

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ ذِي الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ، وَالطَّوْلِ وَالْإِنْعَامِ، حَسْنَا عَلَى
التَّعَاوُنِ وَجَعَلَهُ مِنَ الْأَخْلَاقِ الْعِظَامِ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، الْمَلِكُ الْبَرُّ السَّلَامُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَنَبِيَّنَا
مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدَ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولَهُ، فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا
وَنَبِيِّنَا مُحَمَّدٍ، وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ
بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

And hold firmly to the rope of Allah all together and do not become divided. (3:103)

For the past few weeks our screens have constantly flickered with the awful carnage, we sensed; fear, anger and pain at such a huge loss.

This was an attack not just against Muslims but against humanity.

The sinister motives of the terrorist; publicity for his evil ideology, create a clash in the country; between groups, religions, cultures and governments. We must though show solidarity and remain steadfast.

"Indeed we belong to Allah, and indeed to Him we will return."

- 1. Remain Calm And Patient – “Believers, find strength through patience and prayer, Allah is with those who are patient” (2:153)**
- 2. Overcome The Anger Of Humiliation And Sense Of Insecurity**
- 3. Overcome The Pain By Remaining United – live in peace, prosper economically, create safe neighbourhoods and free yourself from hatred, malice and discrimination of others.**
- 4. Visit Our Masajid More Often – “The most beloved of places to Allah are the Maasjids, and the most disliked places to Allah are the markets.” (Sahih Muslim) Make sincere and practical efforts to visit it frequently, and assist in maintaining it.**

5. Understand The Hikmah – The Prophet ﷺ said, “This matter will certainly reach every place touched by the night and day. Allah will not leave a house except that He will cause this religion to enter it, by which the honourable will be honoured and the disgraceful will be disgraced. Allah will honour the honourable with Islam and he will disgrace the disgraceful with disbelief.”

“Do not feel defeated and do not grieve, in reality you are elevated and dignified, so long as you keep the faith and you remain firm believers.” 3:139

6. Don't Lose Your Faith Or Give in To Fear – In the Battle of the Trench there was only just a trench between the believers and total annihilation, but yet they never lost their faith. And Allah ﷻ rewarded their faith by coming to their aid and their rescue, and providing His aid and victory through a miraculous means.

7. Remember The Day Of Qiyamah – New Zealand's victims were martyred in the Masjid, the most beloved place to Allah, on a Friday, the most beloved day to Allah, during the Salah beloved to Allah. Every Jumu'ah is a practice for that **Great day of Gathering** before Him.

8. Islamophobia is Not New – Quraish, Tribes, Taif... Our challenges will not stop today, our struggles will continue until we return.

9. They Are Not All The Same – Just like not all Muslims are terrorist, not all non-Muslims are terrorists. Everyone has humanity embedded within them, we need to bring the best out of everyone.

10. Now is The Time To Reach Out – We should utilise this challenge as an opportunity to give Da'wah to non-Muslims. Many are now sympathising with Muslims, others want to know more about Islam

Why we gather for sermons and Allah's worship on Fridays

Why we are calling those killed 'martyrs' and why we strengthen one another as to their going to a 'better destination' despite the grave worldly losses.

Now is the opportune time to address this curiosity.

We ask Allah to forgive us and those who preceded us in faith and to shower his mercy and forgiveness on the victims of this horrific atrocity and all of those killed unjustly around the world. Ameen.