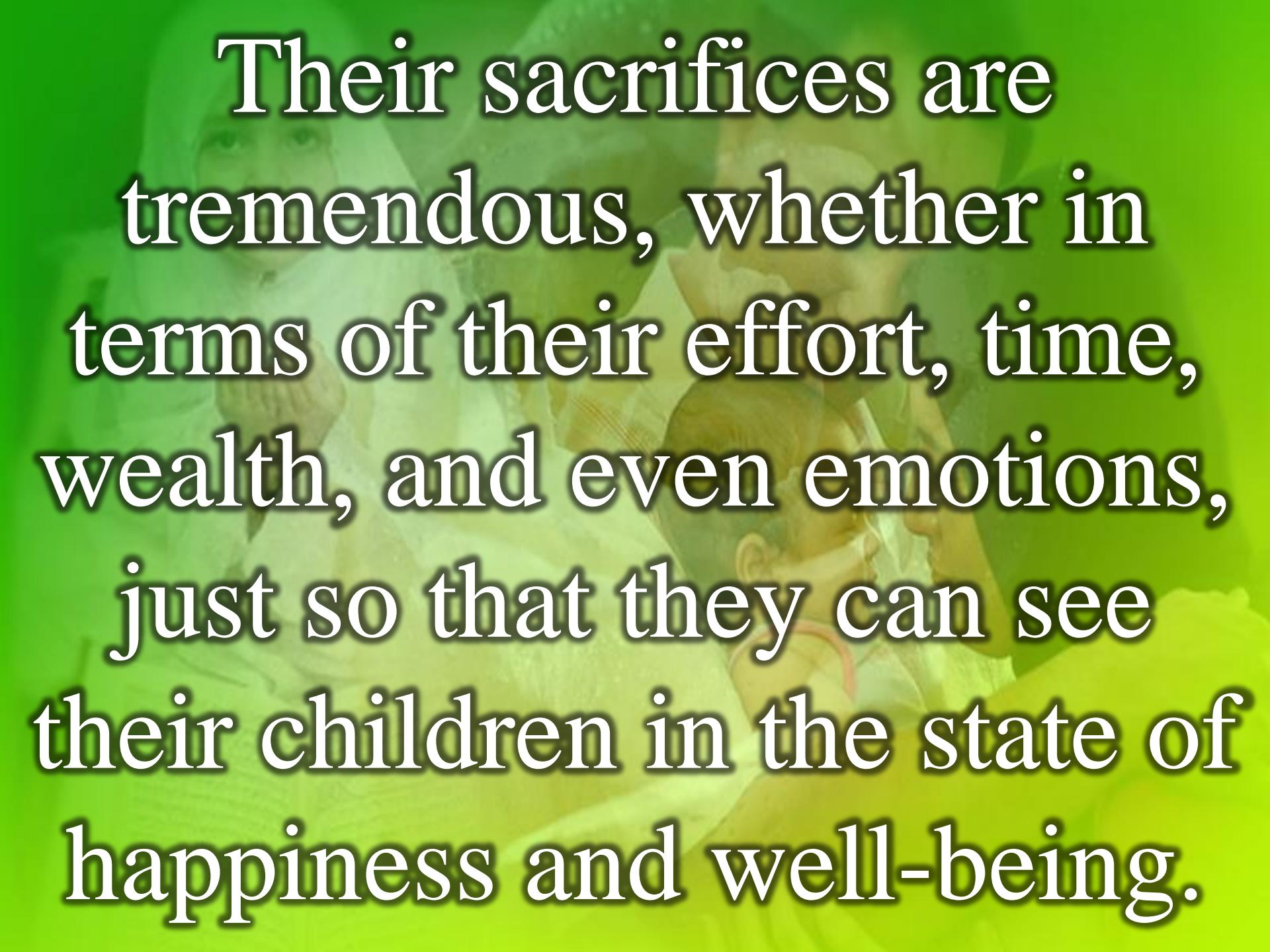
A woman with long dark hair is holding a baby in her arms. The baby is wearing a light-colored onesie. They are set against a soft-focus background of green foliage and leaves.

Therefore, Islam takes serious precaution with regard to the rulings pertaining the relationship between the offspring and the parents. We have been commanded to constantly perform good deeds, be gentle and

polite to our parents. Hence, it is strictly forbidden for us to be rude to them whether through actions or even by uttering “ah” for that is a manifestation of disrespect and dislike for their actions.

