FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMİİ October 16, 2020 MUSLIMS AND BEING MILD-MANNERED

يَشِ لِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِنَ اللهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ وَلَوْ كُنْتَ فَظًّا غَلِيظَ فَبِمَا رَحْمَةٍ مِنَ اللهِ لِنْتَ لَهُمْ وَلَوْ كُنْتَ فَظًّا غَلِيظَ الْقَلْبِ لَانْفَضُّوا مِنْ حَوْلِكٌ. وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللهِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ: اَلْمُؤْمِنُ مُؤْلَفٌ وَلَا خَيْرَ فِيمَنْ لَا يَأْلَفُ وَلَا يُؤْلَفُ.

Honorable Muslims!

Our sublime religion Islam teaches us Muslims to not only continue worship sincerely but also to have good morals and be one of those people with whom it is easy to get along well. It asks us to establish relations based on good faith, fairness and compassion with particularly our families, neighbors, relatives and friends.

Dear Believers!

The Prophet Muhammad (saw) is the finest role model for humanity. He (saw) taught us how to be a virtuous servant of Allah and the ways to get along well with people by personally practicing in his life. He (saw) was a mild-tempered, graceful and refined person. He (saw) had good manners, decency, and humility. He (saw) would instill peace and trust in people around him and would not cause any fear or doubt. He (saw) had a heart full of love and compassion for his family and companions. He was patient, tolerant and forgiving in bad times just as in good times. Allah the Almighty (swt) praises this quality of his as follows: **"So by mercy from** Allah, [O Muhammad], you were lenient with them. And if you had been rude [in speech] and harsh in heart, they would have disbanded from about you."¹

Dear Believers!

Let us not restrain our smiling face, nice words, conscientiousness and tolerance from primarily our spouse and children, and all other people. This way we can make life easier both for ourselves and for the people around us.

Dear Muslims!

As I conclude this Friday's khutbah, I would like to wish the Almighty Allah's mercy upon our Azerbaijani brothers and sisters who were martyred, and speedy recovery for those injured in the struggle to liberate the occupied territories of Azerbaijan.

¹ Al-i 'Imran, 3/159.