**َلْحَمْدُ للهِ. اَلْحَمْدُ للهِ. اَلْحَمْدُ للهِ الَّذِى هَدَانَا لِهذَا.وَمَا كُنَّا لِنَهْتَدِيَ لَوْ لاَ أَنْ هَدَانَا اللهُ. وَ مَا تَوْفِيقِي وَ لاَ اعْتِصَامِي إِلاَّ بِاللهِ. عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَ إِلَيْهِ أُنِيبُ. نَشْهَدُ أنْ لاَ إِلهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحْدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَ لاَ نَظِيرَ لَهُ وَ لاَ مِثَالَ لَهُ. اَلَّذِى لاَ أُحْصِي ثَنَاءً عَلَيْهِ. كَمَا أَثْنَي عَلَى نَفْسِهِ. عَزَّ جَارُهُ وَجَلَّ ثَنَاؤُهُ وَلاَ يُهْزَمُ جُنْدُهُ وَلاَ يُخْلَفُ وَعْدُهُ وَلاَ إِلهَ غَيْرُهُ. وَنَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا وَسَنَدَنَا وَمَوْلاَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ. اَلسَّابِقُ إِلَى الأَنَامِ نُورُهُ. وَرَحْمَةٌ لِلْعَالَمِينَ ظُهُورُهُ. وَصَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَأَوْلاَدِهِ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَأَتْبَاعِهِ وَأَحْفَادِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ. أَمَّا بَعْدُ فَيَا عِبَادَ اللهِ؛ إِتَّقُوا اللهَ تَعَالَى وَأَطِيعُوهُ. إِنَّ اللهَ مَعَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا وَالَّذِينَ هُمْ مُحْسِنُونَ. فَقَدْ قَالَ اللهُ تَعَالَى فِي كِتَابِهِ الْكَرِيمِ. أَعُوذُ بِاللهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ. بِسْــمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمنِ الرَّحِيمِ:**

وَإِذْ تَأَذَّنَ رَبُّكُمْ لَئِن شَكَرْتُمْ لأَزِيدَنَّكُمْ وَلَئِن كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ

**Dear Brothers in Islam!** Shukr means understanding and appreciating the blessings of Allah.

We should be grateful for all the blessings of Allah. This can only be achieved by praising and thanking him.

Let us not forget the fact that the true shukr is first to use the blessings of Allah in correct manner.

Secondly, the true shukr has to be in its kind. Allah has given us countless blessings. Allah says in Surat-al Nahl :**“If you want to count the favors of Allah, you will never be able to number them; surely Allah is Forgiving, Merciful.”**

We should not restrict the meaning of blessings to worldly things. Indeed, everything we are happy or satisfied is a precious blessing of Allah, and requires us to praise and be thankful for.

What is shukr for being healthy? Each and every one of our healthy organ requires us to praise Allah. So, how do we praise Allah for these?. The shukr for our eyes is to lower our gaze and guard our modesty. The shukr for our ears is to seal them against rumors and slander, which are strictly forbidden. The shukr for our tongue is zikr, which is to remember Allah often and to avoid talking nonsense and backbiting.

Thus, AllahuTeala commands us in the Holy Quran: **“Therefore, remember Me, and I will remember you, be grateful to Me and never deny Me.”**

**Dear Brothers In Islam!** Just saying “elhamdulliah” does not satisfy our requirement to praise Allah and be thankful to Him. We also have to demonstrate our thankfullness on a daily basis.

Another important blessing of Allah is the fact that we live very far from our homeland but have been given the opportunity and freedom to practice our faith, raise our children in the way it is ordered in the Holy Quran and Sunnah. Indeed, we cannot praise Allah enough for all of these blessings.

**Dear Muslims!** Let us remember what Allah says in the Surah-azZariyat (56) in the Holy Quran. Allah says: **“We have not created jinns and mankind except to worship Me.”.** So, we are put on a life-long test. We should praise Allah regardless. Thanking only when we receive the blessings from Allah but moving away from Allah when we are troubled do not suit muslims.

Allah says in the Holy Quran: **Remember that your Rabb had forewarned: "If you are grateful, I will bestow abundance upon you, but if you are ungrateful (then you should know that) My punishment will be terrible indeed."**

**Dear Brothers !**If we seek real happiness in this life, we should confine ourselves to whatever Allah has given us but not ignore others. Then we would be truly happy in this life and hereafter, and more importantly, Allah would satisfy with us.

I ask from Allah to help us be thankful for His blessings and be patient against all sort of difficulties, insha-Allah.

May Allah help us to be thankful!

**أَلاَ إِنَّ أَحْسَنَ الْكَلاَمِ وَ أَبْلَغَ النِّظَامِ. كَلاَمُ اللهِ الْمَلِكِ الْعَزِيزِ الْعَلاَّمِ. كَمَا قَالَ اللهُ تَبَارَكَ وَ تَعَالَى فِي الْكَلاَمِ. وَ إِذَا قُرِئَ الْقُرْآنُ فَاسْتَمِعُوا لَهُ.**

**وَ أَنْصِتُوا لَعَلَّكُمْ تُرْحَمُونَ. أَعُوذُ بِاللهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْـمِ اللهِ الرَّحْمنِ الرَّحِيمِ**

**دَعْوَاهُمْفِيهَاسُبْحَانَكَاللّٰهُمَّوَتَحِيَّتُهُمْفِيهَاسَلَامٌوَاٰخِرُدَعْوَاهُمْأَنِالْحَمْدُلِلّٰهِرَبِّالْعَالَمِينَ**

**اَلْحَمْدُ للهِ. اَلْحَمْدُ للهِ. اَلْحَمْدُ للهِ حَمْدَ الْكَامِلِينَ كَمَا أَمَرَ. نَشْهَدُ أَنْ لاَ إِلهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَ نَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَ رَسُولُهُ النَّبِيُّ الْمُعْتَبَرُ. تَعْظِيمًا لِنَبِيِّهِ وَ تَكْرِيمًا لِفَخَامَةِ شَانِ شَرَفِ صَفِيِّهِ.**

**فَقَالَ اللهُ عَزَّ وَ جَلَّ مِنْ قَائِلٍ مُخْبِرًا وَ آمِرًا: {إِنَّ اللهَ وَ مَلاَئِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ. يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَ سَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا} لَبَّيْكَ...**