### ****After Ramadan – Carrying the Trust, Continuing the Journey****

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**Dear brothers and sisters, Taqabbalallahu minna wa minkum. Eid Mubarak.**

Today, we gathered here for Eid—not merely to celebrate the end of fasting, but to confront the beginning of something far greater: **A journey of continuity**. A life shaped upon what we tasted in Ramadan. And a renewal of our covenant with Allah.

Let us ask ourselves:
“Did we fast only to stop?
Did we pray only to return to neglect?
Did we weep in sujood only to dry our tears again in heedlessness?”

If the answer is “no,” then today is not just Eid.
It is a declaration. A statement to the heavens:
**“Ya Rabb, we have returned—and we intend to stay.”**

Today is more than a day of joy. It is a moment of truth. A sacred checkpoint asking ourselves: “What have we become after Ramadan?” “What will we carry into the days and months ahead?” Ramadan came not just to be experienced, but to be **embodied**.

We fasted—yes.
We prayed—yes.
But now, we must ask ourselves: **Have we been transformed?**

Allah ﷻ tells us: **﴿ قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَن تَزَكَّىٰ ﴾ ﴿ وَذَكَرَ ٱسْمَ رَبِّهِ فَصَلَّىٰ ﴾** *“Successful is the one who purifies himself, and mentions the name of his Lord, and prays.”* (Surah Al-A‘la: 14–15)

This verse beautifully captures the essence of inner purification, remembrance of Allah, and consistent prayer—all qualities nurtured during Ramadan and meant to be continued beyond it.

Ramadan is our season of purification. Eid is the day we show what has changed within us.

Rasulullah ﷺ said: «مَن صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِن ذَنْبِهِ»

*“Whoever fasts during Ramadan out of faith and seeking reward, his past sins will be forgiven.”* (Bukhari & Muslim)

Forgiveness was promised to those who fasted with sincerity. But **Ramadan wasn’t only about forgiveness—it was preparation.** Preparation to **live differently**. Ramadan was not just an exercise. It was a divine encounter. It was Allah knocking at the door of our hearts. The early hours of suhoor, the long days of restraint, the quiet of Laylatul Qadr—these were not just spiritual moments. They were **divine touchpoints**—and now, Allah is asking us: “Did you feel Me near? Then do not walk away.”

**Bediüzzaman Said Nursî** describes such seasons of mercy as:

“A spring of the spirit, a thaw of the soul, where the seeds of the Qur’an begin to bloom once again in the heart.”

Dear believers Eid, is not a farewell party. It is the **first step on the road we began in Ramadan**, **Ramadan as a Mirror, Eid as a Mission**

We often reflect about how Ramadan “transforms” us. So transformation is not only emotional. It is also by action.

* Did we fast? Alhamdulillah. But will we now fast from gossip, arrogance, and heedlessness?
* Did we give? Alhamdulillah. But will we now **live generously**, even when no one sees?
* Did we recite Qur’an? Alhamdulillah, MashaAllah. But will we now **become** the Qur’an in our dealings and decisions?

**Imam Al-Ghazali** wrote:

“The Eid of the one whose heart has changed is every day. And the fast of the heedless is hunger without reward.”

The greatest proof that our Ramadan was accepted is not found in the moon—It’s found in our manners, our missions, our **momentums**.

Dear brothers and sisters Ramadan was not the destination. It was the **launchpad**. Now, in Eid, we walk forward—with clarity, discipline, and a heart that remembers.

**Bediüzzaman Said Nursî** said:
*"Eid is the smile of divine mercy; it is the outward expression of the light that worship awakened within."*

**Fethullah Gülen Hocaefendi** says: *"Ramadan sharpens the will; Eid carries that will into service."*

Dear friends, beloved community,

We are not just individuals seeking self-improvement. We are servants carrying a **trust**. A trust that stretches back through Prophets, Companions, saints, scholars, and sincere souls whose shoulders we now stand upon.

**Fethullah Gülen Hocaefendi** reminds us: “Eid is not a time to rest, but to rise again. Ramadan tames the self; Eid directs that self toward the needs of humanity. Service begins after purification.”

Ramadan planted seeds of sincerity, prayer, and concern for others. Now those seeds must grow into **service**, into **light**, into **character**. Let us not let the light of Ramadan fade. Let us carry it—into our homes, our relationships, our decisions, and our daily efforts.

Let us remember these timeless words:

﴿ وَٱعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ ٱلْيَقِينُ ﴾ (Sūrat al-Ḥijr: 99) *"And worship your Lord until there comes to you the certainty (i.e., death)."*

**﴿** وَمَا تَوْفِيقِيٓ إِلَّا بِٱللَّهِ ۚ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَإِلَيْهِ أُنِيبُ ﴾ (Sūrat Hūd: 88) *"And my success is not but through Allah. Upon Him I have relied, and to Him I return."*

These verses remind us critical principles after Ramadan: We do not stop at Ramadan. We continue—until our last breath. With sincerity. With constancy and With service.

So today, let us whisper to our souls:

“You were broken, and Ramadan repaired you.
You were lost, and Allah showed you the map again.
You were numb, and you felt again.
Now don’t go back. Don’t trade the sweetness of nearness for the poison of heedlessness.”

Let this Eid be the **mark of change**—not the return to old patterns. Let us speak to our hearts and say: “We stood in the nights. We opened the Qur’an. We cried in prostration. We felt the nearness of Allah. We do not want to go back. Let this be the beginning—not just a memory.”

