

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، نَحْمَدُكَ يَا رَبَّنَا حَمْدَ الشَّاكِرِينَ عَلَى مَا وَهَبْتَنَا مِنْ
 نِعَمِكَ وَآلَائِكَ، وَأَكْرَمْتَنَا بِالذَّرِيَةِ وَالْبَنِينَ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا
 شَرِيكَ لَهُ،

وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولَهُ، وَصِفِيَّهُ وَخَلِيلَهُ، الْأُسْوَةَ الْحَسَنَةَ،
 وَالْقُدْوَةَ الْكَامِلَةَ، اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ
 أَجْمَعِينَ، وَمَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

All praise is to Allah with full gratitude for His blessings and bounties. We are thankful to you, O Allah for the gift of children. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah.

And I bear witness that our master Muhammad ,the servant and messenger of Allah is the noblest of all mankind, the perfect role model. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his family, his companions, and all those who follow them till the Day of Judgment.

- **Blessing – Gift – Trust of Allah ﷻ**
- **Ibrahim ﷺ Sara, Hajar, - Zakariyah ﷺ**

الْمَالُ وَالْبَنُونَ زِينَةُ الْحَيَاةِ الدُّنْيَا

"Wealth and children are the adornment of the life of this world."(15:46)

- **Beautiful – Meaningful – Enjoyable Life – Live Again – Genuine Happiness**
- **Aziz's Wife Adopts Yusuf ﷺ, Wife of Firawn Adopts Musa ﷺ**

“This child, hopefully will benefit us and we will adopt him as a son.”

جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ يَدْخُلُونَهَا وَمَنْ صَلَحَ مِنْ آبَائِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجِهِمْ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِمْ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ بَابٍ

“Gardens of perpetual residence; they will enter them with whoever were righteous among their fathers, their spouses and their descendants. And the angels will enter upon them from every gate” (13:23)

- **Reward – Blessing**

إِذَا مَاتَ الْإِنْسَانُ انْقَطَعَ عَنْهُ عَمَلُهُ إِلَّا مِنْ ثَلَاثَةٍ: إِلَّا مِنْ صَدَقَةٍ جَارِيَةٍ، أَوْ عِلْمٍ يُنْتَفَعُ بِهِ، أَوْ وَلَدٍ صَالِحٍ يَدْعُو لَهُ

“When a man dies, his good deeds come to an end except for three: an on-going charity, beneficial knowledge or a righteous child who will pray for him.” (Sahih Muslim) ([Opposite Applicable](#))

- **Responsibility – Strings Attached**

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا قُوا أَنْفُسَكُمْ وَأَهْلِيكُمْ نَارًا

“Oh you who believe, it is your responsibility to protect yourselves and your families from the punishment of Allah. (66:6)

أَلَا كُلُّكُمْ رَاعٍ وَكُلُّكُمْ مَسْئُولٌ عَنْ

“Every one of you is a shepherd and you are responsible for your flock.”(Sahih Muslim)

- **Advice 1:**
- **Role Models – Lie – Deceive – Impatient – Inconsiderate – Ideals**
- Forgiving, Loving, Honourable, Truthful, Paragon
- Character – Not Media/Blame Game – You/Mirror – Copy Paste
- Children Learn by Example – Cater for Spiritual and Physical Needs
- Instil Adherence Qur'an, Love of Prophet (Family/Companions), Righteousness, Forgiving, Moderate Islam – Denouncing Violence, Inequality, Sectarianism and Fanaticism

- **Advice 2:**
- **Salah – Higher Authority – Operate Circular Logic**

وَأْمُرْ أَهْلَكَ بِالصَّلَاةِ وَاصْطَبِرْ عَلَيْهَا

“And enjoin prayer upon your family [and people] and be steadfast therein.” (20:132)

يَا بُنَيَّ أَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ وَأْمُرْ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَانْهَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَاصْبِرْ عَلَىٰ مَا أَصَابَكَ

“O my son, establish prayer, enjoin what is right, forbid what is wrong, and be patient over what befalls you.” (31:17)

- **Advice 3:**
- **Sincere Dua – Protection – Health – Success – Righteousness**

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

“And those who say, "Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous.”(25:74)

- The Prophet ﷺ said that the Dua of the Parent for their child is never rejected.
- **Advice 4:**
- **Realisation – Context – Culture & Time – Paradigms – Changed**
- **Befriend, Play, Communicate, Update Your Lifestyle – Technologically Savvy / Illiterate – Uncultured**

- **Advice 5:**
- **Don't Infantilise Them – Post Puberty – Adult**
- **Responsibility, Money, Chores, Duties**

Don't ever tell them off by remarking
“You're just like your mother/father,”

- No one likes those that mock their parents.
- They will also hate the other parent because you (a parent) told them to.
- They will hate themselves because they now hate you
- They will feel worthless because they have come from a worthless source (culmination of the above).

Successful Parents:

“Gardens of perpetual residence; they will enter them with whoever were righteous among their fathers, their spouses and their descendants.”

Unsuccessful Parents:

“The worst loser is the one who's lost himself and his family on the day of judgement”