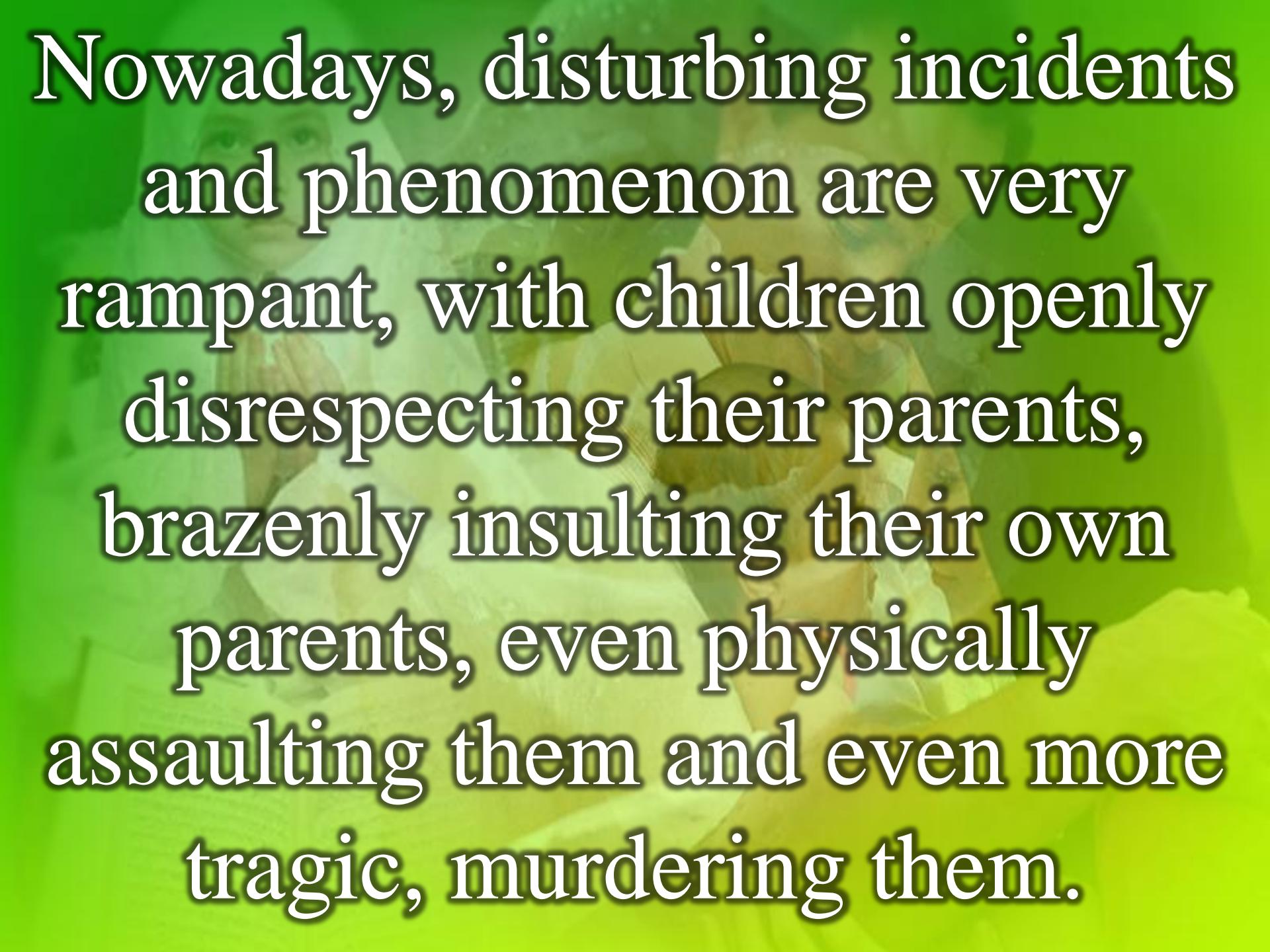
A soft-focus photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a light-colored top, holding a baby in a green-toned background.

Islam places heavy importance on having good relationship with parents due to all the trouble and difficulty that they endured during pregnancy, and while raising and educating us, until we become mature and independent as we are today.

A soft-focus photograph of a woman with dark hair, wearing a white top, smiling warmly at the camera. She is holding a young child, likely a toddler, who is partially visible and looking towards the camera. The background is blurred green foliage, suggesting an outdoor setting like a park or garden.

Their sacrifices are tremendous, whether in terms of their effort, time, wealth, and even emotions, just so that they can see their children in the state of happiness and well-being.

So due to this, Islam has placed a huge responsibility upon the children that it is intertwined with matters pertaining to the *tawheed* of Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.



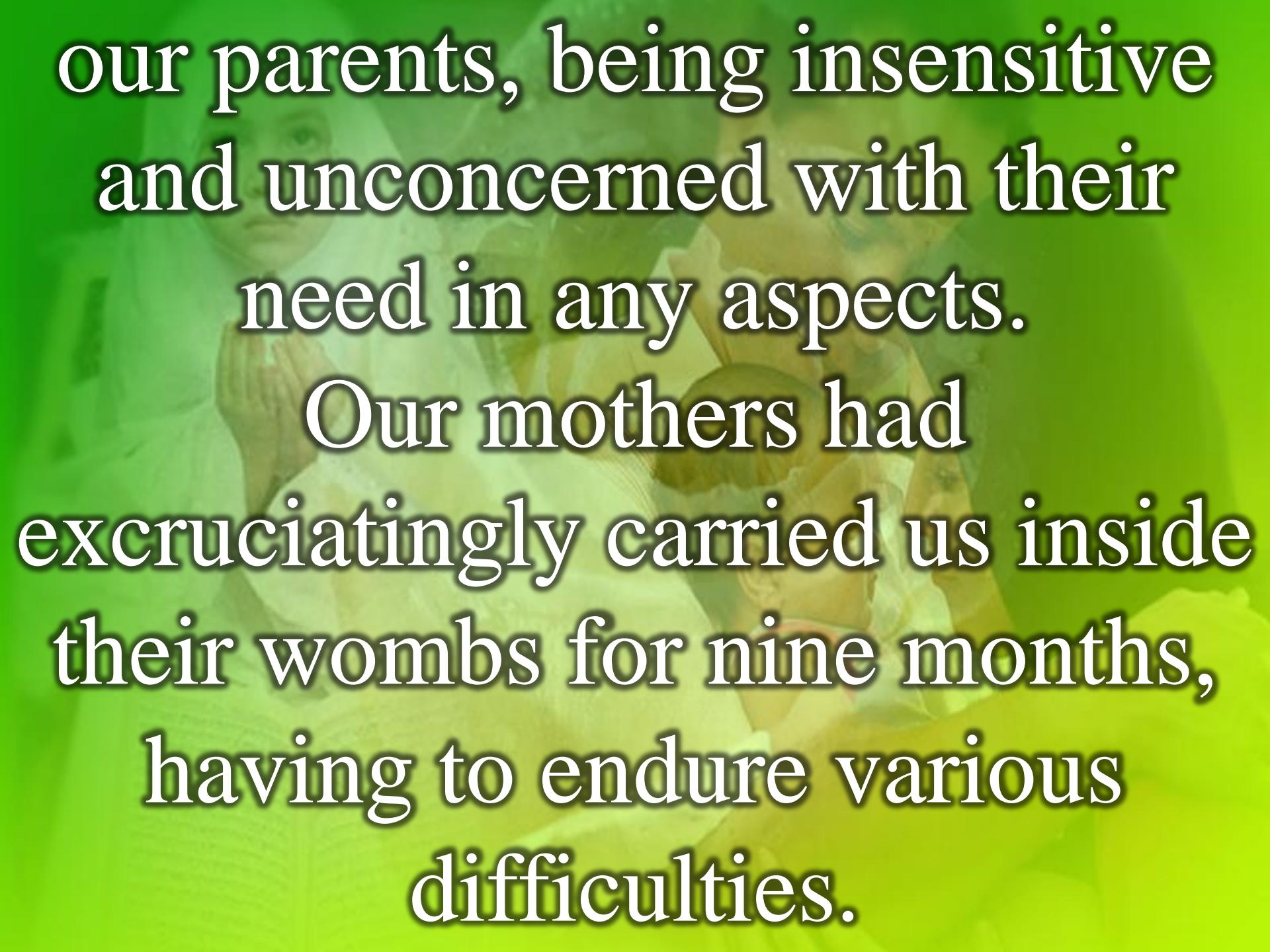
Nowadays, disturbing incidents and phenomenon are very rampant, with children openly disrespecting their parents, brazenly insulting their own parents, even physically assaulting them and even more tragic, murdering them.

