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Regarding Salat Al-Jumrah and Salat Al-Janazah in our Circumstances

AsSalam Alaikum,

My dear brothers and sisters, I really appreciate the care and attachment that many members have toward the masjid and I want to affirm that we have taken the actions that Rasool, our beloved prophet, taught us to take.

In the time in which the Prophet was receiving allegiance from groups, he heard that a member of an approaching group was afflicted with leprosy. Our prophet sent word that the pledge was accepted without meeting him.

عَنْ عَمْرٍو بْنِ الشَّرِيدِ، عَنْ أَبِيهِ، قَالَ كَانَ فِي وَفْدِ تَقِيفِ رَجُلٌ مَجْدُومٌ فَأَرْسَلَ إِلَيْهِ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ " إِنَّا قَدْ بَايَعْنَاكَ فَارْجِعْ " .

"Among the delegation of Thaqif there was a man who suffered from leprosy. The Prophet sent word to him saying: 'Go back, for I have accepted your pledge.'" Sahih Muslim

Umar continued implementing the same principle when he saw a woman with a disease making Tawaf and he asked her to go home.

عَنِ ابْنِ أَبِي مُلَيْكَةَ، أَنَّ عُمَرَ بْنَ الْخَطَّابِ، مَرَّ بِامْرَأَةٍ مَجْدُومَةٍ وَهِيَ تَطُوفُ بِالْبَيْتِ فَقَالَ لَهَا يَا أُمَّةَ اللَّهِ لَا تُؤْذِي النَّاسَ لَوْ جَلَسْتَ فِي بَيْتِكَ . فَجَلَسَتْ فَمَرَّ بِهَا رَجُلٌ بَعْدَ ذَلِكَ فَقَالَ لَهَا إِنَّ الَّذِي كَانَ قَدْ نَهَاكَ قَدْ مَاتَ فَاخْرُجِي . فَقَالَتْ مَا كُنْتُ لِأَطِيعَهُ حَيًّا وَأَعْصِيَهُ مَيِّتًا

Narrated by Abi Mulayka that Umar ibn al-Khattab passed a leprous woman doing tawaf of the House, and he said to her, "Servant of Allah, do not make people uneasy. Better that you stay in your house," so she did so. A man passed by her after that and said to her, "The one who forbade you has died, so come out," and she replied, "I am not going to obey him when he is alive and disobey him when he is dead." Muwatta Malik

Realizing that a person infected with Covid-19 Coronavirus may not show symptoms qualifies us to take such measures.

Janazah Prayer (Praying for the Deceased)

We will bury one of our beloved brothers today (March 18th) and we ask our members to withhold from attending the funeral, and InshaAllah we will fulfill his religious rights. It is permissible for brothers and sisters to perform Salat Al-Janazah from their location. When you have been informed of the burial of the deceased you will:

- Stand facing the Kabah
- Have the intention to pray Al-Janazah for the deceased person
- Say Allahu Akhbar
- Recite al-Fatihah

- Say Allahu Akhbar
- Make Salah upon our Prophet (recite the 2nd half of Tashahud)
- Say Allahu Akhbar
- Pray for the deceased
- Say Allahu Akhbar
- Pray for everyone
- Make Salam (exit the Salah)

It is important to note that different schools of thought might add additional Takbir and minor changes with the steps.

If you have been taught Salat Al-Janazah according to one of the schools of thought, you can pray accordingly.

Friday Congregational Prayer

Cancelling the Friday Congregational Prayer in the masjid does not mean that you cannot perform the prayer. According to Al-Jumhor the majority (Al-Hanaf, Al-Shafaia, Al-Hanabila), the prayer can take place outside of the masjid. In terms of how many persons it takes to qualify, the schools of thought will vary. One of the recognized opinions is that 3 men may constitute the minimum number of persons to hold the prayer. Therefore, if you have three men, with the Imam included in that number, you can pray Jummah. To make it easy, I have included the following Khutbah with instructions on how to lead a Jummah prayer.

- The Imam will greet with AsSalam Alaikum
- Another person will make the Adhan
- The Imam will start the khutbah

Khutbah

All praise be to Allah. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and I bear witness that Prophet Muhammad is the servant and messenger of Allah. May peace and blessings of Allah be upon Prophet Muhammad, his pure and noble family, his companions, and all those who follow them till the Day of Judgment.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ

O you who believe! Revere Allah with due reverence, and do not die except in Submission.

O believers, among the many blessings of Allah is our family. In a time where many of us are spending more time together, we are to remember the value and role of each member. Parenting requires that you protect your children from bad influence and unethical behavior; and to nurture them both spiritually and physically. One of the best ways of influencing your children positively is by being an example. We urge you, therefore, to establish good and kind communication with your children. Your attempt to change their behavior must be done wisely.

We also recommend that you know their friends as friendship is very influential in their life. Resolve their problems with leniency and kindness. May Allah reward those who spend their times with their children raising and guiding them to the right way.

We should all be mindful of our beloved prophet's practice of helping his spouse. Parents working collectively is what our religion expects from us.

It is also important for children to recognize the love and care that their parents provide each minute of their life and to show appreciation. A family that works together achieves the most individually and as a group. May God watch over and strengthen our families.

Then do the following steps:

- Sit down

- Start the second khutbah

All praise be to Allah. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah, and I bear witness that Prophet Muhammad is the servant and messenger of Allah. May peace and blessings of Allah be upon Prophet Muhammad, his pure and noble family, his companions, and all those who follow them till the Day of Judgment.

In this time of uncertainty, we put our trust in Allah and we seek comfort from our belief. Believers are always in a state of tranquility because part of our belief is that Allah is always watching over all of us.

- Make a dua for everyone
- Conclude the talk
- Someone makes the iqamah
- Pray 2 rakah together

May Allah make it easy for us to pass this difficult time.