

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، حَثَّنَا عَلَى حُسْنِ التَّوَاصُلِ، وَرَغَبْنَا فِي جَمِيلِ التَّعَامُلِ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، أَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ الْكِتَابَ وَالْحِكْمَةَ، وَأَرْسَلَهُ لِلْعَالَمِينَ رَحْمَةً؛
فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ
الطَّاهِرِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, who urged us to communicate with others in goodness and encouraged us to treat them in kindness. I bear witness that there is no deity save Allah, having no associates. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the servant of Allah and His Messenger. He revealed the book to him, blessed him with wisdom and raised him as a mercy to the whole world. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure family, companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

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- Allah ﷻ created mankind from one soul and made from it peoples that they may cooperate with and support one another as well as get to know one another

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ إِنَّا خَلَقْنَاكُمْ مِنْ ذَكَرٍ وَأُنْثَىٰ وَجَعَلْنَاكُمْ شُعُوبًا وَقَبَائِلَ لِتَعَارَفُوا إِنَّ أَكْرَمَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ أَتَقَاكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَلِيمٌ خَبِيرٌ

“O mankind, indeed We have created you from male and female and made you peoples and tribes that you may know one another. Indeed, the most noble of you in the sight of Allah is the most righteous of you. Indeed, Allah is Knowing and Acquainted.” (49:13)

- Our religion has always called for building fruitful relationships amongst people based on kindness, good deeds and words.

ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ فَإِذَا الَّذِي بَيْنَكَ وَبَيْنَهُ عَدَاوَةٌ كَأَنَّهُ وَلِيٌّ حَمِيمٌ * وَمَا يُلَقَّاها إِلَّا الَّذِينَ صَبَرُوا وَمَا يُلَقَّاها إِلَّا ذُو حَظٍّ عَظِيمٍ

“repel [evil] by that [deed] which is better; and thereupon the one whom between you and him is enmity [will become] as though he was a devoted friend. But none is granted it except those who are patient, and none is granted it except one having a great portion [of good].” (41:34-35)

وَقُولُوا لِلنَّاسِ حُسْنًا “and speak to people kindly.” (2:83)

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- Therefore Muslims must interact with all of mankind, different religions, ethnicities, languages, colours and countries. Treating communities and people in kindness , to establish tolerance, compassion, justice, loyalty and honesty as well as patience, forbearance, kindness, and giving for charity.

لَا يَنْهَاكُمُ اللَّهُ عَنِ الَّذِينَ لَمْ يُقَاتِلُوكُمْ فِي الدِّينِ وَلَمْ يُخْرِجُوكُمْ مِنْ دِيَارِكُمْ أَنْ تَبَرُّوهُمْ وَتُقْسِطُوا إِلَيْهِمْ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يُحِبُّ الْمُقْسِطِينَ

“Allah does not forbid you from those who do not fight you because of religion and do not expel you from your homes - from being righteous toward them and acting justly toward them. Indeed, Allah loves those who act justly.” (60:8)

- Yes we have different beliefs but for that we simply state **“for you is your religion, and for me is my religion.”** however we must still interact with one another.
- Only through peaceful coexistence will lives be protected, rights safeguarded, compassion and peace will prevail and everyone will enjoy peace of mind as well as a decent and stable life. It is also a means of combating extremism and its destructive consequences.

The Prophet ﷺ said . **And the believer is the one from whom the people's lives and wealth are safe.”**