Verily, this is from among  
the signs of the End of  
Time and that the Day of  
Standing is closely  
approaching upon us.

The issue of being dutiful and obedient to parents is indeed closely related to matters of *tawheed* for whoever claims to have faith in Allah and yet neglecting his obligations towards his parents, then he is not from among the believers.

The very command to worship Allah and not associating anyone with Him, which is then followed by the command to be dutiful to parents, clearly indicates the strong relationship between being obedient to Allah and dutiful to parents.

Nowadays, many within society are neglecting their responsibilities towards their parents. Also, many among us have no concern whatsoever regarding the affairs and condition of

A soft-focus photograph of a woman's hands holding a baby's head against a green gradient background.

our parents, being insensitive  
and unconcerned with their  
need in any aspects.

Our mothers had  
excruciatingly carried us inside  
their wombs for nine months,  
having to endure various  
difficulties.

Upon birth, we enter this world as a very weak being that necessitates the aid and nurture of a mother with great love and care. Upon that very mercy and love, we were raised with the great love of our mothers until we become adults.

Hence, it obligates us to be dutiful to our parents, after all the troubles and hardships that they endured in our upbringing.

Allah *Subhaanahu Wata'aala* mentions in al-Qur'an:

*“And We have enjoined upon man [care] for his parents.*

*His mother carried him,  
[increasing her] in weakness  
upon weakness, and his  
weaning is in two years. Be  
grateful to Me and to your  
parents; to Me is the [final]  
destination.”*

*(Luqmaan 31:14)*

Truly indeed is the great role  
and sacrifice that our parents  
had made for us especially  
that of our mothers, so much  
so that Islam raised the  
degree of the mother higher  
than the father.

In the *hadeeth* of Mu‘aawiyah  
bin Haidah al-Qushayri

*radiyAllaahu ‘anh:*

“*I asked, ‘Messenger of Allah,  
to whom should I be dutiful?’*

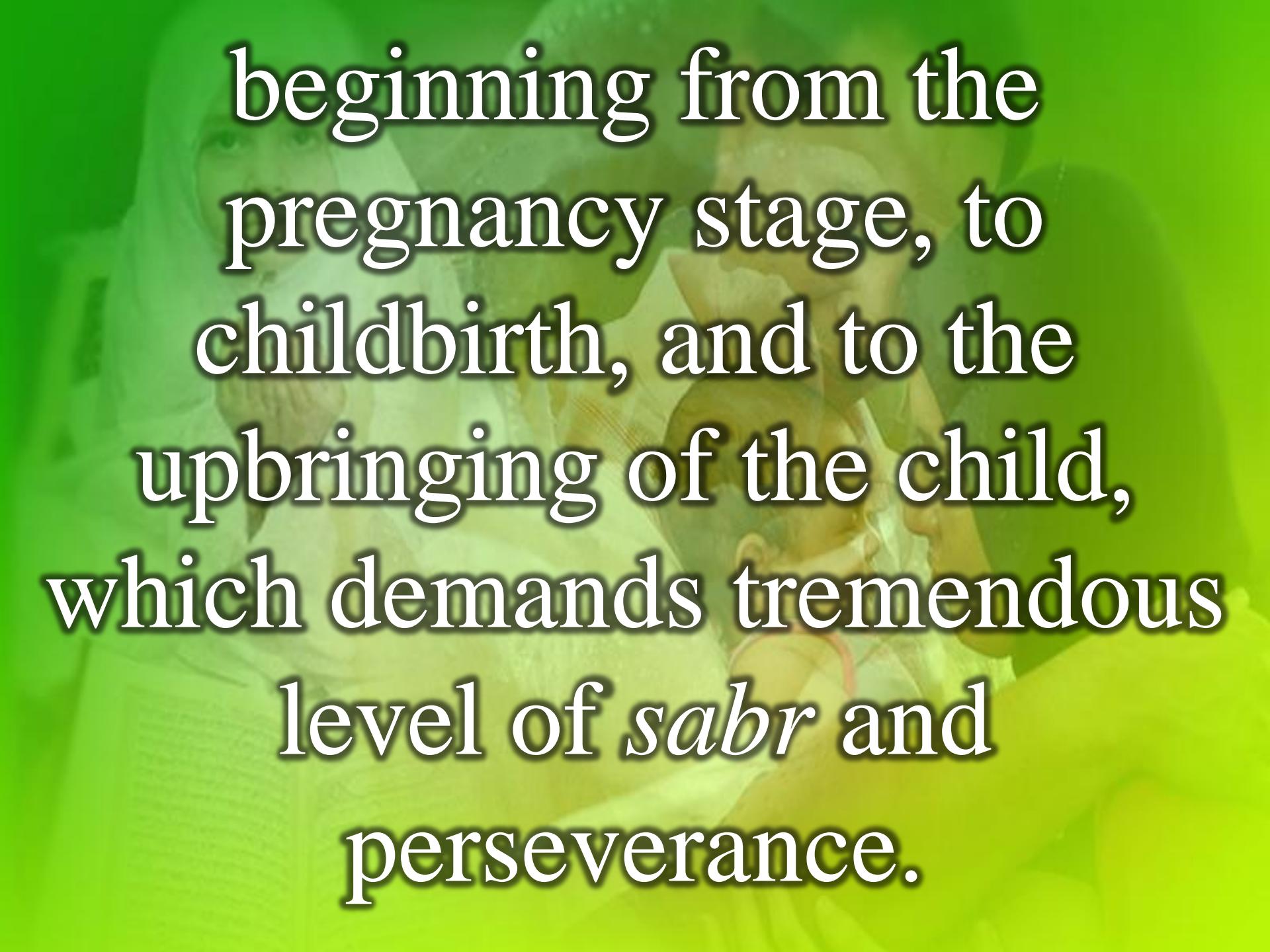
‘*Your mother,’ he (sallAllahu  
‘alayhi wasallam) replied.*

