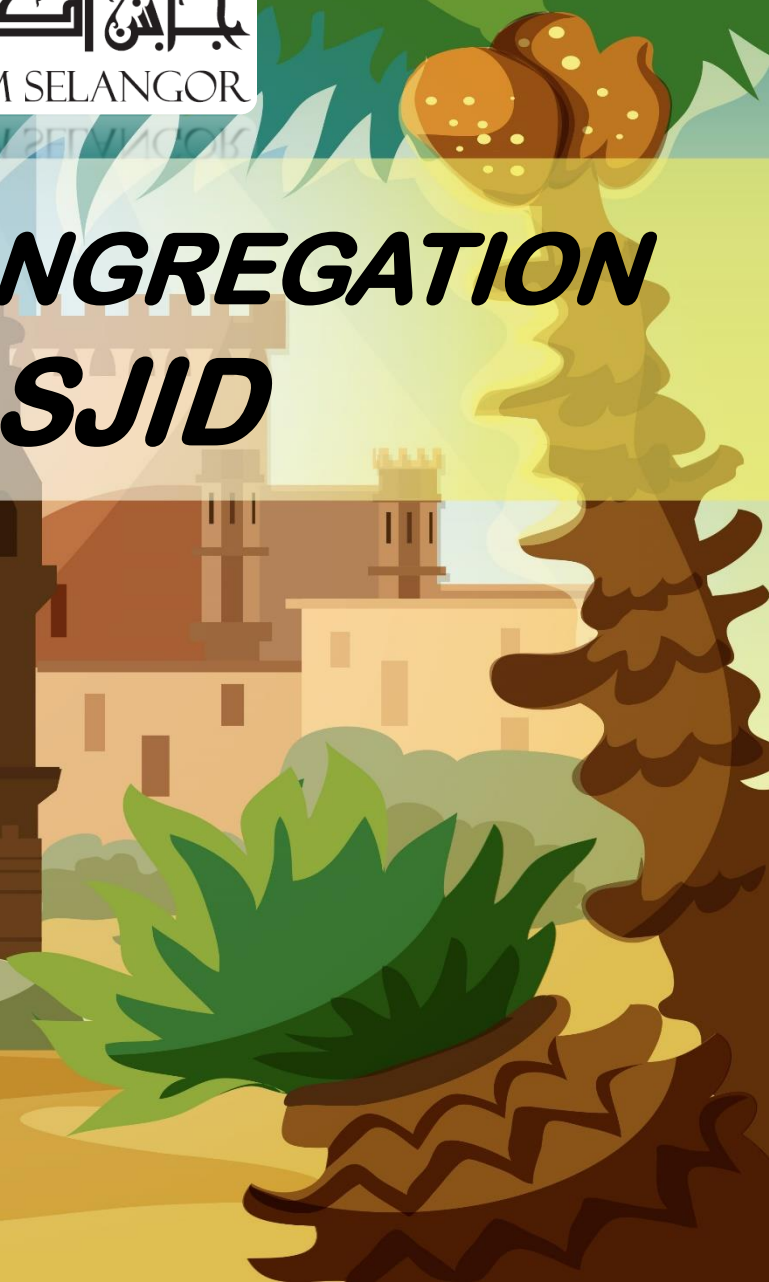





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LET'S PRAY IN CONGREGATION AT THE MASJID





**I remind myself and
fellow audience to
strive our utmost in
solidifying our *taqwa* of
Allah *Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala* with absolute**

taqwa, which is by fulfilling all of His Commands and avoiding all of His prohibitions. May we all attain happiness in this world and the Hereafter.

Today I would like to expound on
a *khutbah* titled

***“LET’S PRAY IN CONGREGATION
AT THE MASJID.”***



Indeed, praying in *jamaa'ah* (congregation) has many benefits and virtues. Every Muslim performing *salaah* (prayer) in *jamaa'ah* is promised with rewards that are multiplied by

Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala*, as compared to praying individually. This was explained by Rasulullah ﷺ through the *hadeeth* of 'Abdullah ibn 'Umar *radiyAllaahu 'anhuma*, where the

Prophet ﷺ said:

“Salaah in congregation is twenty-seven times more meritorious than a salaah performed individually.”

(al-Bukhaari and Muslim)

Alhamdulillah, the awareness in performing congregational prayer at the masjid has tremendously increased. However, it must be further improved so that more individuals

would attend and flock to
the masjid. Wouldn't it be
nice if we get a full house
for *salaat al-jamaa'ah*
(congregational prayer)
just like in *salaat al-*
Jumu'ah (Friday prayer)
today? If we can be like

this for every obligatory
prayer, then our *imaan*
(faith) will be guaranteed
by the Prophet ﷺ as it
was affirmed in the
hadeeth of Abu Sa'eed al-
Khudri *radiyAllaahu 'anh*,
where Rasulullah ﷺ said:

“When you see a man frequenting the masjid, testify that he is a believer.”

