



## In the name of Allah Most Gracious and Most Merciful

All praises are due to **Allah**. I testify that there is nothing worthy of worship except **Allah** the uniquely One, who has no partners in **His** one-ness.

And I testify that the Prophet **Muhammad** is the slave of **Allah** and **His** Messenger.

O Servants of **Allah!** **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah An-Furqan**:

**“And those who say, ‘Our Lord, grant us from among our wives and offspring comfort to our eyes and make us an example for the righteous.’”** (S.25 V.74)

Indeed, the family is a tremendous blessing, **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah An-Nahl**:

**“Allah has made for you from yourselves mates and has made for you from your mates children and grandchildren and has provided for you from the good things.”** (S.16 V.72)

**Allah** has highlighted the importance of love and affection between the spouses as a means of ensuring the foundation and basis for a happy, blissful and content family life. **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah Ar-Rum**:

**“And of His signs is that He created for you from yourselves mates that you may find tranquility in them; and He placed between you affection and mercy. Indeed, in that are signs for a people who give thought.”** (S.30 V.21)

It is when such a relationship is functioning and working as it should work that the children of such a family find themselves in the shade of love, tenderness, care and affection. Within such a marriage the spouses display mercy to each other, through mutually strengthening their connection to their **Lord**, and their observance of themselves in front of their **Creator**. **Allah** says in the **Qur'an** in **Surah Luqman**:

**“[Luqman said], ‘O my son, indeed if wrong should be the weight of a mustard seed and should be within a rock or [anywhere] in the heavens or in the earth, Allah will bring it forth. Indeed, Allah is Subtle and Acquainted.’”** (S.31 V.16)

Indeed, the successful family is one in which parents are cognizant and aware of their responsibilities, especially those with regards to how they raise their children. So, they ensure that they are emotionally connected to their children and that this affection is manifest in a deep relationship of mutual love and care. So, for example, you find such parents often hugging their children, spending time to know their interests and dedicating their own time to help educate their children. O my son, whoever abstains from the entry points of evil remains safe, and whoever keeps the company of a righteous companion reaps benefit. **The Messenger of Allah SAW said: “Indeed, your son has a right over you.” [Muslim]** Indeed, from the rights that our children have over us is that they live and be raised up in a family that is serene, tranquil, calm and peaceful. Such families are keen to protect their children from all forms of harm and danger, whether they be physical dangers, or spiritual and moral dangers, which includes not only physical addictive vices such as drugs and intoxicants, but also the addictive patterns and vices of digital technology in the virtual world. Just as one would not leave their children unsupervised in the physical world, these parents do not leave their children unsupervised in the digital world, for the virtual world has its dangers akin to the physical one. So just as a devoted parent would not let someone to physically enter their house who may potentially harm their children, they make sure that no one suspicious or evil is communicating with their children in the digital world.

May the peace and the blessings of **Allah** be upon prophet **Muhammad SAW**, his family and all of his Companions. May **Allah** be pleased with the Rightly Guided **Caliphs: Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman** and **Ali**, and all those who will follow them in righteousness until the Day of Judgment.

O **Allah!** Bless us with **Your** love. Bless us the love of those **You** love.

O **Allah!** Accept our prayers and all our **ibada**.

O **Allah!** Guide us to the right path and make us of those on whom **You** bestows **Your** mercy.

O **Allah!** Accept all of our good deeds and forgive us for our **sins**.

O **Allah!** Grant safety and security to everyone here in Japan as well as all over the world. **Aamin ya Rabbil Aalamin**.