*I asked, ‘Then whom?’ ‘Your mother,’ he (sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam) replied. I asked, ‘Then whom?’ ‘Your mother,’ he (sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam) replied.*

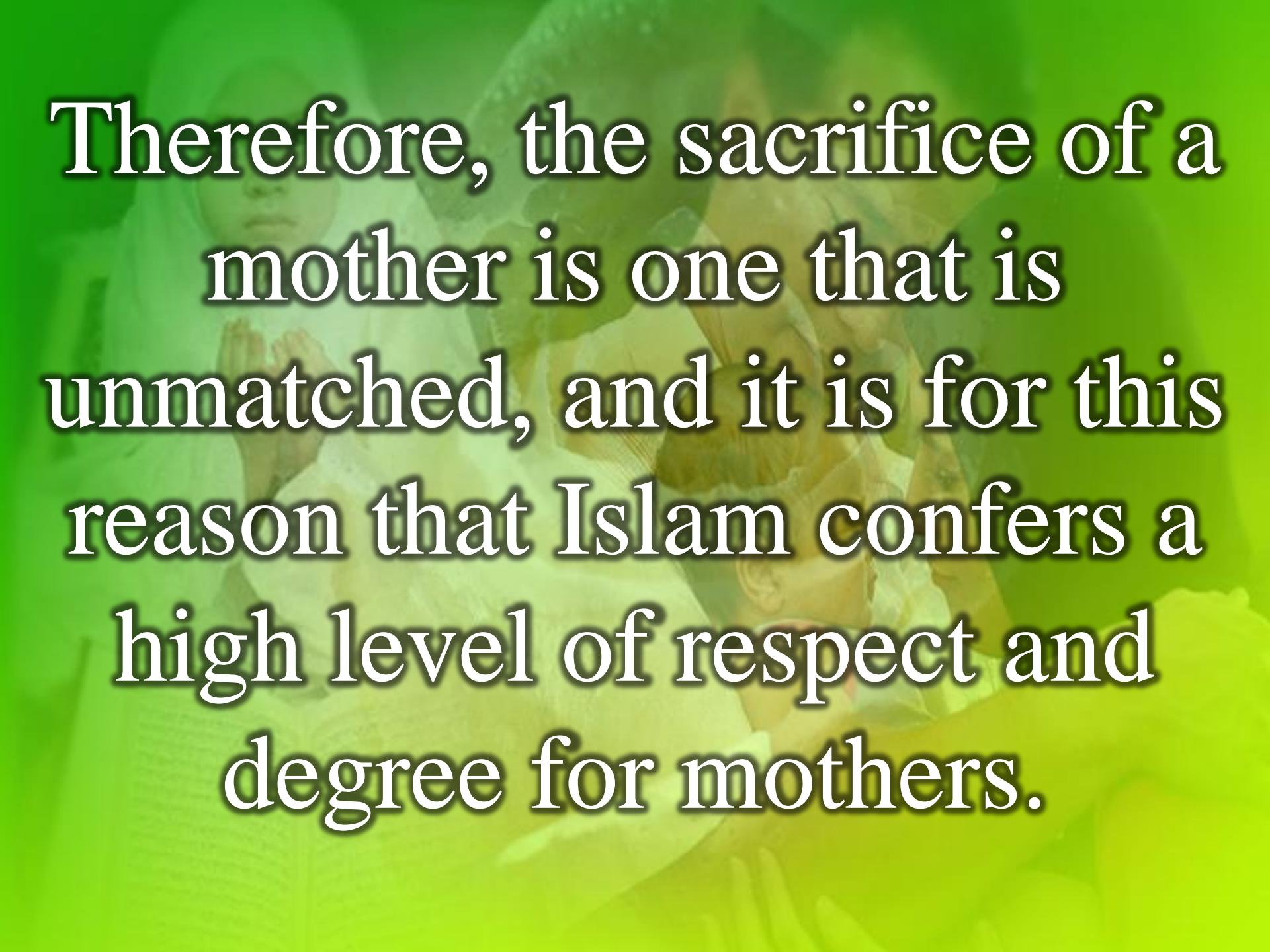
*I asked, ‘Then to whom should I be dutiful?’ ‘Your father,’ he (sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam) replied, ‘and then the next closest relative and then the next.’”*

