

With Allah's Name, Merciful Benefactor, Merciful Redeemer

As Salaam Alaikum (May Allah's Peace be upon you).

“By no means shall ye attain righteousness unless ye give freely of that which ye love; and whatever ye give, of a truth, Allah has full knowledge.” Qur'an: Sura 3, Ayat 92.

May the Peace that we can only receive from G-d be on us. The blessed days of Eid are a special time for Muslims the world over as millions convene in the Sacred Precincts of Mecca for the largest gathering of mankind in the world. It is in the Sacred Precincts that our Prophet Abraham (peace be upon him) and his son built the First House of Worship for the Lord of the Worlds.

Our father Abraham, Leader of Nations including the Muslim, Christian and Jewish communities, showed us the highest level of obedience and faith in our Creator; now millions will follow in the footsteps of the Final Prophet, Muhammed (peace be upon him) who purified the First House of Worship, performed the Sacred Rites demonstrating man's equality with man before G-d and in society, all while raising high in honor the legacy of Prophet Abraham and his family as devout servants to Creator.

Spread the blessings of Eidul-Adha with the world and reach out to and feed the hungry and the dispossessed. Let us keep in du'a our brothers and sisters in Myanmar and the dispossessed the world over. Let us who are on Hajj, return home to our cities, villages and towns to live out the Hajj's true meaning everyday of obedience to G-d, love for our fellow man and service to society.

We are in the midst of our National Radio-Telethon that enables us to serve communities nationwide; at its conclusion, we will be making our own organizational contribution to the Houston, Texas relief effort, and we thank you for supporting the Telethon. We encourage you also to give generously to relief efforts. For the communities suffering now from the devastation of Hurricane Harvey, may Allah grant you faith and perseverance; no matter the darkness of night, keep faith and the sun shall rise on a new day, a better day. We wish our Hajjis a safe journey home. We wish for our entire Ummah a Blessed & Joyous Eid Celebration.

As-Salaamu-Alaikum.

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