### ****Welcoming Eid – With Gratitude, Reflection, and the Flame of Ramadan****

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Dear brothers and sisters in faith,

All praise is due to Allah ﷻ who brought us to this moment—a moment suspended between the departing soul of Ramadan and the rising dawn of Eid al-Fitr.

Yes, the crescent of Eid is near. The takbīr echoes are soon to fill our homes and hearts. But before we celebrate, we must pause to reflect: **What is it that we are truly celebrating?**

Are we simply marking the end of hunger and thirst—or are we honoring a sacred journey, a divine encounter, a transformation of the soul?

Allah ﷻ says: **وَلِتُكْمِلُوا الْعِدَّةَ وَلِتُكَبِّرُوا اللَّهَ عَلَىٰ مَا هَدَاكُمْ وَلَعَلَّكُمْ تَشْكُرُونَ**
*"...that you may complete the prescribed period and glorify Allah for what He has guided you to, and that you may be grateful."* (Surah Al-Baqarah: 185)

**Eid**, is not a moment to leave Ramadan behind. It is a moment to thank Allah for what we became in Ramadan. It is not the closing of a spiritual chapter—it is the **commencement of a new life** with purer hearts and clearer purpose.

Dear brothers and sisters How Should We Celebrate Eid?In this regardRasullah ﷺ said:
**"Every nation has its celebration—and this is our Eid."** (Bukhari)

Yes, it is a day of joy. It is a sunnah to wear our best clothes, to eat before coming to the prayer, to greet one another with warmth and dua. It is a day for family and community, a day of charity and unity.

**Our celebration is not just in the external forms**. It is not only in the sweets, the hugs, or the gatherings. It is in the **inner joy of having earned Allah’s pleasure**.

* We are celebrating that we fasted with sincerity, not just hunger.
* We are celebrating that we wept in sujood, not just recited words.
* We are celebrating that we gave when no one saw, not for likes or praise.
* We are celebrating that we fought our egos, overcame desires, silenced distractions—and we stood before Allah humbled and real.

**Imam Al-Ghazali رحمه الله** said:
"The Eid of those who truly fasted is the day they are forgiven. The Eid of the mindful is the day they are accepted."

**Bediüzzaman Said Nursi رحمه الله** reflected:
"Eid is not a farewell to Ramadan. It is the embrace of what Ramadan awakened in your soul. It is the joy of one who met their Lord in the darkness and found light."

So let us ask: Did we truly change? Did we taste that sweetness of standing before Allah when no one else was watching? If we did, then **this Eid is ours**.

**Fethullah Gülen Hocaefendi** reflected:

*“Ramadan is the season where the believer purifies the mirror of the heart. Eid is when that heart, now polished, turns fully to its Lord in gratitude and servanthood. True Eid is not in outward festivity, but in the inner awakening that leads one to live each day as if it were a day of Ramadan, and every night as if it were Laylatul Qadr.”*

Dear believers, Let us not let Eid be the day we drop the Quran, break the chain of tahajjud, or turn our hearts back to heedlessness.

**Ramadan was not just about action—it was about transformation.**

Imam Ibn al-Qayyim رحمه الله said:
"The sign of a heart touched by Ramadan is that it refuses to go back to sleep."

This Jumu’ah—on the eve of Eid—is not just a Friday. It is a checkpoint. A spiritual mirror. A moment to decide: Will I carry the **light of Ramadan** with me, or will I leave it at the doorstep of Shawwal?

**Allah ﷻ warns us:**

**وَلَا تَكُونُوا كَالَّتِي نَقَضَتْ غَزْلَهَا**
“Do not be like the woman who undoes her yarn after it was strong.” (Surah An-Nahl: 92)

We fasted for 30 days. We built something sacred. Let us not unravel it.

Let us not let Shaytan whisper: “It’s over.” No, believer—**it has just begun**.

Rasulullah ﷺ didn’t stop giving after Ramadan. He didn’t stop praying at night. He didn’t stop visiting the sick, feeding the poor, or comforting the lonely. Ramadan only intensified what he already did.

So let **Eid be the continuation—not cancellation—of our progress**.

 اللَّهُمَّ تَقَبَّلْ صِيَامَنَا وَقِيَامَنَا وَصَدَقَاتِنَا وَتِلَاوَتَنَا “O Allah, accept our fasting, our prayers, our charity, and our recitation.”