*(at-Tirmidhi: hasan)*

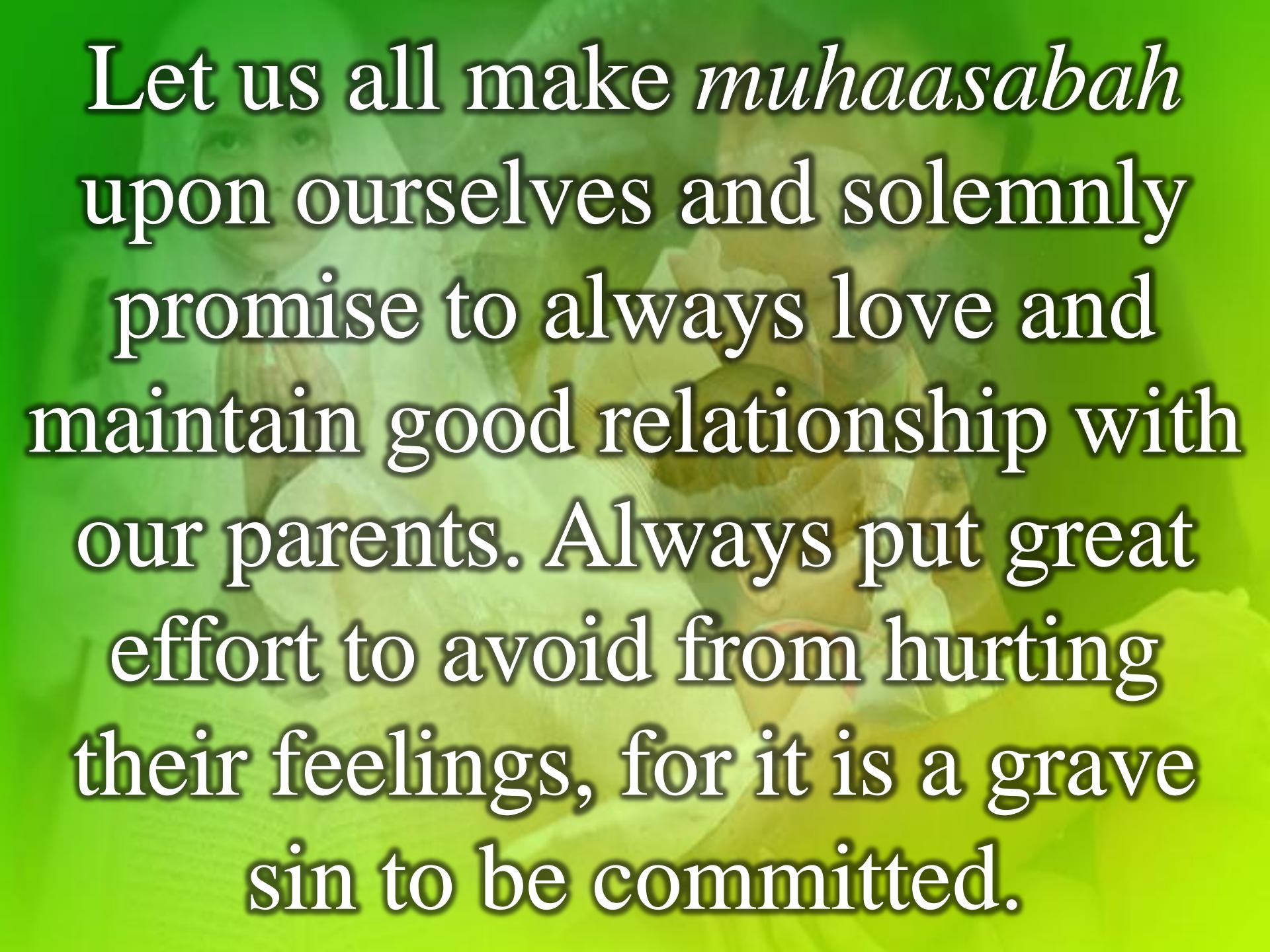
According to the explanation of the *hadeeth*, the repetition of “your mother” indicates the high status of the mother without discounting the important role of the father. The sacrifice of a mother is indeed greater,

A soft-focus photograph of a woman with long dark hair holding a baby. The woman is wearing a light-colored top and a necklace. The baby is wearing a light-colored onesie. They are both looking towards the camera. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color.

beginning from the pregnancy stage, to childbirth, and to the upbringing of the child, which demands tremendous level of *sabr* and perseverance.

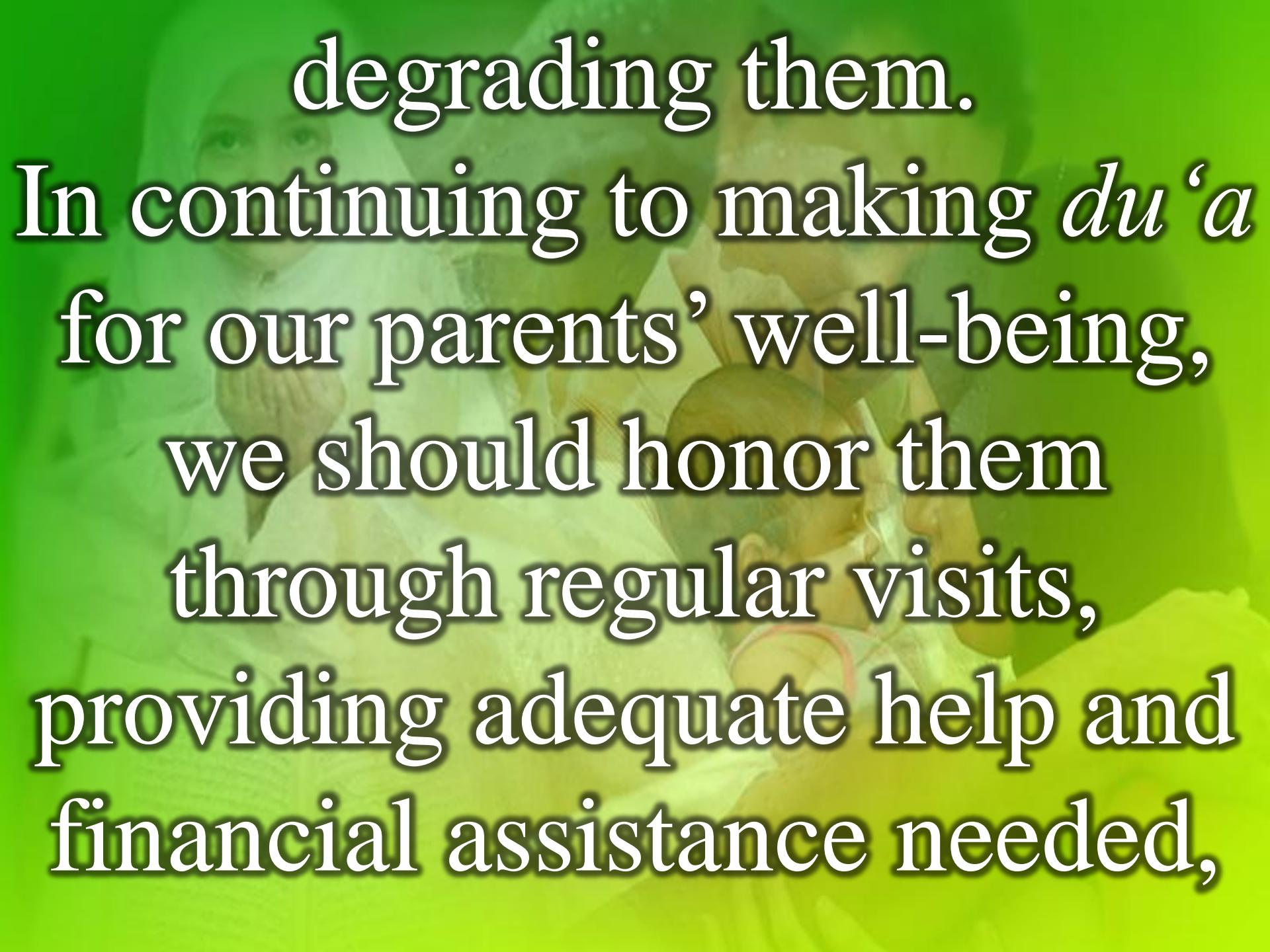
A soft-focus photograph of a woman with long dark hair, wearing a light-colored top, holding a small child in her arms. The child is wearing a patterned onesie. They are both looking upwards and slightly to the right. The background is a warm, golden-yellow color.

