

ASPIRING TO PRESERVE THE ESSENCE OF SUNNAH

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Devastation & Flooding in Pakistan & Sudan

"Amazing is the case of a believer! There is goodness for him in every matter. This is exclusively for a believer. If good comes to him, he then makes Shukr (to Allāh), thus there is good for him in it. If difficulty afflicts him, he endures it patiently, thus there is good for him in it". (Sahīh Muslim 2999)

The current floods affecting our fellow Muslims in Pakistan and Sudan are a cause of concern and distress. We should be overwhelmed by empathy when hearing of their suffering. Their difficulty is our difficulty, and their pain is ours.

While this trial represents a means of forgiveness for all those suffering, our responsibility is to assist them in every way possible. Nabi Sallāllahu 'Alayhi wa Sallam said: "There is no difficulty that afflicts a believer, albeit the pricking of a thorn, except that Allāh Ta'ālā grants him a reward or (through it) a sin is removed." (Sahīh Muslim 2572)

We should resort to an abundance of Istighfar, perform a minimum of 2 rakats Nafl Salah and make Du'ā to Allāh Ta'āla to remove the difficulty facing our fellow brothers and sisters. This is the least each one of us should do.

We should also support all those in need in every way possible, financially and morally. Nabī Sallāllahu 'Alayhi wa Sallam teaches us: "Any believer who feeds a hungry believer, Allāh Ta'ālā will feed him from the fruits of Jannah on the Day of Qiyāmah. Any believer who gives a drink to a thirsty believer, Allāh Ta'ālā will give him to drink from the sealed nectar. Any believer who clothes a naked believer, Allāh Ta'ālā will clothe him from the green (garments) of Jannah." (Tirmidhi, 2449)

Remember, Sayyiduna Nu'mān Ibn Bashīr Radhiyallāhu 'Anhu reports that Rasūlullah Sallāllahu 'Alayhi wa Sallam said: 'The Muslims are like [the body of] one man; if his eye pains, his whole body pains & if his head pains, his whole body pains.' (Sahih Muslim, 2586)

May Allāh Ta'āla grant them Sabr, remove their difficulties and grant them ease. Āmīn

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