

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، أَكْرَمَنَا بِبِعْتِهِ سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ، وَغَرَسَ مَحَبَّتَهُ فِي قُلُوبِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، حُبَّ إِلَيْهِ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ أَفْضَلُهَا، وَمِنَ الْأَخْلَاقِ أَكْرَمُهَا، وَمِنَ الْأُمُورِ أَرْفَعُهَا، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. He honoured us by sending from amongst us the Master of the Messengers and placed his love deep in the hearts of the believers. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master and Prophet Muhammad is the Servant of Allah and His Messenger. He ﷺ loved from the deeds the best, from the manners the most honourable and from the matters the noblest. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

قَالَ إِنِّي عَبْدُ اللَّهِ آتَانِيَ الْكِتَابَ وَجَعَلَنِي نَبِيًّا وَجَعَلَنِي مُبَارَكًا أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُ وَأَوْصَانِي بِالصَّلَاةِ وَالزَّكَاةِ مَا
دُمْتُ حَيًّا وَبَرًّا بِوَالِدَتِي وَلَمْ يَجْعَلْنِي جَبَّارًا شَقِيًّا وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيَّ يَوْمَ وُلِدْتُ وَيَوْمَ أَمُوتُ وَيَوْمَ أُبْعَثُ حَيًّا ذَلِكَ
عِيسَى ابْنُ مَرْيَمَ قَوْلَ الْحَقِّ الَّذِي فِيهِ يَمْتَرُونَ مَا كَانَ لِلَّهِ أَنْ يَتَّخِذَ مِنْ وَلَدٍ سُبْحَانَهُ إِذَا قَضَىٰ أَمْرًا فَإِنَّمَا
كُنْ فَيَكُونُ - (19:30-35) يَقُولُ لَهُ

“Jesus said, "Indeed, I am the servant of Allah. He has given me the Scripture and made me a Prophet. And He has made me blessed wherever I am and has enjoined upon me Prayer and Zakah as long as I remain alive. And [made me] dutiful to my mother, and He has not made me a wretched tyrant. And peace is on me the day I was born and the day I will die and the day I am raised alive. "That is Jesus, the son of Mary - the word of truth about which they are in dispute. It is not [befitting] for Allah to take a son; exalted is He! When He decrees an affair, He only says to it, "Be," and it is.

“Every people has its festival” (22:67)

“For every nation there is a direction to which they face” (2:148)

The Prophet ﷺ set the highest standard as the best role model for all mankind in his virtues and characteristics. In following his example, lies the secret of Allah's love, mercy & forgiveness. "If you should love Allah, then follow me, [so] Allah will love you and forgive you your sins." (3:31)

Following the Sunnah of the Prophet ﷺ in deeds, speech and manners demonstrates true love & reflects one's true faith. "There has certainly been for you in the Messenger of Allah an excellent pattern for anyone whose hope is in Allah and the Last Day and [who] remembers Allah often." (33:21) So if we truly love the Prophet ﷺ then we will copy and repeat those actions that were most beloved to him.

1. "And my comfort has been provided in prayer." وَجُعِلَتْ قُرَّةُ عَيْنِي فِي الصَّلَاةِ

He found peace and solace in Salah, if anything troubled him, he would speak to His Lord in his prayer. He diligently performed the obligatory prayers, Rawaatib and Nawaafil. Fajr لَهُمَا أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا جَمِيعًا , Zhur إِنَّهَا سَاعَةٌ تُفْتَحُ فِيهَا أَبْوَابُ السَّمَاءِ، وَأَحِبُّ أَنْ يَصْعَدَ لِي فِيهَا عَمَلٌ صَالِحٌ , Asr, Maghrib, Isha, Tahajjud, Ishraq... each pocket of Salah had hidden treasures.

2. He loved fasting every Monday, Thursday & 13/14/15th of each month

وَأَحِبُّ أَنْ يُعْرَضَ عَمَلِي وَأَنَا صَائِمٌ

3. Abundant recitation & contemplation of the Qur'an

He loved reciting Surah Al-Fath - **إِنَّا فَتَحْنَا لَكَ فَتْحًا مُبِينًا**, saying “it is dearer to me than that on which the sun rises” as is gave glad tidings for him of forgiveness and attainment of pleasure and paradise for the believers. HE would recite Surah Mulk each night, Waqiah in the morning & Ya-Seen, & Surah Kahf each Friday. He would love listening to the Quran. To Abdullah ibn Masood **اقْرَأْ عَلَيَّ, فَإِنِّي أَحِبُّ أَنْ أَسْمَعَهُ مِنْ غَيْرِي** - recite for I love hearing it from someone else, “so how [will it be] when We bring from every nation a witness and we bring you, against these [people] as a witness?” (4:41) at which the Prophet ﷺ eyes would overflow with tears. Dhikr/Listening to the Holy Qur'an is a great act of worship that moves the heart/soul and enables one to connect with Allah ﷻ via contemplation & meaning.

4. “The most beloved to me amongst you is the one who has the best character and manners.”

“To take a step towards fulfilling the need of a brother is dearer to me than performing Itikaf in this mosque for one month.”

5. Truthfulness in Speech

He was **Forever Truthful**, **الصادق** (33:24) **لِيَجْزِيَ اللَّهُ الصَّادِقِينَ بِصِدْقِهِمْ - أَحَبُّ الْحَدِيثِ إِلَيَّ أَصْدَقُهُ**