



**Accompany them in [this] world with kindness.**

## The First Khutbah

All praises are due to Allah, the One who says:

وَوَصَّيْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ بِوَالِدَيْهِ إِحْسَانًا

**And We have enjoined upon man, to his parents, good treatment.** [Quran: ٤٦:١٥]

I bear witness there is nothing worthy of worship except Allah, the Uniquely One, having no partner in that Oneness. And I bear witness that our Leader and Sayyid, our Prophet, Muhammad (peace and blessings be upon him), is the perfect example of servanthood unto Allah, and is His sent Messenger unto the entirety of the created universe. I advise you and myself with the Taqwa of Allah, for Allah

has said: **إِنَّ اللَّهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ**

**Indeed, Allah is with those who fear Him and those who are doers of good.** [Quran: ١٦:١٢٨]

**O Believers:** The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

**نَمْتُ فَرَأَيْتُنِي فِي الْجَنَّةِ، فَسَمِعْتُ صَوْتَ قَارِئٍ يَقْرَأُ، فَقُلْتُ: مَنْ**

**هَذَا؟ فَقَالُوا: هَذَا حَارِثَةُ بْنُ النُّعْمَانَ - فَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ ﷺ:**

**«كَذَلِكَ الْبِرُّ، كَذَلِكَ الْبِرُّ»**

**I feel asleep and saw myself in Paradise, then I heard the voice of a reciter reciting, so I said: "Who is this?",**

**so the response came: This is Harithah ibn Nu'man.**  
Upon this the Prophet (peace and blessings be upon him)  
said: **Such is the way of filial piety, this is the way of  
filial piety.**[Ahmad]

Haritha ibn Nu'man was from the most righteousness of people to his parents. He used to sit with them, and he used to feed them with his own hands. He would always speak to them with kind and soft words. It was through this filial piety that he attained unto this esteemed rank in paradise. So sitting with one's parents and listening to what they have to say, and showing esteem for their speech, and doing whatever they ask you to do is from the greatest of filial piety towards them. It is narrated on the authority of al-Hasan al-Basri, that a man said to him: My mother is waiting for me with dinner, so al-Hasan said: Go and eat dinner with your mother, for your sitting at a place at her table, wherein her eye can fall upon you and get its comfort from that, is more beloved to me than a voluntary Hajj you could perform. So a righteous child should be avid to spend time and sit with his parents, and he should ensure they are safe and secure in their needs. Through these means he will actualize the verse wherein Allah commands us to keep their company in kindness, as Allah says:

وَصَاحِبُهُمَا فِي الدُّنْيَا مَعْرُوفًا

**Accompany them in [this] world with appropriate  
kindness.**[Quran: ٣١: ١٥]

As for those who are distant from their parents, then let him connect with them through the means of technology that are present today. For even communication through

such means would give them happiness, and bring comfort to their hearts. It is such a beautiful thing for a child to speak to their parents with honor and love, keeping his voice soft, honoring the command of Allah Who says:

وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا

**speak to them a noble word.** [Quran: ١٧:٢٣]

This means always speaking to them in beautiful ways, being soft and gentle. Likewise, we encourage our children (being their grandchildren) to speak to them in the same way of respect. The grandchildren should be keen to benefit from their wisdom of life, so O Allah, make us from those who are righteous. From those who fulfill their rights, please preserve them from every evil and difficulty. I say this, and seek your forgiveness for myself and for you, so seek His forgiveness, indeed He is the most forgiving, most merciful.

### **The Second Khutbah**

All praises are due to Allah, the One, and peace and blessings upon the Prophet after whom there is no other, and upon his companions and those that follow him.

**O Believers:** The means by which we can show filial piety to our parents continue even after they may have departed this world. For righteous children should continue to make supplication for them and seek their forgiveness. This is acting in accordance with what Allah commands us, when

He says: وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا

**And say, "My Lord, have mercy upon them as they brought me up [when I was] small". [Quran: ١٧:٢٤]**

For this will enable their spiritual stations to keep rising, as the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is reported to have said:

إِنَّ الرَّجُلَ لَيُتْرَفَعُ دَرَجَتُهُ فِي الْجَنَّةِ،  
فَيَقُولُ: أَنَّى هَذَا؟ فَيُقَالُ: بِاسْتِغْفَارِ وَلَدِكَ لَكَ

**"A man will be raised in status in Paradise and will say: 'Where did this come from?' And it will be said: 'From your son's praying for forgiveness for you'"**

[Sunan Ibn Majah]

And with this, let us send our prayers and blessings upon the best of those who had a good opinion of Allah, our master, our Prophet, Muhammad. May Allah send His peace and blessings upon him, upon his family, his companions, all of them. O Allah protect our fathers and our mothers, and give them good health and wellbeing. Whoever dies from amongst them, then give them your mercy, and enter them into Your paradise. O Allah raise from us and the entire world, this plague, with your grace and your gentleness, O Allah.

**O Allah, grant success to the UAE President HH Sheikh Khalifa bin Zayed Al Nahyan, to the Vice-President, the Crown Prince and his Brothers, their Highnesses, the Rulers of the Emirates. and guide them to all that is good and what pleases You. O Allah: Bestow your mercy on the late Sheikh Zayed, Sheikh Maktoum and**

**the other late UAE Sheikhs who have passed on to Your mercy. We ask you to admit them into Paradise by Your grace.**

**O Allah have mercy on the martyrs, and grant their families with patience and a great reward.** And have mercy, our Lord, upon our fathers and mothers, and upon whoever has a right upon us. And continue perpetuating blessings and bounties upon the UAE. O Allah, confer upon us Your blessings and do not make us from those who despair. O Allah, bless us, bless us, bless us. O Allah: Give us in this life that which is beautiful and in the next life that which is beautiful, and save us from the fire. Stand up for prayer.