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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِن رَّحْمَةِ اللَّهِ
إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْعَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
إِذَا كَانَتْ لَيْلَةُ النَّصْفِ مِن شَعْبَانَ فَقُومُوا لَيْلَهَا وَصُومُوا يَوْمَهَا.

THE NIGHT OF FORGIVING (LAYLAT AL-BARĀ'A)

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment is valuable, but there are certain times that are especially valuable and have been made a mean for supplications to be answered and sins to be forgiven. By Allah's permission, we will reach the Night of Forgiveness (*laylat al-barā'a*) tomorrow evening. On that night it is hoped that the *mu'minūn* will be saved from the heaviness of their sins and will receive divine forgiveness. That night also teaches us to be forgiving. Thus we can restore ourselves in terms of *īmān* and worship. That night let us reflect on our past and look at the future with fresh eyes. Dear Muslims, on the *laylat al-barā'a*, Allah ﷻ showers down His mercy in abundance. The Prophet ﷺ advised to spend that night in worship and to fast during the day. I ask Allah ﷻ to grant all good and His blessings to all Muslims for the sake of that night. May our *laylat al-barā'a* be blessed. *Āmīn*.