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ŞALAWĀT UPON THE PROPHET ﷺ

ŞALĀT AL-IBRĀHĪMIYYAH

"O Allah! Send prayers upon, salute and bless our Master Muḥammad and the family of our Master Muḥammad, just as You sent prayers upon our Master Ibrāhīm and the family of our Master Ibrāhīm; and bless our Master Muḥammad and the family of our Master Muḥammad, just as You blessed our Master Ibrāhīm and the family of our Master Ibrāhīm throughout the Worlds. Surely, You are Praised, Exalted."

MAWLID FAQs

Q: What is Mawlid?

A: Mawlid refers to remembering and commemorating the blessed birth of our beloved Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ. Gatherings may include recitation of the Qur'an, sending şalawāt upon the Prophet ﷺ, learning about his blessed life and character, feeding others, charity, and reminders of his Sīrah.

ŞALĀT FOR FORGIVENESS

"So send blessings and peace, O my Lord, upon our Master Muḥammad, and upon the family of our Master Muḥammad, and forgive my sins, O Best of those who forgive."



PROPHET MUHAMMAD ﷺ – THE FINAL PROPHET AND ROLE MODEL

All praise is due to Allah, the Cherisher, Sustainer, Nourisher and Provider of the entire creation. May peace, blessings and salutations be upon our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, his family and his companions.

Throughout history, people have searched for individuals whom they can admire and emulate. In today's world, our role models are often celebrities, sports personalities and social media influencers. Yet for a Muslim, Allah has already identified the greatest example to follow: Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Allah says:

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ لِّمَن كَانَ يَرْجُو اللَّهَ وَالْيَوْمَ الْآخِرَ وَذَكَرَ اللَّهَ كَثِيرًا

Indeed, in the Messenger of Allah you have an excellent example for whoever has hope in Allah and the Last Day, and remembers Allah often.”
(Qur'an, Surah Al-Ahzab, 33:21)

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was not merely one Prophet among many; he was the final Messenger sent by Allah. Allah declares:

مَا كَانَ مُحَمَّدٌ أَبَا أَحَدٍ مِّن رِّجَالِكُمْ وَلَكِن رَّسُولَ اللَّهِ وَخَاتَمَ النَّبِيِّينَ

“Muhammad is not the father of any of your men, but is the Messenger of Allah and the seal of the prophets.” (Qur'an, Surah Al-Ahzab, 33:40).

His message was therefore not limited to one people or one period. His Sunnah remains a living example for humanity until the Day of Judgement.

MAWLID FAQs

Q: Why do we rejoice at the birth of the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ?

A: Allah ﷻ commands believers to rejoice in His bounty and mercy:

“Say: In the bounty of Allah and in His mercy, let them rejoice. That is better than what they accumulate.”
(Qur'an 10:58)

MAWLID FAQs

Q: Did the Prophet ﷺ celebrate his own birth?

A: Yes. The Prophet ﷺ expressed gratitude to Allah ﷻ for the day of his birth by fasting on Mondays.

When he ﷺ was asked about fasting on Mondays, he said: “That is the day on which I was born and the day on which revelation came to me.” (Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim).



A ROLE MODEL IN CHARACTER

Allah Himself praises the character of Rasulullah ﷺ.

وَإِنَّكَ لَعَلَىٰ خُلُقٍ عَظِيمٍ

"And indeed, you are of a great moral character."
(Qur'an, Surah Al-Qalam, 68:4)

His character was demonstrated not only from the mimbar or as the leader of Madinah, but in the ordinary interactions of daily life. He was merciful, compassionate, honest, trustworthy, helpful, forgiving and deeply concerned about others.

Allah describes the very purpose of his mission:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ

"We have not sent you except as a mercy to the worlds."
(Qur'an, Surah Al-Anbiya, 21:107)

MAWLID FAQs

Q: Is there an example of commemorating a blessing annually?

A: Yes. The Prophet ﷺ found the Jews fasting on the day of 'Āshūrā' in gratitude for Allah ﷻ saving Mūsā عليه السلام and his people. He ﷺ said:

"We have more right to Mūsā than you."
(Ṣaḥīḥ al-Bukhārī, Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim)

He ﷺ therefore approved of expressing gratitude to Allah ﷻ through an annual act of worship connected to a significant blessing.

WITH HIS WIVES AND FAMILY

The greatness of a person's character is often best observed within the home. Despite being the Messenger of Allah ﷺ and leader of the Muslim community, Nabi ﷺ did not consider household work beneath him.

Aishah رضي الله عنها was asked what Rasulullah ﷺ did at home. She replied:

كَانَ يَكُونُ فِي مَهْنَةِ أَهْلِهِ، فَإِذَا خَصَرَتِ الصَّلَاةَ خَرَجَ إِلَى الصَّلَاةِ

"He used to keep himself busy serving his family, and when it was time for prayer, he would go out for the prayer." (Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith 676)

This teaches us that true leadership begins at home. Helping one's spouse and family is not a loss of dignity; it is from the Prophetic example.

Aishah رضي الله عنها further described his gentleness:

مَا ضَرَبَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ شَيْئًا قَطُّ بِيَدِهِ وَلَا أَمْرًا وَلَا خَادِمًا

"The Messenger of Allah ﷺ never struck anything with his hand, neither a woman nor a servant..." (Sahih Muslim, Hadith 2328a)



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WITH THOSE WHO WORKED FOR HIM

Anas ibn Malik رضي الله عنه served Nabi ﷺ for ten years. His description gives us an extraordinary insight into the Prophet's patience and compassion:

حَدَّثْتُ النَّبِيَّ ﷺ عَشْرَ سِنِينَ، فَمَا قَالَ لِي أَفٍّ، وَلَا لِمَ صَنَعْتَ وَلَا أَلَا صَنَعْتَ

"I served the Prophet ﷺ for ten years, and he never said to me 'Uff', nor did he ever say, 'Why did you do that?' or 'Why did you not do that?'" (Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith 6038).