Therefore, the sacrifice of a mother is one that is unmatched, and it is for this reason that Islam confers a high level of respect and degree for mothers.



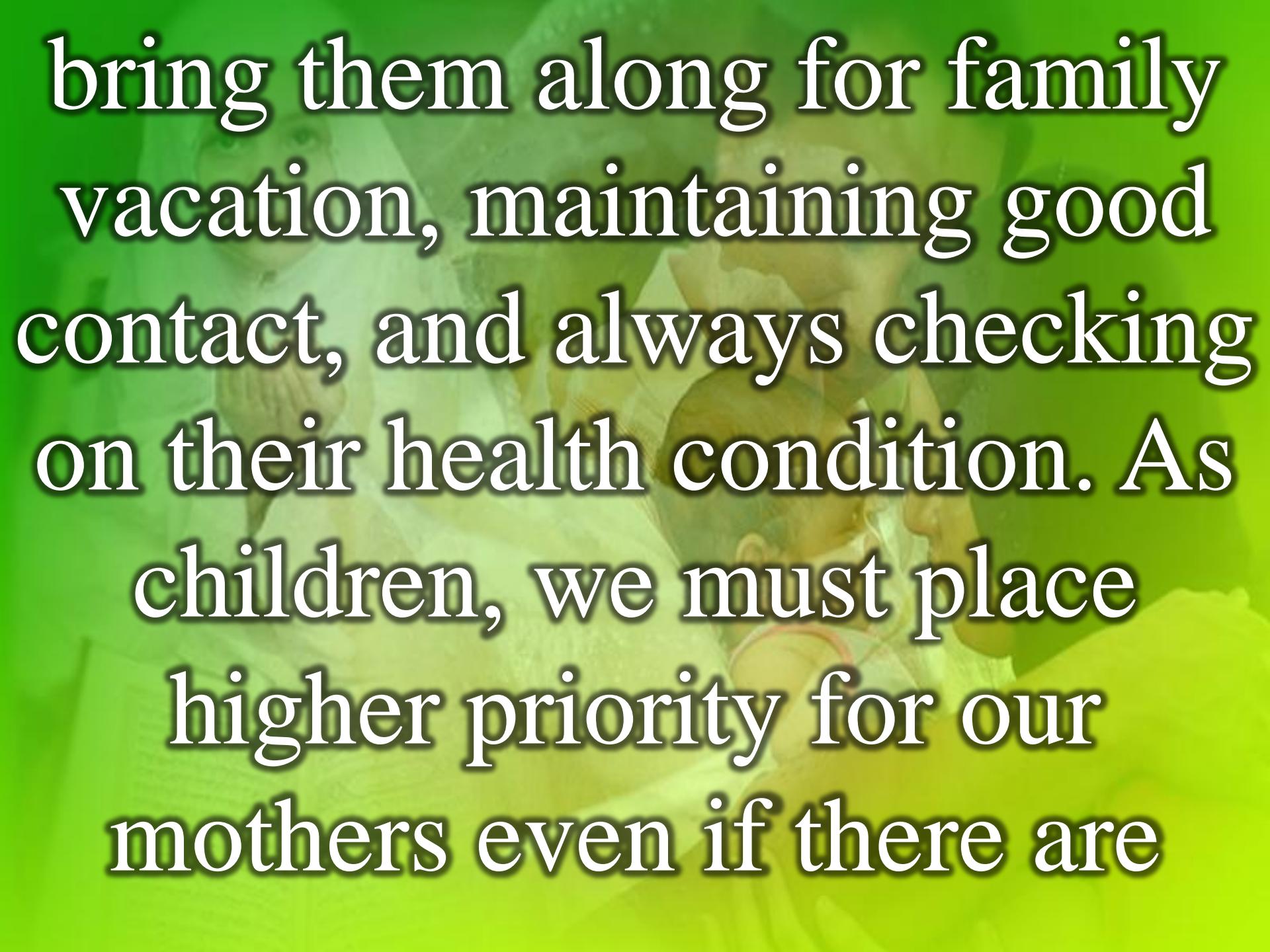
Let us all make *muhaasabah* upon ourselves and solemnly promise to always love and maintain good relationship with our parents. Always put great effort to avoid from hurting their feelings, for it is a grave sin to be committed.

Let us pledge to ourselves that we will become dutiful sons and daughters whom will not let them down in what they had hoped in us. And to always maintain the good name and reputation of our family, let alone humiliating or