(at-Tirmidhi)

If it is as such with regard to the *imaan* (faith) of one that frequents the masjid, then it behoove us to remove all obstacles and excuses that contribute to our reluctance from going to the masjid, while the

masjid beckons and call upon us to join the congregational prayer at the masjid. Moreover, those performing *salaat al-fard* (obligatory prayer) at the masjid are not only rewarded with

tremendous reward,
but each and every
step taken will be
counted and
rewarded by Allah
*Subhaanahu Wa
Ta'aala.*

Abu Hurayrah
radiyAllaahu ‘anh
reported that Rasulullah
ﷺ said:

*“He who purified
himself in his house,
and then he walked to*

one of the houses of Allah for the sake of performing a fard (obligatory act) out of the faraa'id (obligatory acts) of Allah, both his steps (would be

***significant) as one of
them would obliterate
his sin and the
second one would
raise his status.”***

(Muslim)

Every Muslim must possess determination in fostering an *ummah* that truly loves and enliven the house of Allah. Among them is instilling the culture of praying in *jamaa'ah* within our

children while they are young. This is because it is a form of *tarbiyyah* (education) that is very effective upon the children's inner soul in performing congregational prayer at

the masjid.

The father, as the head of the household, must demonstrate excellent example for the children. The father himself must perform his prayers in

congregation when the time for *salaah* begins, and bring the children along with him to the masjid for the congregational prayer. Aside from that, the parents must be

responsible in educating
their offsprings upon the
gravity and importance of
praying in *jamaa'ah*
especially in the masjid.
This is because anyone,
including the youth,
whose lives are always

engaged in *'ibaadah*
(worship) to Allah and
whose hearts are firmly
attached to the masjid,
such person will be
placed under the Shade
of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa*
Ta'aala in the Hereafter.

This is based on the *hadeeth* from Rasulullah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ that mentioned about the seven types of people that will be granted the Shade of Allah, and among them are those whose hearts are always

**attached to the masjid
and a youth that busies
himself worshipping
Allah.**

**In encouraging the
people to attend
congregational prayers,**

**every masjid and *sura*
should resort to suitable
measures by offering
certain services such
as tuition classes, areas
for leisure activities,
and many others.**

There are a plethora of virtues in praying in congregation if we are to look at it thoroughly, whether physically or spiritually. Praying in *jamaa'ah* at the masjid provides a platform in

educating the heart and
the soul of the attendees
to foster stronger
ukhuwwah (brotherhood)
and unity. Praying in
jamaa'ah can also repel
the attitude of self-
importance and nurture

individuals that are tolerant
and always possessing
tawaddu' (humility).

In ending the *khutbah*
today, there are several
tawjeehaat (guiding rules)
that are to be noted:

1. The Muslim *ummah* must have certainty that the masjid is the house of Allah that generates belief in Allah and the Hereafter.

2. The Muslim *ummah* must realize that Rasulullah ﷺ had issued severe warning by threatening to burn down the homes of those that do not pray in congregation at the masjid.

3. The Muslim *ummah* must perform congregational prayer in the masjid for it will strengthen the bond of brotherhood and unity amongst the Muslims.

4. The Muslim *ummah* must utilize the masjid as its second home that will lead them to Paradise.

5. The Muslim *ummah* must maintain the house of Allah abuzz with the five daily *fard* prayers so that eventually they would all match the Friday prayer's crowd level.

“The mosques of Allah are only to be maintained by those who believe in Allah and the Last Day and establish prayer

***and give zakaah and
do not fear except
Allah, for it is
expected that those
will be of the [rightly]
guided.”***

(at-Tawbah 9:18)



**THE SECOND
KHUTBAH**



Once again, I would like to remind all of us to always have the *taqwa* of Allah *Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala* and diligently indulge in righteous deeds, as well as manifesting the akhlaaq of Rasulullah ﷺ.



**Furthermore, let us always
increase our *salawaat* and
salaam upon our Prophet
Muhammad ﷺ. Allah
Subhaanahu Wa Ta'aala
mentions:**



“Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.” (al-Ahzaab 33:56)



O Allah, You are the Lord that is All Mighty, we are grateful to You for having bestowed upon us *rahmah* and *barakah* upon this state, which continues to remain advanced and prosperous, with its residents



united under the auspices and leadership of our Ruler as the Head of Islamic affairs in this state.



**Hence, we sincerely beseech
You, O Allah, strengthen our
imaan and creed according to
that of *Ahl as-Sunnah wal-
Jamaa'ah*, and protect us from
teachings that are outside the
fold of Islam such as *Qadiyaani***



and deviant teachings such as *Shee'ah*. O Allah, *Ya Rahmaan*, *Ya Raheem*, unite our hearts, bestow upon us *rizq* with blessings, enrich us with beneficial knowledge, protect us from calamities. O Allah,



bestow upon us guidance in performing the five daily prayers in congregation, fulfilling *zakaat* through *Lembaga Zakat Selangor* (Selangor *Zakaat* Board), making *waqf* and *infaaq* of our



wealth to *Perbadanan Wakaf Negeri Selangor* (Selangor Waqf Corporation), and *Tabung Amanah Pembangunan Islam Selangor* (Islamic Development Trust Fund of Selangor).



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