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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
وَلْتَكُنْ مِنْكُمْ أُمَّةٌ يَدْعُونَ إِلَى الْخَيْرِ وَيَأْمُرُونَ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ
وَيَنْهَوْنَ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ.
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
مَنْ سَلَكَ طَرِيقًا يَلْتَمِسُ فِيهِ عِلْمًا، سَهَّلَ اللَّهُ لَهُ طَرِيقًا إِلَى
الْجَنَّةِ.

THE IMPORTANCE OF THE IMAM AND REPRESENTATION

Dear brothers and sisters, it is an obligation and responsibility for every Muslim to have sufficient knowledge of the Qur'an and the basic principles of Islam to practice his faith. Therefore, it is necessary that the community produces individuals who can take the lead, educate people on these subjects with their knowledge and practice. Allah ﷻ says in the Qur'an: **“And let there be among you a group who call to good, command good, and forbid evil. And they are the ones who are successful.”**¹ Dear Muslims, this call to good is led by our imams and teachers. The imam carries the heritage of Prophet Muḥammad ﷺ by taking up his call to Islam. It is our responsibility to train imams who can meet the needs of the community. I end my sermon with the following *ḥadīth*: **“Whoever sets out to acquire knowledge, Allah will make easy for him the path to Paradise.”**²

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¹ Āl 'Imrān, 3: 104.

² Al-Tirmidhī, Al-'Ilm, 19.