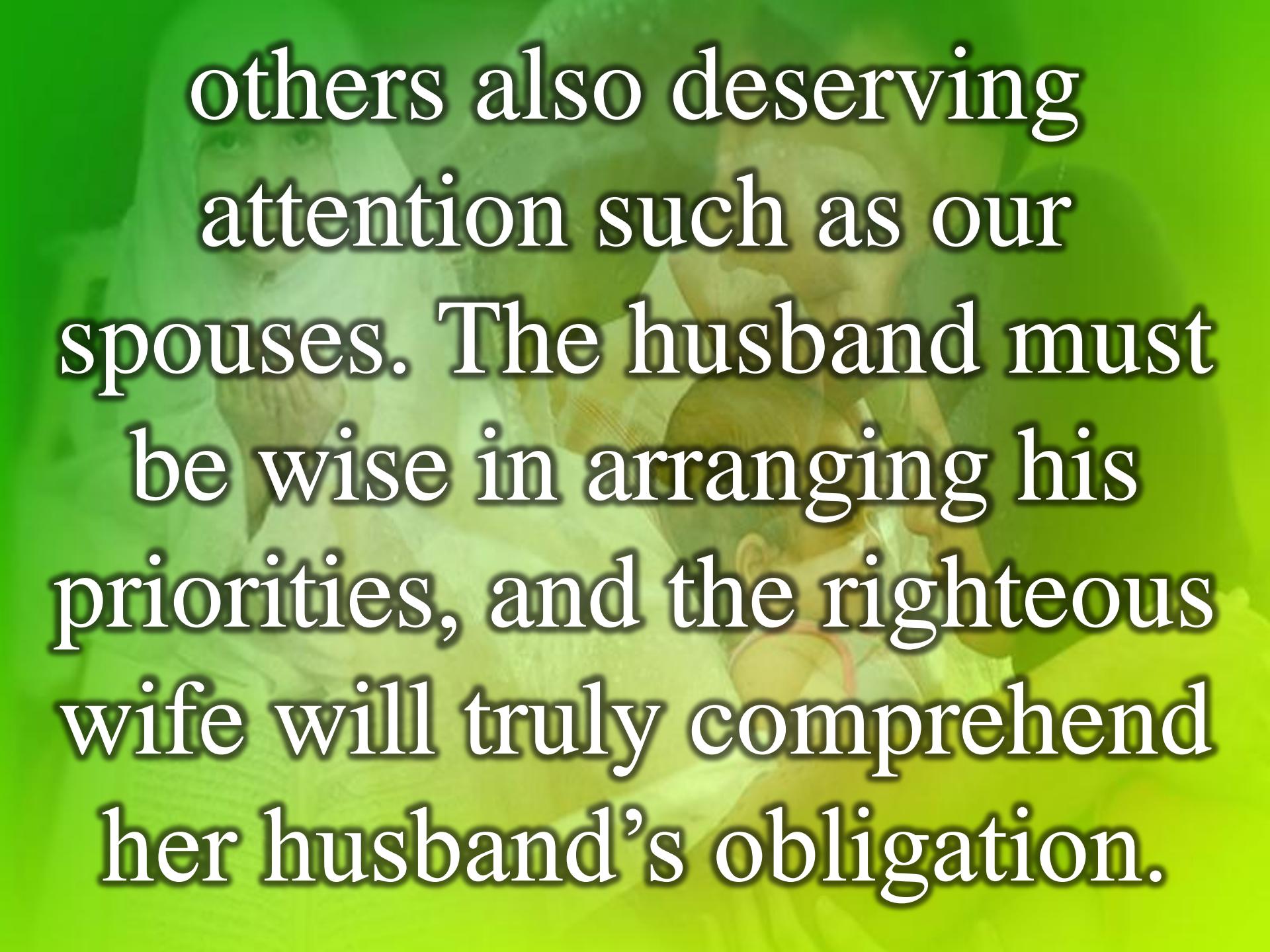


degrading them.

In continuing to making *du'a* for our parents' well-being, we should honor them through regular visits, providing adequate help and financial assistance needed,

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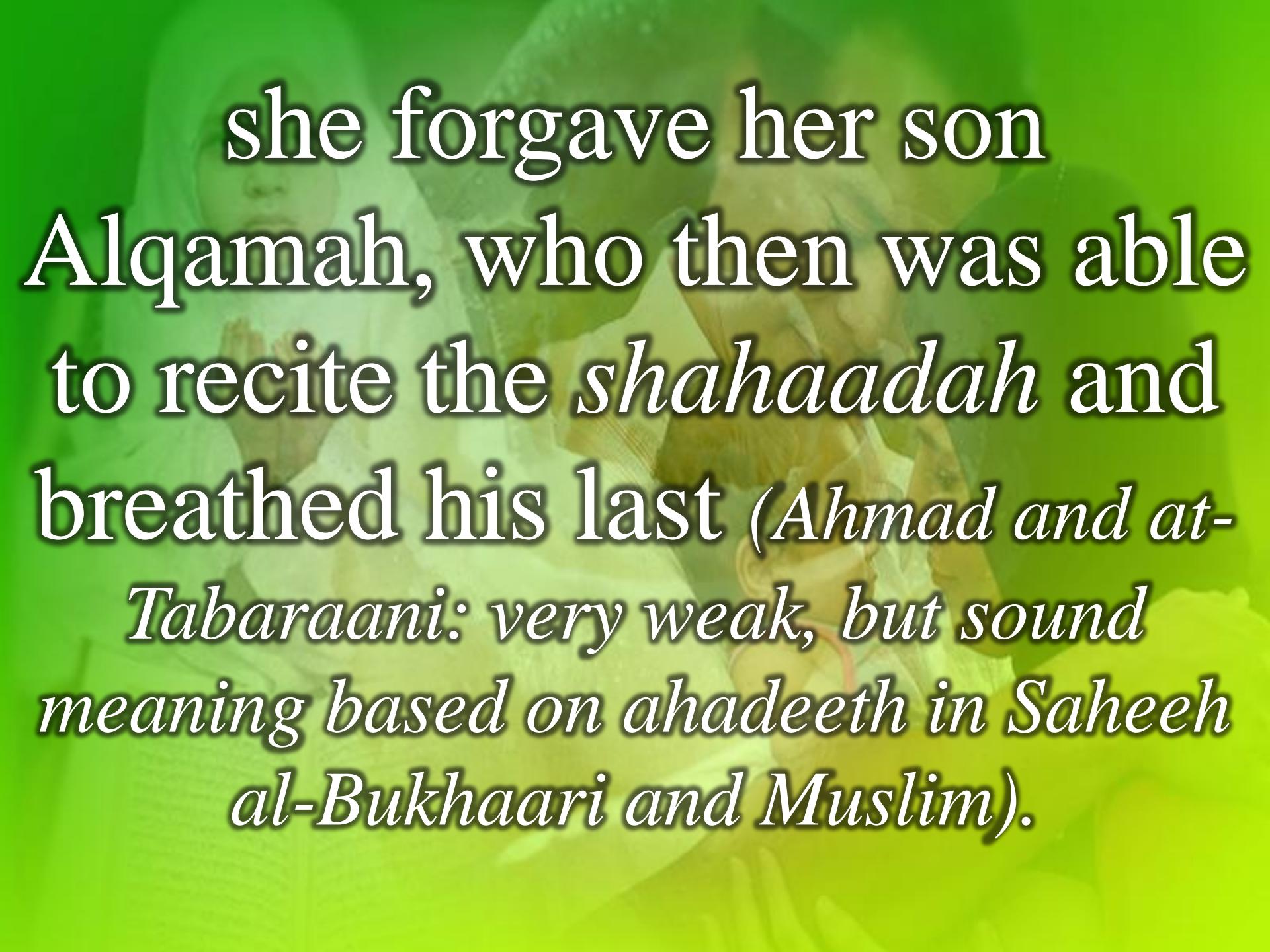
bring them along for family vacation, maintaining good contact, and always checking on their health condition. As children, we must place higher priority for our mothers even if there are



others also deserving attention such as our spouses. The husband must be wise in arranging his priorities, and the righteous wife will truly comprehend her husband's obligation.