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**اللَّهُمَّ تَقَبَّلْ صِيَامَنَا وَقِيَامَنَا، وَثَبِّتْنَا بَعْدَ رَمَضَانَ** *“O Allah, accept our fasting and our prayer, and keep us firm after Ramadan.”*

**اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ خَيْرَ أَيَّامِنَا بَعْدَ رَمَضَانَ، وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنَ ٱلْمَقْبُولِينَ** *“O Allah, make our best days those after Ramadan, and make us among those whom You have accepted.”*

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**Taqabbal Allah minna wa minkum. Eid Mubarak. May this Eid be a reminder, a revival, and a renewal of our Iman to Allah.**

### ****Ramazan’dan Sonra – Emaneti Taşımak ve Yolculuğa Devam Etmek****

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**Muhterem Mü’minler, Bayramımız mübarek olsun.**

Bugün sadece bir bayram sabahı değil; aynı zamanda hakikatle yüzleştiğimiz bir gündür.
Sanki bir melek sesleniyor bizlere:

“Ramazan bitti, peki şimdi neredesin ey insan? Kimi buldun, neyi bıraktın ve bundan sonra nasıl yürüyeceksin?”

Çünkü Ramazan sadece yaşanacak bir mevsim değil, **taşınacak bir mirastır.** Bugün, bizler sadece orucu tamamlamış insanlar değiliz; Bizler, **Allah’a verdiği sözü yenileyen kullarız. Rabbimiz soyle buyuruyor ﴿ قَدْ أَفْلَحَ مَن تَزَكَّىٰ ﴾ ﴿ وَذَكَرَ ٱسْمَ رَبِّهِ فَصَلَّىٰ ﴾ *“Nefsini arındıran, Rabbinin adını anan ve namaz kılan gerçekten kurtuluşa ermiştir.”*** (Sûratü’l-A‘la: 14–15)

Ramazan boyunca nefsimizi terbiye ettik, Rabbimizi zikrettik, secdelere koştuk. Şimdi soruyoruz kendimize:

“Bu kalpte ne kaldı? Bu hâl devam edecek mi?”

Efendimiz ﷺ buyuruyor:

**«مَن صَامَ رَمَضَانَ إِيمَانًا وَاحْتِسَابًا غُفِرَ لَهُ مَا تَقَدَّمَ مِن ذَنْبِهِ»** ***“Kim Ramazan’ı imanla ve sevabını Allah’tan bekleyerek oruçla geçirirse, geçmiş günahları bağışlanır.”*** (Buhârî ve Müslim)

Ancak, bağışlanmakla kalmamalıyız.

Ramazan bizi hazırladı, şekillendirdi, diriltti. Şimdi o dirilişi **hayata taşıma** zamanıdır.

**Bediüzzaman Said Nursî** şöyle der: “Bayram, rahmetin tebessümüdür. İbadetle arınan ruhun, huzurla buluştuğu andır.”

**Fethullah Gülen Hocaefendi** buyurur: “Ramazan nefsi terbiye eder, bayram ise o nefsi insanlığa yönlendirir. Hizmet, arınmadan sonra başlar.”

O hâlde soralım kendimize:

* Ramazan’da yakaladığımız sabrı koruyacak mıyız?
* Kur’an’la kurduğumuz dostluğu sürdürecek miyiz?
* Paylaşmanın lezzetini unutmayacak mıyız?

Ramazan’ın bize bıraktığı bazi temel mesajları unutmamalıyız:

1. **Secdelerde huzura varmayi.**
2. **Kur’an’la yolumuza devam etmeyi.**
3. **Hizmetle hayat bulmayi.**

Eğer bu Ramazan’da biraz daha merhametli olduysak, biraz daha dikkatli konuştuk, biraz daha gönül aldık ise; işte şimdi bunu **hayat tarzı hâline** getirme zamanıdır.

**Rabbimiz yine soyle buyuruyor ﴿ وَٱعْبُدْ رَبَّكَ حَتَّىٰ يَأْتِيَكَ ٱلْيَقِينُ ﴾ *“Sana kesin bilgi (ölüm) gelinceye kadar Rabbine ibadet et.”*** (Sûratü’l-Hicr: 99)

**﴿ وَمَا تَوْفِيقِيٓ إِلَّا بِٱللَّهِ ۚ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَإِلَيْهِ أُنِيبُ ﴾ *“Başarım yalnızca Allah’tandır. O’na tevekkül ettim ve O’na yöneldim.”*** (Sûrat Hûd: 88)

Ramazan bitmiş olabilir ama **kulluk bitmez.** Zikir bitmiş olabilir ama **yöneliş bitmez.**

Bugün, sadece bayram şekeri dağıtmak değil;

* Gönüllere tatlılık taşıma günüdür.
* Akrabalarla küslüğü bitirme günüdür.
* Mazlumları unutmama, mahrumları hatırlama günüdür.

Kendi nefsimize şöyle diyelim:

“Ey nefsim! Ramazan’da titredin, duygulandın, ağladın. Şimdi bu hâli kaybetme. Yakınlaştığın Rabbin’den uzaklaşma.
Sadece Ramazan’da değil, her gün Rabbine kulu ol.”

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*“Allah’ım! Bu bayramı kalbimiz için yeni bir doğuş, Sana samimi bir başlangıç eyle.”*

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*“Allah’ım! Orucumuzu ve namazlarımızı kabul eyle, Ramazan sonrası da bizi sabit kıl.”*

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*“Allah’ım! En güzel günlerimizi Ramazan’dan sonra eyle, bizleri kabul ettiklerinin arasına al.”*

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**Bayramımız mübarek olsun. Allah yaptığımız tüm ibadetleri kabul eylesin.**