

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO MOSQUE

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PRAYING AND WORSHIPPING

Dear Mumins!

In order for us to have strong link between us and Allah (swt) we must pray and worship Allah (swt). These acts are some of the ways to show our creator Allah (swt) that we are on the right path. People who do not pray and worship Allah (swt) will always have agony and restless feelings. Real peace can only be achieved by praying and worshipping Almighty Allah (swt). Allah (swt) states in the Holly Quran that "Those who believed(in the Oneness of Allah) and whose hearts find rest in the remembrance of Allah,verily in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find rest." [1] As human beings, we may be negatively affected by the events that take place around us, however, we must always believe that the difficult times will always come to an end. We, as Muslims, never stress or are depressed by those unexpected negative events. We must know that even though we may have heavy burdens in our lives, our creator Almighty Allah (swt) knows everything about us and we must always trust Allah (swt), pray and worship our creator Almighty Allah (swt). Allah (swt) has the power to do anything. We must understand that the hardship we face in this world is a test, and this test has its rewards. Yunus (a.s.) prayed to Allah (swt) to help him with the great difficulties he (a.s.) was facing, and his prayers were answered. A verse in the Quran tells us that "We answered to his call,and delivered him from the distress.And thus We do deliver the believers(who believe in the oneness of Allah,abstain from evil and work righteousness.)" [2] Almighty Allah (swt) tests us with difficulties, but Allah (swt) also gives us remedies to solve our



problems. An other verse in the Holly Quran says that "Verily,along with every hardship is relief, Verily,along with every hardship is relief." [3] The troubles that befell the sins of believers is the atonement that is expressed in a hadith by our beloved prophet (saw) "Allah (swt) removes a portion of the sins when a Muslim faces

great illness, great sadness and other tough times in life." [4] People who do not pray and worship Allah (swt) will have emptiness in their hearts. They will always search for something to fill the emptiness. Allah (swt) states in the Quran that "Say(O Muhammad to the disbelievers) My Lord pays attention to you only because of your invocation to Him." [5] and in an other verse "And your Lord said, Invoke me believe in My Oneness and ask Me for anything I will respond to your (invocation).Verily,those who scorn My worship they will surely,enter Hell in humliation." [6] Let's all pray and worship Almighty Allah (swt). Let's all pray that Allah (swt) will help us solve all of our problems, cure our sick, and bring peace and happiness into our lives.

- 1- Ar-Rad, 13/28
- 2- (2-)Al-Anbiya,21/88
- 3- 3-Ash-sharh,94/5,6
- 4- (4)Muslim,Birr,14-3
- 5- 5-Al-Furqan,26/77
- 6- (6) Ghafir,40/60