

## A good family with a good relationship between spouses and a sense of security

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 a slave of Allah and His Messenger.

Dear Believers! Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah al-Baqarah and Surah at-Taubah:

**“...And take provisions, but indeed, the best provision is fear of Allah...”** (S.2 V.197)

**“Allah created you from one soul and created from it its mate that he might dwell in tranquility with her. ...”** (S.7 V.189)

The tranquility here indicates that he finds comfort in her, so is able to live with her in affection, mercy, compassion and love. This tranquility between spouses is the greatest tranquility we can seek amongst creation and it is literally a sign from Allah. 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. ...”** (S.30 V.21)

This tranquility also increases happiness and contentment in our homes, entailing that each spouse value and honor the other, knowing their rank, being grateful for their efforts, and to recognize each of their devotion and sacrifices. The spouses should also recognize in each other goodly character and an easygoing tolerant nature, for it with such lenience and expansion that their relationship will have the foundation to succeed. This is in accordance with what the Prophet SAW indicated when he said: “The best of you is he who is best to his family (wife).” [Tirmidhi] From that which increases the tranquility in the house is when the parents assume responsibilities regarding the upbringing of the children, by ensuring they strive for the best upbringing they can give them, so that they in turn will respect and honor their parents. Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah al-Ankabut:

**“We have enjoined upon man goodness to parents. ...”** (S.29 V.8)

For being grateful to one's parents is an extension of one's gratitude to Allah.

Allah says in the Qur'an in Surah an-Naml:

**“... My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents. ...”** (S.27 V.19)

O Allah! Increase our families in love and tranquility, and bring this into our societies in the form of contentment and happiness, and bless our children.

O Believers! Indeed, tranquility in homes is dependent upon their being mutual understanding, dialogue and concern between the spouses. This in turn has to be built upon a foundation of mutual consultation based on love. The kids within such a home will learn and develop such characteristics, this is how they



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will be distinguished when they grow up. O Allah! Enter into our hearts such tranquility, and into our societies. And make us of those who are content with You and Your decree, bless our homes and nations.

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! Accept our prayers, all our ibada and all of our good deeds and forgive us for our sins.

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

O Allah! Accept us for Your service and for the service of Islam and Muslims

O Allah! Give shifa to all those who are sick.

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

