

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ بُكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا، جَعَلَ فِي الْهَجْرَةِ النَّبَوِيَّةِ دُرُوسًا وَعِبْرًا،  
وَفَوَائِدَ وَقِيَمًا، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ  
أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ  
عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ  
بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah eventide and in the morning. He made in the Prophet's migration lessons to be drawn, benefits and great values. 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. May the peace and blessings of Allah be upon him, his pure blessed family and companions, and all those who follow them in righteousness till the Day of Judgment.

وَرَبُّكَ يَخْلُقُ مَا يَشَاءُ وَيَخْتَارُ

**And your Lord creates and chooses whatever He wills.**

- Allah ﷻ affords special virtue & significance to some things over others. From all the worlds - the Earth, mankind - the Ambiya, from places - the Haramain, from twelve months

**Zul-Qa'dah, Zul-Hijjah, Muharram and Rajab**

- The significance of this month starts with the journey of the Prophet ﷺ and Islam from **Makkah to Madinah**, a new chapter, new city, new opportunity and beginning. This month is also where Allah ﷻ saved Musa ﷺ & his followers from Firawn.

**"We are more closely related to Musa than you" and directed the Muslims to fast on the day of Ashura" (Abu Dawood)**

- This is also when the grandson of The Prophet ﷺ, Sayyidna Hussain was martyred. Many Muslims are oblivious of the Hijri year & month, most of us are unaware of the names of the Arabic months & order.

إِنَّ عِدَّةَ الشُّهُورِ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ اثْنَا عَشَرَ شَهْرًا فِي كِتَابِ اللَّهِ يَوْمَ خَلَقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ مِنْهَا أَرْبَعَةٌ حُرْمٌ

- We must protect, and nurture our identity, our heritage, & future...

# As 1438 ends and 1439 begins we must cherish our achievements, learn from our mistakes and change our state of affairs

- **1. Unity** - Only unity and solidarity can bring about sustainable peace. Unity in beliefs; harmony in behaviour, and creative cooperation.

وَاعْتَصِمُوا بِحَبْلِ اللَّهِ جَمِيعًا وَلَا تَفَرَّقُوا وَاذْكُرُوا نِعْمَتَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُمْ

- **2. Embracing Diversity** – We must learn to manage differences and embrace diversity in religious and political ideology; co-existence between different communities and schools of thought.

ثُمَّ جَعَلْنَاكُمْ خَلَائِفَ فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ لِنَنْظُرَ كَيْفَ تَعْمَلُونَ

- **3. Eliminating Injustice** - Muslim governments & communities must address economic, political and social injustices and inequities that exist. Poverty, lack of job opportunities, corruption, nepotism, loss of dignity, liberty, justice and equality all contribute to violence.

وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ

- Injustices occur in this world but taking up arms for what is right, does not make right the wrongs committed. Without a conciliatory mind-set our world will forever remain full of pain and suffering, because as one enemy is defeated another will sprout back in its place.

- **4. Education** - Muslim leaders must invest resources and re-affirm their community's belief in education and its sacredness. The extremist narrative indoctrinating Muslims with hatred must cease.
- **5. Prayers, Hope & Yaqeen** - We must continue to pray, strive and work relentlessly to better and change ourselves and those around us towards a brighter, better, stable, peaceful and sustainable future.

وَالَّذِينَ جَاهَدُوا فِينَا لَنَهْدِيَنَّهُمْ سُبُلَنَا وَإِنَّ اللَّهَ لَمَعَ الْمُحْسِنِينَ

- We hope that in Hijri Year 14379 **dynamic and pragmatic** steps are taken to unite the Muslims, embrace diversity, eliminate injustice and reform religious education system. Despite the inclination to blame the 'other' for our challenges, we must bear in mind that **change** will need to come from within.
- We hope and pray that Hijri Year 1439 is a year where violence and abuse – on a individual or national, global level, or news of such tragedies, is not part of the daily life of a Muslim, where universal peace and humanitarianism is at the forefront of people's minds. We pray it is a year of peace and harmonious coexistence of humanity.

اللهم أهله علينا بالأمن والإيمان والسلامة والإسلام