بِسْم اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيم

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِيْنُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللهِ مِنْ شُرُوْرِ أَنْفُسِنَا سَيِّئَات أَعْمَالنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللهُ فَلاَ مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضْلِلُهُ فَلاَ هَادِيَ لَهُ. وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيْكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ

As we struggle with the situation of COVID-19, lot of emotions are going through our head. Will I get infected? Will one of my family member get infected? Will something serious happen to us, God forbid? Will I lose my job? Will the my business revenue go down? What does the Messenger of Allah (SWT) commanded us to do in this situation? According to a hadith

Narrated `Aisha: (the wife of the Prophet) that she asked Allah's Apostle about the plague and Allah's Apostle informed her saying, Plague was a punishment which Allah used to send on whom He wished, but Allah made it a blessing for the believers. None (among the believers) remains patient in a land in which plague has broken out and considers that nothing will befall him except what Allah has ordained for him, but that Allah will grant him a reward similar to that of a martyr. [SAHIH BUKHARI].

The messenger of Allah commanded us to be patient in these times. Remember that everything happens by the will of Allah (SWT). And we should put our trust (tawakkul) in HIM. And try to be patient. And use this extra time we got, assuming many of us are working from home, in a productive manner. So, what are some beneficial things we can do?

1. Try to get closer to Allah SWT – Improve your relationship with Allah by improving the Quality of your salaah. And increasing the amount of prayers we do including the Sunnah and Nafl.

- 2. Try to interact with the Quran more Increase your recitation of the Quran, especially in the morning. And increase your interaction with the Quran by reading its translation.
- **3.** Spend more time with family Utilize this extra time with family. Improve your bonds, mend your relationships.
- **4.** Find out how you can help, whether by donations, helping older neighbors, sponsoring medical suppliers, or whatever deems fit.

Key is to be patient in these times, and utilize the extra time wisely to improve our relationship with Allah.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِيَ وَلَكُمْ ولِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينِ ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ، إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

Sit Down

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ، والْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، والصَّلَاةُ والسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وسَلَمَ.

Its Allah who can afflict us with a disease and its Him who can protect us. InshaAllah lets be patient in these testing times and use the extra time wise.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، ﴿ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وِالْإِحْسَانِ وِإِيْتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَى وِيَنْهَى عَنِ الفَحْشَاءِ وِالْمُنْكَرِ وِالْبَغِي ، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴾. أَذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرُكُمْ واشْكُرُوهُ يَزِدْكُمْ واسْتَغْفِرُوهُ يَغْفِرْ لكُمْ واتَقُوهُ يَجْعَلْ لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَحْرَجًا. وَأَقِمَ الصَّلَاةَ

Stand for prayer