

## Encouragement to Give in Charity for the Building of Masājid

In the Name of Allāh, ar-Raḥmān (the Most Merciful), ar-Raḥīm (the Bestower of Mercy).

All praise is due to Allāh. The salutations and peace be upon our Prophet, the seal of the Prophets and the Imām of the pious; and upon his Family and his Companions, and those who follow them in goodness till the Day of Resurrection. To proceed:

Indeed, the masājid are from the most excellent of affairs for which wealth is donated, and for which the reward is perpetual, for indeed its reward is continuous, varied and manifold. This is because the Muslims worship Allāh within them (the Masājid) by way of the ṣalāt and other than that. In it is the worshiper, and the one who recites Qur'ān, and the one who studies knowledge and other than this. The Muslims benefit by way of them by seeking shade from the heat and comfort from the cold.

For this reason the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم encouraged with the building of them. Al-Bukhārī, Muslim and other than them narrate from the ḥadīth of the Amīr al-Mu'minīn 'Uthmān bin 'Affān رضي الله عنه: I heard Allāh's Messenger صلى الله عليه وسلم saying:

*“Whoever builds a Masjid, then Allāh will build for him it's like in Jannah.”*

And in a wording:

*“Allāh will build for him a house in Jannah.”*

So the recompense is immense and the reward is great, a house in the [eternal] Abode of Blissful Dwelling, in proximity of the Merciful Lord, in the Abode wherein the bliss will not come to an end and nor will its people ever perish.

**Indeed in the district of (...), one of the areas of the city of (...), there is a need for the building of a Masjid so that its people may establish within it the congregational prayer, and actualize and fulfil the benefits that were cited earlier. They are in need of the assistance of their Muslim brothers to share with them in the reward and recompense, and to aid them upon this important and honorable affair.**

So I address the call to my Muslim Brothers that they contribute and partake in the building of this Masjid from the generosity of their souls, whether it be small or great, and whoever does good to the weight of an atom shall see it.

And may Allāh grant success to all due to what is in it of goodness and righteousness.

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