

**Ramadan is a month of self-reformation after which, Eid comes as a day to attain God's pleasure.**

**The world should turn towards God to be saved from destruction.**

**In the prevailing circumstances where the world is headed towards destruction, Eid al-Fitr gives the message that we should show compassion towards humanity.**

It is the distinctive characteristic of Islam that it equally emphasizes the need to fulfil the responsibilities owed to mankind as it enjoins to fulfil the responsibilities owed to God. Hence, to achieve this, on the day of Eid al-Fitr, Muslims have been exhorted to take care of the poor and the needy as they are commanded to engage in acts of worship. This has been stressed to such an extent that it is obligatory upon Muslims to give a special form of charity known as Sadaqat al-Fitr before they attend the mosque for Eid prayers so that the poor may also take part in the joy of Eid. It is only by including others in his happiness that a Muslim can attain the true happiness of Eid.

The Founder of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad<sup>as</sup> says:

“To show mercy to mankind and to have compassion for them is a great form of worship. It is also an effective means to attain the pleasure of Allah the Almighty.”

He further says:

“Hence, it is the duty of the poor to respect their wealthy brothers. Similarly, the wealthy should help the poor and not look down upon them, for they are their

brothers. They may be begotten by different fathers, but are all the spiritual offspring of the same person, and are the branches of the same tree.”

Hence, in the month of Ramadan, where special attention is paid towards acts of worship and other deeds of righteousness, special efforts are also made with regard to fulfilling the rights of God’s creation.

This is the example set by the Holy Founder of Islam, Prophet Muhammad<sup>sa</sup> throughout his life. Though he always remained engaged in the service of humanity, however, during the month of Ramadan, he would demonstrate extraordinary generosity.

The Worldwide Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad<sup>aba</sup> instructed the members of the Community with regard to Eid saying:

“On the day of Eid, every Ahmadi should look at his surroundings and help the needy. By the grace of Allah, this work is already being undertaken both at individual and community levels, however, there is still scope for a lot of betterment. This work should not be confined to just providing them with good food and dress on the day of Eid. Rather, keep in touch with them and continue to help them. Take care of them yourselves and also inform the Nizam (the system of the Community) about them. Give them work and encourage them. This will be a continuing favour upon them. In this manner, we should try to uplift the less fortunate ones. It is possible that on the next Eid, they will be helping other people. Hence, by stabilizing the social economy, we will also be raising society’s moral standard and in this way, a better society will be established.”

Today the world is rapidly moving towards destruction. In these circumstances, man needs to turn to God and develop compassion for mankind, and live with peace and brotherhood with one another. This is the pledge that is repeated on the occasion of Eid every year. This is the message the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, India wishes to extend on this Eid. The prevailing circumstances of the world demand that we turn towards our Creator so that He may soon alleviate the dangers the world is going through.

The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, India wishes all the Muslims a very happy Eid and prays for peace and harmony to be established in the whole world.