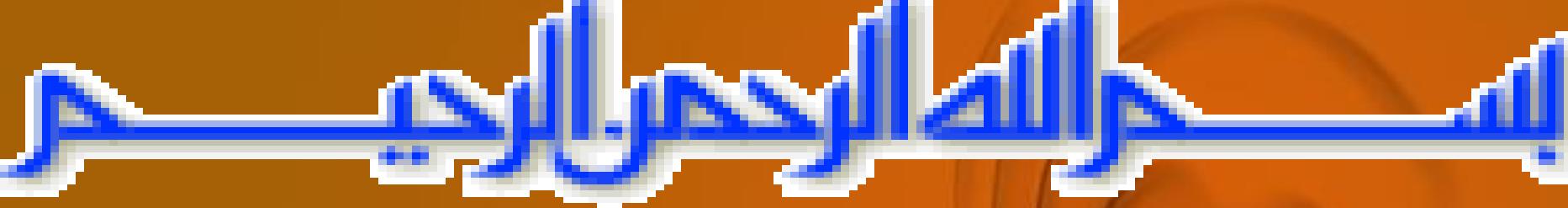




CELEBRATING
'EID ULFITR
WITH FULL
GRATITUDE



On this blessed day, let us strive
to increase our *taqwa* of Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala by
fulfilling all of His Commands
and abstaining from all of His
prohibitions.

And let us die not except in the
true state of Islam.

On this blessed day, let us
ponder upon the *khutbah* titled:
***“Celebrating ‘Eidulfitr With
Full Gratitude.”***

We are truly grateful to Allah
Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala for we
are still given the opportunity to
perform the ‘*ibaadah* of fasting
in *Ramadaan* this year. Whether
we realize it or not,

we are already in the final phase of *Ramadaan*, where there is a night in which ‘ibaadah during that night is better than a thousand month. Such is the much-anticipated night known as

Laylatul Qadr. Successful indeed are those that revive and enliven those nights with *salaah*, *adhkaar*, *tilaaawah* of al-Qur'an, making *du'a* to The Most Divine, and all forms of '*ibaadah*.

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

**“The Night of Decree is better
than a thousand months.”**

(al-Qadr 97:3)

Looking back at the practice of the Prophet *sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam* in the last ten nights of *Ramadaan*, he would seize the opportunity to increase his ‘ibaadah. It was narrated by Imam

al-Bukhaari and Imam Muslim,
on the authority of *Umm al-*
Mu'mineen ‘A’ishah
radiyAllaahu ‘anha where she
mentioned about the *akhlaaq* of
the *Nabi sallAllaahu ‘alayhi*
wasallam

in the last ten nights of
Ramadaan. He *sallAllahu*
'alayhi wasallam would
increase his '*ibaadah*, engage in
i'tikaaf, reviving the nights, and
awaking his wives to also
engage in

‘ibaadah.

Insha Allah, in about six days, the Muslim *ummah* will embrace the arrival of the 1st of *Shawwal*. We will celebrate the glorious day of ‘*Eidulfitr* with cheerfulness,

gratitude, and penitence,
signifying the victory and
happiness after performing the
obligation of fasting throughout
the entire *Ramadaan al-*
Mubaarak. We sincerely pray to
Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala that we
are granted the opportunity to
celebrate ‘*Eidulfitr* with our
family, relatives, friends, and
the Muslim *ummah* worldwide.

We also pray to Allah
Subhaanahu Wata‘aala for our
fasting and all acts of ‘ibaadah
throughout the entire month of
Ramadaan to be accepted by
Him *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala*
and

greatly rewarded. *Hari Raya* or known as the Day of ‘Eid (الْعِيدُ) in Arabic originates from the word *al-‘Awd* (الْعَوْدُ) which means to return.

It is named as such because it returns, meaning repeated every year, or due to the joyfulness that will return with the coming of '*Eidulfitr*' every year.

The legislation to celebrate this victory is based upon the verse in al-Qur'an:

“... For you to complete the period and to

glorify Allah for that [to] which He has guided you; and perhaps you will be grateful.”

(al-Baqarah 2:185)

This verse means that after upholding the command of Allah by performing all forms of obedience and obligations, abstaining from the *haraam*, observing the limits of the religion,

complete observation of the fasting whereby the sick and the weak are obligated to make up for the missed days. Then, we

are to glorify Allah after completing the ‘ibaadah of fasting,

so that we will be among the grateful ones. Ibn Katheer *rahimahullah* explained in his *tafseer* that some scholars have used this verse as *daleel* (proof) for the legislation of *takbeer* and *tahmeed* before

salaatul ‘Eidulfitr.

In our eagerness and joyfulness while waiting for the arrival of the 1st of *Shawwal*, Islam has reminded us of several noble acts that are greatly

emphasized. This is because the blessings in our ‘*Eid* celebration truly depends in our precision in conforming to the requirements of the *Shara*’.

From among the acts and practice that are recommended in celebrating ‘Eidulfitr are:

1- Fulfilling the obligation of *zakaat al-fitri*.

