

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَلَّمَ وَأَنْعَمَ، وَهَدَانَا بِالْقُرْآنِ لِلَّتِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا
إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
قَدِيرٌ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيَّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ
وَخَلِيلُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ
أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

Praise be to Allah, who taught us and bestowed upon us blessings, and guided us with the Quran to that which is most suitable. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship, except for Him alone without any partners or peers. To Him belongs the dominion of the heavens and the earth and whatever is within them. And He is over all things competent. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger, may the peace and the blessings of Allah be upon him, his companions and all those who will follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

- **HOMOSEXUALITY** – Sexual activity such as anal sex is not allowed for Muslims even after marriage, it can lead to higher incidences of STDs and is also displeasing to Allah. In the Quran, Allah shares a story of a people who did not follow His guidance. These people wanted to have relationships with their same gender and were also engaging in anal sex. **“What, do you approach men lustfully instead of women? No, you are a people that are ignorant.” (27:55)**
- Allah sent Prophet Lut to warn these people that these relationships were not pleasing to Allah because he wanted the best for His creation. These people did not listen to Prophet Lut and did not want to follow Allah’s guidance so they were punished for their disobedience with a shower of stones.
- We must stand firm in our religious and personal beliefs that this is wrong and not our way of life, or means to gratification.
- **PERSONAL SPACE AND PRIVATE PARTS** – Parents should talk to their children about personal safety & the difference between **‘GOOD TOUCH’** & **‘BAD TOUCH’** to protect them from paedophiles & teach them the importance of Mahram Rules & open spaces.

- **SAME-SEX FAMILIES** – Remind your children that Allah is the creator (al-Khaliq). Allah created men and women biologically for one another to live together as a family.
- If some non-Muslim families may have 2 moms or 2 dads, we should tolerate them and their choice of life, but remember this type of relationship is displeasing to Allah and not our way of life. In Islam only a man can marry a woman and only a woman can marry a man – we are not allowed to marry people of the same gender.
- **HOMOPHOBIC REMARKS** – It is important to advise your child not to engage in discussions with others regarding families with same-sex parents until they are old enough to understand all the complexities of this topic from a religious and social perspective.
- A parent can advise their child to say, *“You have your beliefs and I have mine. I do not want to discuss what happens in your private life because it is none of my business”*.

For you is your religion, and for me is my religion.” (109:6)

“This day I have perfected for you your religion and completed My favour upon you and have approved for you Islam as religion. (5:3)