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Manifestations of the Mercy of the Prophet (PBUH) with His Nation

All praise is due to Allah, the Lord of all worlds, Who says in His Ever Glorious Book to His Prophet, **“We have not send you except as mercy to the worlds.”** 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

Mercy is one of the great and noble morals of our Prophet Muhammad (PBUH). Mercy was manifested in the life of our Prophet (PBUH) in its highest forms and its best meanings. His mercy extended to cover all creatures, as the Almighty Allah said, **“We have not sent you except as a mercy to the worlds.”** He (PBUH) said, "I'm only bestowed mercy."

Our Prophet (PBUH) was merciful to the weak, people with special needs, the orphans and the poor. He commanded to show mercy to them and to honor them. The Prophet (PBUH) said, "He is not one of us who does not have mercy on our young and does not respect our elders." Once a man came to the Prophet, complaining the hardness of his heart. The

Prophet (PBUH) asked, "Do you like to soften your heart?" He said: Yes. The Prophet (PBUH) said, "Have mercy on the orphan, wipe over their heads, and feed them from your food; this will soften your heart, and your needs will be fulfilled." Abd Allah Ibn Abu Awfa (may Allah be pleased with him) said: "The Prophet (PBUH) never felt shame of serving and fulfilling the needs of the widow and the poor." The Prophet (PBUH) appointed Abd Allah Ibn Umm Maktoum (may Allah be pleased with him), who was a blind man - as a *Mu'azzin*, and he once chose him as his deputy in Medina during one of his journeys to lead people in Prayer.

Also, children had a large share of his mercy (PBUH). Once the Prophet (PBUH) was leading people in Prayer, and he heard a baby crying, so he hastened to finish the Prayer out of mercy on the baby's mother. Therefore, he (PBUH) once said, "I stand up to lead Prayer with the intention of prolonging it. Then I hear the crying of a baby and I shorten the Prayer lest I should make it burdensome for his mother." Also, once The Prophet (PBUH) kissed his grandson Al-Hasan Ibn 'Ali (May Allah be pleased with them) in the presence of Al-Aqra' Ibn Habis. Thereupon he remarked: "I have ten children and I have never kissed any one of them." Messenger of Allah (PBUH) looked at him and said, "He who does not show mercy to others will not be shown mercy."

Moreover, the Prophet (PBUH) used to show mercy to the irreligious people and the sinful one. He would advise them and guide them to righteousness. Once a young man came to the Prophet (PBUH) and said:

“O Messenger of Allah, give me permission to commit adultery.” The Prophet said, “Would you like that for your mother?” The man said, “No, by Allah, may I be sacrificed for you.” The Prophet said, “Neither would people like it for their mothers. Would you like that for your daughter?” The man said, “No, by Allah, may I be sacrificed for you.” The Prophet said, “Neither would people like it for their daughters. Would you like that for your sister?” The man said, “No, by Allah, may I be sacrificed for you.” The Prophet said, “Neither would people like it for their sisters. Would you like that for your aunts?” The man said, “No, by Allah, may I be sacrificed for you.” The Prophet said, “Neither would people like it for their aunts.” Then, the Prophet placed his hand on him and he said, “O Allah, forgive his sins, purify his heart, and guard his chastity.”

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 mercy of our Prophet (PBUH) on his nation is not limited to the affairs of this world life. Rather, his mercy extends to the affairs of Hereafter. Once our Prophet (PBUH) recited the words of Allah, the Almighty, about Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) who said, "**Lord, the [idols] have led many people astray! Anyone who follows me is with me,**" and the Prophet (PBUH) also recited the saying of Allah about Prophet Jesus

who said, "[my Lord] if You punish them, they are Your servants; if You forgive them, You are the Almighty, the Wise." Upon reciting these verses, our Prophet (PBUH) raised His hands and said, "O Allah! My Nation, my Nation," and wept; Allah, the Exalted, said: "O Jibril! Go to Muhammad (PBUH) and ask him: 'What makes you weep?'" So Jibril came to him and asked him (the reason of his weeping) and the Messenger of Allah informed him what he had said (though Allah knew it well). Upon this Allah said: "Jibril, go to Muhammad (PBUH) and say: 'Verily, We will please you with regard to your Nation and will never displease you'".

There is no doubt that such great manifestations of the mercy that Allah, the Almighty, has placed in the heart of His Prophet (PBUH) are the greatest proofs of the tolerance of Islam, and its mercy and easiness. Let's spread mercy among ourselves, and let's make mercy the message of Islam to the whole world, as our Prophet (PBUH) says: "The merciful ones are shown mercy by Allah, the Most Merciful. Be merciful on the earth, and you will be shown mercy from Who is above the heavens."

May Allah's peace and blessings be upon our master Muhammad and
upon his family and companions!

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