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The Virtues of Praying for Allah's Blessings and Peace on Allah's Messenger

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book, "**And WE raised your reputation high.**" 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.

Praying for Allah's to send His peace and blessings upon our Prophet (PBUH) is a proof of love and a gate to get close to Allah. It is a sign of the sincerity of one's faith, and a fulfillment of Allah's command to us in His Glorious Book, where He, the Almighty, said, "**Allah and His angels bless the Prophet- so, you who believe, bless him too and give him greetings of peace.**" The Prophet (PBUH) said, "None of you will have faith till he loves me more than his father and his children, and all people."

Prying for Allah to send His peace and blessings upon our Prophet (PBUH) has great virtues and merits, as it is evidence of purity of one's soul. Our Prophet (PBUH) said, "The miser is the one in whose presence I

am mentioned, yet he does not pray for Allah's blessings upon me.” In another Hadith, the Prophet (PBUH) said, “The most miser one of all people is the one in whose presence I am mentioned, yet does not pray for Allah's blessings upon me.”

Also, praying for Allah's blessings upon our Prophet (PBUH) is a source of blessing for gatherings, and a reason for the mercy of its people on the Day of Resurrection, as our Prophet (PBUH) said: “Whenever a group of people sit in a gathering in which they do not remember the name of Allah, the Exalted, nor pray for Allah’s blessing on their Prophet, such a gathering will be a cause of grief to them. If Allah wills, He will punish them, and if He wills He will forgive them.”

The virtues of praying for Allah’s peace and blessings upon the Messenger of Allah include:

- To obtain the Mercy of Allah and His abundant Favor through praying for Allah’s Blessings and Peace on Allah’s Messenger as plenty as we can. 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.” It is also reported on the authority of Abd al-Rahman Ibn Awf that the Prophet (PBUH) said, “If I was mentioned near someone, he should pray for Allah's blessings upon me, for whoever prays for Allah's blessings upon me once, will be blessed for it by Allah ten times.”

- These virtues include also: Obtaining the intercession of the Prophet (PBUH) in the Hereafter as the Prophet (PBUH) said, "When you hear the Adhan, repeat what the Mu'adhhdhin says. Then ask Allah to exalt my mention because everyone who does so will receive in return ten rewards from Allah. Then beseech Allah to grant me *al-Wasilah*, which is a high rank in Paradise, fitting for only one of Allah's servants; and I hope that I will be that man. If anyone asks *al-Wasilah* for me, it becomes incumbent upon me to intercede for him." The Prophet (PBUH) also said, "The one who will be nearest me on the day of resurrection will be the one who invoked most blessings on me." In another Hadith, 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 of that or a lot."

- Raising the Degrees and forgiving sins: The Prophet (PBUH) said, "If anyone invokes a blessing on me once, Allah will grant him ten blessings, ten sins will be remitted from him, and he will be raised ten degrees." Abu Talha Al-Ansari (may Allah be please with him) reported that one morning, Allah's Messenger (PBUH) seemed happy and bright. When the people asked him, "You seem happy and bright today, O Messenger of Allah," he 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, ten sins will be remitted from him, and he will be raised ten degrees."

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:

The virtues of praying for Allah's peace and blessings upon the Messenger of Allah include:

- Relief from concerns and forgiveness of sins: Ubayy Ibn Ka'b said he told Allah's Messenger that he frequently invoked blessings on him. He asked how much of his prayer he should devote to him. The Prophet (PBUH) replied that he might devote as much as he wished, and when he suggested a quarter, the Prophet (PBUH) said, "Whatever you wish; but if you increase it that will be better for you." He suggested a half and the Prophet (PBUH) replied, "Whatever you wish; but if you increase it that will be better for you." He suggested two-thirds and the Prophet (PBUH) replied, "Whatever you wish; but if you increase it that will be better for you." He then suggested devoting all his prayer to him, and the Prophet (PBUH) replied, "Then you will be freed from care and your sin will be expiated."

- Obtaining the honor of having one's prayer for the Prophet delivered to him and the Prophet's reply to it. In this connection, the

Prophet (PBUH) said, “Indeed Allah has angels who roam the earth, and they convey to me the greetings (or prayers of peace) of my Ummah (nation).” He (PBUH) also said, “Pray for Allah’s Blessings on me more, for Allah has assigned an angel at my grave and when any man of my Ummah prays for Allah’s Blessings on me, that angel says to me, “This is so and so. He prayed for Allah’s Blessings on you this hour.”

The virtues of praying for Allah’s Blessings on the Prophet (PBUH) are countless; some of them are known and others beyond limits, as no one realizes its essence and its abundant blessings except the people who enjoyed it. The one who enjoys a blessing, realizes its essence; and whoever realizes an essence, pursues more; and whoever pursues more, reaches the high position. It is sufficient to know that adhering to it entails rest of the soul, tranquility, peacefulness of the heart, the expansion of the chest, and tasting 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 sweetness of faith.”

May Allah’s peace and blessings be upon the Messenger of Allah, and upon his household and companions.

We ask Allah to protect Egypt and raise its flag high among all countries of the world!