

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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THE NIGHT OF BARÂT

Dear Muslims!

The forthcoming night of Wednesday, the 5th night of August is the Barât night, which is the messenger of coming of the holy month of Ramadan. We live the happiness and excitement of reaching this night, which is a cause for Allah (s.w.t.)'s forgiveness, mercy, help and boon.

Barât means to be purified from sins, to be rescued from debt and punishment, and so on. It is called "Barât ", since it was informed that the forgiveness and pardon of Allah (s.w.t.) would be great on this night.

Allah (s.w.t.) bestows his mercy abundantly during this night, opens the doors of rizq (food) and shifâ (cure) widely, and invites us to His endless blessings. Likewise, our beloved Prophet (s.a.w.) said as follows: "Worship in the fifteenth of Sha'ban and fast the day. Because Allah (s.w.t.) descends to the lowest heaven from sun set till dawn. He says: "Will anyone seeks forgiveness that he may be forgiven? Will anyone wants rizq (food) that it may be given? Will anyone demands shifa (cure) that he may recover? Will anyone who ask, that his request may be granted?"¹

Dear Muslims!

The night of Barât is the night of forgiveness and mercy. Our beloved Prophet (s.a.w.) gave the good news about that a lot of people might attain Allah's forgiveness and mercy (s.w.t.).² So anybody who reaches to the Barât

night should return to its core should refresh its hopes and should strengthen the sensations of forgiving and being forgiven. And He also should remember the words of the Lord (s.w.t.) as following: "Say: O my slaves who have transgressed against themselves (by committing evil deeds and sins)! Despair not of the Mercy of Allah. Verily Allah forgives all sins. Truly He is oft-forgiving, most merciful."³



Esteemed Brothers and Sisters!

This night and other similar nights are great occasions to renew ourselves from the point of view of the faith, worship and thought, and to take account our past, and also to

plan our future and to refresh our hopes. So, on the occasion of this night, let's make tawbah for our sins by listening carefully to the sound of spiritual sensations in our inside. Let's pray and supplicate to Allah (s.w.t.) for ourselves, our families, all Muslims and all humanity.

I congratulate your Barât night all with the hope that it may be a cure for the souls which are depressed owing to the troubles of the modern life, and for the narrowed hearts because of neglecting the spiritual life. I pray to Allah (s.w.t.) to make this night a cause for the peace and happiness of all humanity and for the forgiveness of all mumins.

¹ Ibn Mâjah, Ikâmatu's-Salât, 191.

² Tirmizî, Sawm, 39.

³ Az-Zumar, 39/53.