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Charity for the Mosque

Dear Muslims,

It is a blessing that we can get rewards for a wide range of deeds. Some of these deeds might be related to mosque such as paying for the mosque expenses and serving or helping in mosque cleaning, such activities are of great rewards and will help the person to survive the punishment at the Judgment day.

Osman, may Allah be pleased with him said: **«I heard the Prophet (PBUH) saying: “For those who build houses for God (i.e. mosque) in the earth, Allah will reward them a house in Paradise”».** ***The mosques of God shall be visited and maintained by such as believe in God and the Last Day, establish regular prayers, and practise regular charity, and fear none (at all) except God. It is they who are expected to be on true guidance. Altawbah: 18.***

Mosques have a crucial role in Muslims community. It is the sign of the Muslims unity and the reason of their strength, respect and dignity. It was the school where the early Muslims taught the principles and rules of Islam as well as the way to do their religious practice. In the mosque, Prophet Mohamed created the first Muslims generation who has later delivered the message of Islam, rightly, and taught the world the right concepts of how to rule and live.

Dear Muslims,

We spend lots of money on our daily needs, desires and, sometimes, for charity dedicated for other Muslims. But who remember the Mosques. It the God's houses and should have a share in our money. Here is a suggestion to make everyone participate in the rewards. It is a small project; let us name it the “charity dish”. I suggest that every one of us provide some money for the mosque preferably in regular basis, Fridays for instance. There are no limits on the amount everyone should only pay what he can. These amounts of money will help, and will be used for covering some of the huge expenses for running different activities in the mosques. By this we are following Prophet Mohamed who has chosen, and urged his companion, to spend money to build and establish the mosque in *Almadinah*, as the first thing to do after he migrated there. Why do you think he did that? It is because from there come the ray of knowledge that makes the darkness of ignorance disappears. From there we can generate and bring new Muslim generation that can take the responsibility to deliver the message and help people to restore the morals and the human values in the earth.

Dear Muslims,

Indeed, it is necessary to take care of our mosques and to furnish its need and resources. It is important to do that in order for the Mosques to keep functioning and playing its role in the community. We are in need of your help to sustain our activities and to continue holding the religious lessons. We need your help to keep our mosque as a focus for our meetings, discussions and activities. We need it also for our next generation, to educate them and prepare them to take their religious responsibilities when they grow older.

So let us donate for our Mosque with hope and prayer that Allah will accept our donation and reward us the great rewards he promised at the Judgment day.

N.B It is reminder that next Friday is 'Ashora, the tenth of Muharam, fasting is of great rewards. If you fast the sins for the last year will be forgiven inshaa Allah. May Allah help us to fast. Amen