

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَدِدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,

The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

The Caliphs concern for the Ummah

There is no doubt that Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah be pleased with him* - is considered as one of the most pious, most just and one of the most noble Muslim leaders of his era.

One day, Hadrat Sayyiduna Ataa bin Abi Rabah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - wrote a letter to the wife of the great Muslim to explain to him something about the behaviour and mannerisms of Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Umar bin Abdul Aziz - *may Allah Almighty be pleased with him*.

She wrote, “May Allah Almighty grace him with immense respect and stature. There is no doubt that he sacrificed his entire being for the benefit of the Muslim Ummah. Even when the night was complete, the responsibilities of the day were still not completed.

He used to complete all of this even during the late part of the night. Whenever, he had any spare time, he used buy a lamp with his own personal money. In this light, he performed two rak'ah of Salaah. He used to then sit with his knees upright. He should place his head on his wrists and weep without control. He wept with such intensity that sometimes his heart was close to bursting. He spent the entire night in this fashion and during the day, he kept fast.

“One day, I approached him and said, ‘There was a time when you used to live a royal life.’ He replied, ‘That is true, however, now you may continue your life and allow me to remain in this state.’

“I then asked him for some advice and he declared, ‘Listen carefully, when I saw that all types of responsibility was placed on my shoulders and when I realised that there are Muslims who in are need in various parts of the Muslim world, I became extremely afraid and troubled. I realised that the on the Day of Judgement, surely the Allah Almighty will question me about these people. If something is decreed against me by the Allah Almighty and His beloved Prophet - *may Allah Almighty's peace and blessings be upon him*, what answer will I be able to give? This is the fear which had overtaken my heart. The Allah Almighty will not accept any excuse from me and I will not be able to present any excuse in front of the Holy Prophet - *may Allah Almighty's peace and blessings be upon him* - as well. O Fatimah! When I think about this, I cannot help but feel sorry for myself. This is the reason that tears flow from my eyes. It is because of this sadness which exists in my heart and the more I think about it, the more this sadness increases.’”