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Virtues of Praying for Allah's Blessings and Peace upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH)

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, **“Allah and His angels bless the Prophet- so, you who believe, bless him too and give him greetings of peace.”** I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and that Muhammad is His Servant and Messenger. May Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon him, his Household, Companions and upon those who follow their path to the Day of Judgment

Asking Allah for His Peace and Blessings upon the Prophet (PBUH) is a great source and a treasure of good deeds and a form of worshiping Allah. The virtues of asking Allah for His Peace and Blessings upon the Prophet are countless, as no one realizes its benefits and its abundant blessings except the people who experienced it. The one who experienced these blessings will realize them, adhere to it, and then will reach a special state of tranquility, self composure, peacefulness of the heart, and then will taste the sweetness of faith. In this connection, the Prophet (PBUH) **“He who is well-pleased with Allah as Lord, with Islam as religion, and with Muhammad as messenger will experience the savor of faith.”**

The Almighty Allah ordered us to send prayers of blessing upon the best of His Creations, Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) saying, **“Allah and His angels bless the Prophet- so, you who believe, bless him too and give him greetings of peace.”** This Prayer from Allah means praising, and from the angels, it means seeking forgiveness, and from believers, it means supplication.

Among the virtues of praying for Allah’s Blessings upon our Prophet (PBUH) is to obtain the Mercy of Allah and His abundant Favor, because the Blessings of Allah means mercy. In this regard, Allah’s Messenger (PBUH) said, “Whoever prays for Allah’s blessings upon me once, will be blessed for it by Allah ten times.”

Also, praying for Allah’s Blessings upon Prophet Muhammad results in reliving a Muslim of his troubles and worries, and leads to the forgiveness of his sins. Ubayy Ibn Ka‘b reported that he said, “O Messenger of Allah, I frequently invoke blessings on you, and I ask how much of my prayer I should devote to you? The Prophet (PBUH) replied: ‘You may devote as much as you wish.’ Ubayy said, “A quarter?” He (PBUH) said, “Whatever you wish, but if you increase it that will be better for you.” Ubayy then asked, “Then a half of it?” The Prophet (PBUH) replied, “Whatever you wish, and if you increase it that will be better for you.” Ubayy then asked again, “Two-thirds?” and The Prophet (PBUH) replied, “Whatever you wish, but if you increase it that will be better for

you.” Ubayy then said, “Should I devote all my prayer for you?” Upon this, the Prophet (PBUH) replied, “Then you will be freed from worries and your sin will be expiated.” The Prophet (PBUH) said, “There is no Muslim who sends peace and blessings upon me, but the Angels will send peace and blessings upon him as long as he sends peace and blessings upon me. So let a person do a little or a lot of that.” It reported that once the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) was happy and bright in one morning. When the Companions asked him, “You seem happy and bright today, O Messenger of Allah.” He (PBUH) said, “A messenger from my Lord, the Almighty, came to me and said, If any one of your *Ummah* invokes a blessing on you once, Allah will grant him ten blessings, sins will be remitted from him, and he will be raised ten degrees.”

Among the virtues of praying for Allah’s Blessings upon our Prophet (PBUH) is obtaining the honor for the one making this prayer by conveying his this greetings to the Prophet (PBUH) and the Prophet’s reply to him. The Prophet (PBUH) said, “Indeed Allah has Angels who roam the earth and they convey to me the greetings of my *Ummah* (nation).” Also, He (PBUH) said, “No one sends greetings (or prayers of peace) upon me but Allah returns my soul to me so that I may return his greetings.”

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds; may Allah's Peace and Blessings be upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH), his companions and followers:

In addition, Praying for Allah's blessings and peace upon Prophet Muhammad (PBUH) is cause for making a Muslim's supplications answered by Allah, the Almighty. Once, the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) heard a person supplicating after his *Salat*, without praising Allah and without praying for Allah's Blessings and Peace upon the Prophet (PBUH). the Messenger of Allah (PBUH) said, "This man is in a hurry." Then he called him and said, "When any one of you have performed *Salat* and wants to supplicate, let him praise Allah first then glorify Him in the beginning and then he should ask for Allah's Blessings upon the Prophet, then he may supplicate for whatever he likes." Umar Ibn al-Khattab said, "One's supplication will be suspended between the heavens and the earth until the person asks Allah for His Peace and Blessings upon the Prophet (PBUH)."

Moreover, we stress that asking Allah for His Peace and blessings upon the Prophet (PBUH) is one of the signs of loving the Prophet (PBUH), because when a person loves someone, he always remembers him. The Almighty Allah said, **"The Prophet is more protective towards the believers than they are themselves."** Also, Allah, the Almighty, said, **" So it is those who believe him [the Prophet], honour and help him, and who**

follow the light which has been sent down with him, who will succeed.”

The Prophet (PBUH) said, “None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father, his children and all mankind.”

May Allah’s Peace and Blessings be upon our Master Muhammad and all his family and companions.

We ask Allah to protect our country Egypt, and all other countries of the world!