From the *seerah* of Rasulullah *sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*, we are reminded of the story of a man named Alqamah whom cared for his wife more than his own mother.

Such was his situation on his deathbed, that the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* threatened to burn Alqamah in fire if his mother does not forgive her son. With the love and care of a mother,



she forgave her son

Alqamah, who then was able

to recite the *shahaadah* and

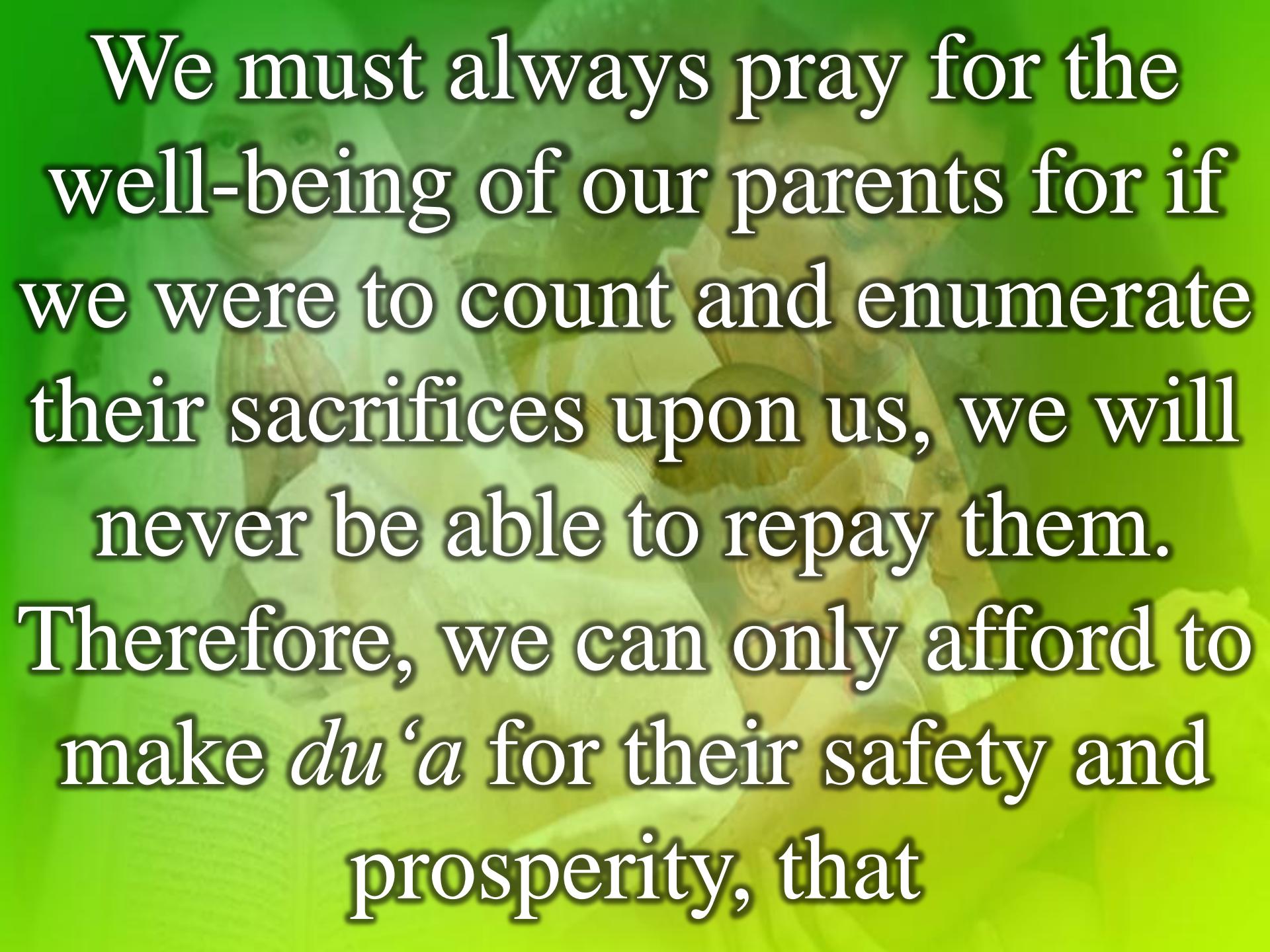
breathed his last (*Ahmad and at-*

*Tabaraani: very weak, but sound*

*meaning based on ahadeeth in Saheeh*

*al-Bukhaari and Muslim).*

Do we want such situation to befall us? This story should provide a lesson and reminder for us so that we will not be among those that betray and disobey the parents.



We must always pray for the well-being of our parents for if we were to count and enumerate their sacrifices upon us, we will never be able to repay them. Therefore, we can only afford to make *du'a* for their safety and prosperity, that

*Allah Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala*  
will reward them for all their  
efforts and sacrifice in raising  
us. Indeed, we shall always pray  
to Allah so that we will be  
among those that are constantly  
making *tawbah* and blessed in  
this world and Hereafter.

*“And lower to them the wing of humility out of mercy and say, “My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small.””*

*(al-Israa’ 17:24)*

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي  
وَإِيَّاكُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَفَعَّلَ  
مِنِي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاوَتُهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ. أَقُولُ  
قَوْلِيْ هَذَا وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الْعَظِيْمَ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ  
الْمُسْلِمِيْنَ وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ  
الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ 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*



**DI SEDIAKAN OLEH :**  
**BAHAGIAN KHUTBAH,**  
**JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR**

**ILLUSTRASI OLEH :**  
**UNIT TEKNOLOGI MAKLUMAT,**  
**JABATAN AGAMA ISLAM SELANGOR**