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَقْبُولِينَ وَلاَ تَجْعَلْنَا مِنَ الْمَحْرُومِينَ “O Allah, make us among those accepted, and do not make us among those deprived.”

اللَّهُمَّ لاَ تَجْعَلْ رَمَضَانَ آخِرَ عَهْدِنَا بِالصِّيَامِ وَالْقُرْبِ مِنْكَ “O Allah, do not make this Ramadan our last. Do not make it the last time we taste nearness to You.”

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ عِيدَنَا عِيدَ الْمَغْفِرَةِ وَالْقُبُولِ وَالطَّهَارَةِ “O Allah, make our Eid a celebration of forgiveness, acceptance, and purification.”

اللَّهُمَّ أَحْيِنَا بَعْدَ رَمَضَانَ كَمَا أَحْيَيْتَ قُلُوبَنَا فِيهِ “O Allah, let us live after Ramadan as You revived our hearts within it.”

“YaRab, we tasted the sweetness of your nearness in Ramadan. Let us not become blind again. Let us not become distant again. we have cried, we have prayed, we have hoped. Let us not fall back into the prison of our lower self. Let this Eid be a mark on our lives—that we left Ramadan changed.”

**آمِين يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ Taqabbal Allah minna wa minkum.**

### ****Bayram, Hizmet Şuuru ve Diriliş Vaktidir****

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**Aziz Müminler,**

Allah’a sonsuz hamd olsun ki bizleri Ramazan gibi rahmet yüklü bir mevsimde terbiye etti; oruçla arındırdı, Kur’an’la diriltti. Şimdi ise bir eşiğe geldik: Bayram sabahının eşiğine…

Bayram, sadece sevinç değildir. **Bayram; muhasebedir, mesuliyettir, meydan okumadır.**
Ramazan’dan çıkan bir mü’min, sadece bağışlanmış değil; **görevlendirilmiş** biridir. Artık o, Allah’ın mesajını taşımaya hazır hâle gelmiş insandır.

**Bediüzzaman Said Nursî** der ki:
"Her bayram, manen terhis değil; bir nevî yeni bir vazife için teçhizdir."
Yani bayram, askerliği bitirenin terhis olduğu değil; yepyeni bir göreve hazır hâle gelenin tekrar safa geçtiği gündür.

### ****Bayram, Hizmet Yolcusunun Yol Haritasıdır****

Degerli kardeşim, soralim kendimize:
Ramazan’dan sonra ben kime ulaşacağım?
Kimin gözyaşına mendil, kimin yetimliğine omuz olacağım?
Hangi gönüle umut, hangi akla ışık taşıyacağım?

Bayramı **sadece kutlama** değil;
Bayramı **yeniden ayağa kalkma günü** olarak görmeliyiz.

**Fethullah Gülen Hocaefendi** bir Ramazan hatimesinde şöyle demiştir:

“Bayram, kalbin saflaşması, aklın berraklaşması ve hizmet yolunda yeniden ayağa kalkmanın adıdır. Oruç, nefsi dize getirdiyse; şimdi onu ilâhî bir hedefe sevk etme zamanıdır.”

Bayramı kutlarken…

* Dünyanın dört bir yanındaki mahzun gönülleri unutmayalım.
* Gözaltında, sürgünde, kampta, yalnızlıkta olan kardeşlerimizin hesabını içimize dert edelim.
* Bu ümmetin gözyaşına kayıtsız kalmayalım.

**Bayram, gülümseyen yüzlerin ötesinde, dertli yüreklerin sorumluluğunu taşıyanların günüdür.**

**اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا الْعِيدَ وَلَادَةً جَدِيدَةً لِقُلُوبِنَا، وَقُرْبَةً صَادِقَةً إِلَيْكَ** “Allah’ım! Bu bayramı kalplerimiz için yeni bir doğuş, Sana samimi bir yakınlık kıl.”

**اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنَا جُنُودًا لِخِدْمَتِكَ، لَا يَتَعَبُونَ وَلَا يَسْتَسْلِمُونَ** “Allah’ım! Bizi hizmetinin yorulmayan, yılmayan neferlerinden eyle.”

**آمِين، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ**