

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا  
سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا، مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلَّهُ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ.  
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ  
وَرَسُولُهُ.

The Arabs refers to the process of purifying gold from impurity as fitna. When a fitna or trial comes, it's a test for a community to find who is righteous and who is not. It also serves as a reminder for us to mend our ways.

For example, during the times of Moosa AS, Allah SWT gave Pharaoh and his people several opportunities to believe in Allah. Allah sent them tests that included famine, drought, the river Nile filled with frogs and blood. Each time a test came, Pharaoh and his people begged Moosa AS to invoke Allah to remove the affliction. Allah quotes this in the Quran,

*'O Moses! Invoke your Lord for us because of his promise to you. If you remove the punishment from us, we shall indeed believe in you, and let the Children of Israel go with you.'* But when (God) removed the punishment from them for a fixed term, which they had to reach, behold! They broke their word." (Quran 7:133-134)

And each time when Allah removed the trial, they went back to their ways of denying Allah and becoming arrogant. This ultimately resulting in the destruction of Pharaoh and his people by drowning.



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This fitna of COVID-19 virus is a test for us. An opportunity to repent for our sins, and get back to Allah SWT. This indeed is a blessing if we take advantage from it. InshaAllah lets take this opportunity to introspect our lives and identify areas where:

1. We need to repent sincerely and not repeat the sins again. It's easy to get into the binge watching of Netflix, or binge video gaming or whatever keeps us away from Allah SWT
2. Increase the remembrance of Allah SWT to get more closer to him, by acts of worshipping him as well as serving his creating

May Allah protect us. And make us among the people who are successful in this test. Ameen.

أَقُولُ قَوْلِي هَذَا، وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلِكُمْ وَلِسَائِرِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ، فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ،  
إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.

**Sit Down**

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ، صَلَّى اللَّهُ  
عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ.



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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 وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ  
عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ ، يَعِظُكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ ﴾ . اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ  
الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوهُ يُزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرْ لَهُ يُغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُوهُ يُجْعَلْ  
لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَخْرَجًا . وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

**Stand for prayer**



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