Zakaat al-fitr is *waajib* upon every Muslim. It must be fulfilled before *salaatul ‘Eid*. It is intended to purify our soul and all of our actions throughout *Ramadaan* that are full off deficiencies and

shortcomings. Hence, it is sincerely hoped that the fulfillment of *zakaat al-fitr* will make up for those deficiencies. From the *hadeeth* of ‘Abdullah ibn ‘Umar *radiyAllaahu*

‘an huma:

The Messenger of Allah
(sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam)
prescribed zakaat al-fitr of
Ramadaan one sa‘ of

**dates or one *sa'* of barley for
every individual among the
Muslims (whether) free man
or slave, male or female,
young or old.**

(Abu Dawood and Muslim)

2- Planning ahead for necessities of '*Eidulfitr*' celebration.

It has become the traditions for us Malaysians with the coming of '*Eidulfitr*' to prepare and spend for our

own personal need, for our families, purchasing ‘Eid pastries and delights, decorating their homes, and many more. However, in the excitement of our spending frenzy,

sometimes we terribly succumb to our own desires that we actually end up spending more than we really need. It should be reminded that overspending or wastefulness is a great

enemy of our Islamic teachings. Furthermore, Islam deemed those that are wasteful as brethren of *Shayaateen*.

3- Congratulating other Muslims.

The Muslim *ummah* is encouraged to congratulate other Muslims on ‘*Eid* as symbol of victory. Islam teaches us to utter to other

Muslims, “*TaqabbalAllahu minna wa minkum*,” which means, “*May Allah accept our deeds and yours.*” Al-Haafidh ibn Hajar al-‘Asqalaani *rahimahullah* mentioned in his work

Fath al-Baari that the Companions *radiyAllaahu 'anhum ajma 'een* would offer those words to each other whenever they met on the day of '*Eid*.

4- Greeting, shaking hands, and pardoning each other.

In celebrating '*Eidulfitr*', the Muslims are encouraged to embrace one another and shake each others' hands. In a *hadeeth*,

Rasulullah

sallAllahu ‘alayhi wasallam
said:

**“There are no two Muslims
who meet and shake hands
with one another, but they will
be forgiven before they part.”**

(Abu Dawood: *saheeh*)

It is also the same in forgiving each other for the previous mistakes and errors committed.

This noble act is in harmony with the *du‘a* that was taught to us by Rasulullah *sallAllahu ‘alayhi*

wasallam to be uttered in
Ramadaan:

*“O Allah indeed You are the
Pardoner, You love to pardon,
so pardon me...”*

We ask Allah to pardon us,
pardon our parents, all
Muslims, *Mu'mineen* and
Mu'minaat...

5- Visiting each other in strengthening *silaaturrahm*.

With the coming of this honorable day that is full of blessings, let us plan ahead to engross ourselves in this noble deed,

visiting and pardoning each other. This deed is in tune with the teachings of Islam. Indeed, this noble deed will strengthen the *silaaturrahm* and increase the *ukhuwwah*.

Visiting and stopping by the homes of relatives and colleagues are highly encouraged in Islam. In the *hadeeth* of Anas bin Maalik *radiyAllaahu ‘anh*, he said:

I heard Allah's Apostle
(*sallAllahu 'alayhi wasallam*)
saying, “Whoever desires an
expansion in his sustenance
and age, should keep good
relations with his kith and
kin.”

(al-Bukhaari)

Some may opt to visit the graves of their deceased parents and relatives as a beneficial reminder for the living, and making *du'a* for the deceased hoping that their soul will always be

showered with the mercy of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wata‘aala.*
We must remember that the
main objective of madrasah
Ramadaan is to produce slaves
of Allah that are truly

muttaqoon. We have proven our *taqwa* by always remembering Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala* and resisting our own desires during the entire month of *Ramadaan.*

Hence, we must also prove our *taqwa* while celebrating ‘Eidulfitr. Allah Subhaanahu Wata‘aala has determined ‘Eidulfitr as a day of victory and happiness for those having *imaan* and *taqwa*.

In our great enthusiasm to celebrate the upcoming ‘*Eidulfitr*’, let us not mix along with it forbidden and *haraam* acts in Islam. ‘*Eidulfitr*’ cannot be likened to other festivals, for it is a

gift from Allah to His slaves
that were devoted in ‘ibaadah
and fighting off their desires for
the entire *Ramadaan*.

In conclusion, what is expected from the upcoming ‘Eid celebration is not just mere fun and happiness. Even more important is for us to attain the *barakah* and pleasure of Allah

Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala. Let us plan thoroughly so that our ‘Eidulfitr celebration for this year will be one that is blessed by Allah *Subhaanahu Wata ‘aala.*

In addition, let us not neglect
and disregard the remaining
nights of *Ramadaan*. Let us
hasten to seize the great rewards
that are in abundance provided
to us by Allah *Subhaanahu
Wata ‘aala.*

“And [by] the soul and He
who proportioned it. And
inspired it [with discernment
of] its wickedness and its
righteousness.

**He has succeeded who
purifies it. And he has
failed who instills it [with
corruption].”**
(ash-Shams 91:7-10)

بَارَكَ اللَّهُ لِيْ وَلَكُمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيْمِ وَنَفَعَنِي
وَأَيَّاً كُمْ بِمَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْحَكِيمِ وَتَقَبَّلَ
مِنِّي وَمِنْكُمْ تِلَاقُتُهُ 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. *Allaahummaa
ameen***



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