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EID-UL-FITR: AN EID DAY FOR EVERYDAY

id was celebrated on Friday last, meaning Ramadan has come to an end. The month of Ramadan was an opportunity for all Muslims to live life according to the precepts of their religion, precepts that encourage more piety and more generosity. We believe in one God, the Almighty, Creator of the heavens and earth, of the visible and invisible world. It is the affirmation of faith of the religion of Islam. But it is much more than an assertion, because God is altogether, the Light that Illuminates our lives, the Cause and the Aim of our efforts and our struggles. Without Him we are nothing. In affirming our faith in one God and Creator, we thereby acknowledge that He has placed His law in our hearts to be the source of our personal dignity, our rights and our duties, such rights and duties which we have in common with all members of the human family.

Friday was Eid-ul-Fitr. That day came to fill the lives of the Muslim believers with many more joys in that which we are to keep securely the treasures which we have acquired dur-

ing the month of fasting. When Ramadan goes away, it enables each true believer to preserve that spirit of sacrifice and to keep the poor in mind, and he does not forget also to lead a simple life and especially to continue with the good habits which he had cultivated in the month of Ramadan.

For the one who has lived this month to the fullest, Alhamdulillah, he has complied with the divine command to do such sacrifices to please Allah (Almighty God); and thus he has put this divine command into practice in the month of Ramadan so as to seek the pleasure of Allah. Almighty Allah has bestowed a favour great on the Community of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh), whereby every year Allah has given us this month filled with divine blessings and the scope to improve oneself morally and spiritually. And Eid Day is Self-Assessment Day or Judgement Day for each and every Muslim. Accounts of past deeds done are done by the Muslim himself so that he may Improve himself with each day that comes by. The special training he got during the month of fasting gives him more zeal to carry out the same duties and good works to obtain the approval and pleasure of the Almighty. If

fasting during the blessed month of Ramadan enables the Muslim believer to get His Creator as his reward, now if he aims to keep up the good habits while not fasting during the next eleven months, shall his Creator not be pleased with him and keep him safe under His protection?

We are humans with limited time on earth. Each of us has the duty to prepare himself for his reunion with the Almighty. We need to purify ourselves with the love of God and obtain His blessings before we return back to Him for the Reckoning. Are we sure that we shall be alive next year to maximise those blessings again? Therefore we should strive to make our everyday an Eid Day, bearing in mind our connection with God and our duty to Him and the people of the world; at least the people who surrounds us, whom we are in constant contact, on a daily basis. May God Almighty help us to maximise our time for the realisation of His every command, so that we may achieve Him as our whole and true Reward. Insha-Allah.

EID MUBARAKto all of you.

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