Imagine ten years of service without humiliation, unnecessary harshness or belittling. This is an important Prophetic lesson for employers, managers, parents, teachers and leaders.

AS A BUSINESSMAN AND LEADER

Before Prophethood, Muhammad ﷺ was already known for honesty and trustworthiness. These qualities remained central to the Islamic approach to trade and business. Rasulallah ﷺ taught that commercial success must never come at the expense of truth, fairness and accountability before Allah. He said regarding merchants:

إِنَّ التَّجَارَ يُبْعَثُونَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ فُجَارًا، إِلَّا مَنِ اتَّقَى اللَّهَ وَبَرَ وَصَدَقَ

"Indeed, the merchants will be resurrected on the Day of Judgement among the wicked, except the one who fears Allah, behaves righteously and is truthful." (Jami at-Tirmidhi, Hadith 1210).

As a leader, Nabi ﷺ combined authority with mercy. Allah tells us:

فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِنَ اللَّهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ وَلَوْ كُنْتَ فَظًّا غَلِيظَ الْقَلْبِ لَانْفَضُّوا مِنْ حَوْلِكَ

"It was by the mercy of Allah that you were gentle with them. Had you been harsh and hard-hearted, they would have dispersed from around you." (Qur'an, Surah Aal-Imran, 3:159).

His leadership was therefore built upon mercy, consultation, justice and concern for people rather than arrogance and intimidation.

MAWLID FAQs

Q: What is the evidence for gathering to commemorate the Mawlid?

A: Based on these principles, scholars have understood that a Mawlid gathering consisting of permissible acts of worship and remembrance—such as recitation of the Qur'an, sending ṣalawāt upon the Prophet ﷺ, feeding people, giving charity, and learning about his blessed Sīrah—can fall under the principles of gratitude and rejoicing in Allah's mercy.

WITH NEIGHBOURS AND COMPANIONS

His concern extended beyond his household. Rasulallah ﷺ placed tremendous emphasis on how Muslims treat their neighbours:

وَاللَّهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ، وَاللَّهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ، وَاللَّهِ لَا يُؤْمِنُ ... الَّذِي لَا يَأْمَنُ جَارُهُ بَوَائِقِهِ

"By Allah, he does not believe! By Allah, he does not believe! By Allah, he does not believe!" It was asked, "Who, O Messenger of Allah?" He replied, "The one whose neighbour does not feel safe from his harm." (Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith 6016).

With his companions, he was approachable, caring and warm. His noble character did not mean that he was constantly stern or serious. He even shared appropriate humour with them. The Sahabah رضي الله عنهم said:

يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ إِنَّكَ تُدَاعِبُنَا، قَالَ: إِنِّي لَا أَقُولُ إِلَّا حَقًّا

"O Messenger of Allah, you joke with us?" He replied, "Indeed, I do not say except what is true." (Jami at-Tirmidhi, Hadith 1990).

His humor therefore brought happiness without lies, humiliation or harm.

RESPONDING TO EVIL WITH GOODNESS

One of the most remarkable qualities of Rasulullah ﷺ was his restraint when personally wronged. Aishah رضي الله عنها reported that he did not take revenge for personal offences against him unless the sacred limits of Allah were violated. (Sahih Muslim, Hadith 2328a). The Qur'an teaches the same principle:

ادْفَعْ بِالَّتِي هِيَ أَحْسَنُ

"Repel evil with that which is better."
(Qur'an, Surah Fussilat, 41:34)

The incident involving Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه beautifully illustrates this principle. While Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه was sitting with Rasulullah ﷺ, a man repeatedly insulted him. Abu Bakr initially remained silent. When he eventually responded,

Rasulullah ﷺ stood up and left. He later explained:

نَزَلَ مَلَكٌ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ يَكْذِبُهُ بِمَا قَالَ لَكَ، فَلَمَّا انْتَصَرْتَ وَقَعَ الشَّيْطَانُ

"An angel came down from heaven rejecting what he was saying to you. But when you responded, the devil came down..." (Sunan Abi Dawud, Hadith 4896, graded Hasan li-ghayrihi).

The Prophetic methodology teaches us that strength is not found in shouting louder or retaliating more harshly. Rasulullah ﷺ said:

لَيْسَ الشَّدِيدُ بِالصُّرْعَةِ، إِنَّمَا الشَّدِيدُ الَّذِي يَمْلِكُ نَفْسَهُ عِنْدَ الْغَضَبِ

"The strong person is not the one who overcomes others by strength. Rather, the strong person is the one who controls himself when angry." (Sahih al-Bukhari, Hadith 6114; Sahih Muslim, Hadith 2609).

MAWLID FAQs

Q: How should we commemorate Mawlid?

A: Mawlid should be commemorated with love, gratitude and reverence through Qur'an, ṣalawāt, charity, feeding others and learning about the life and character of the Prophet ﷺ.

OUR ROLE MODEL TODAY

Following the Sunnah cannot be restricted to outward practices alone. The Sunnah also encompasses the way we speak to our spouses, raise our children, treat employees, conduct business, interact with neighbours, disagree with others and control ourselves when angry.

Rasulullah ﷺ was a husband, father, businessman, neighbour, friend, teacher and leader. In every role, the same qualities remained visible: mercy, compassion, honesty, trustworthiness, patience, humility, helpfulness, forgiveness and concern for others.

In an age in which role models constantly change, the Muslim has been given a timeless example. Our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ was the final Prophet, but his example was left behind for every generation that followed.

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