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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
قُلْ يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَى أَنْفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا مِنْ رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ.
قَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:
إِنَّ اللَّهَ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ يَنْزِلُ لَيْلَةَ النِّصْفِ مِنْ شَعْبَانَ إِلَى السَّمَاءِ
الدُّنْيَا فَيَغْفِرُ لَأَكْثَرِ مِنْ عَدَدِ شَعْرِ غَنَمٍ كُلِّ.

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

Dear brothers and sisters, every moment is valuable, but there are certain times that are especially precious and have been designated as opportunities for supplications to be answered and sins to be forgiven. By Allah's permission, we will reach the Night of Forgiving (*laylat al-barā'a*) next Thursday night. On that night, it is hoped that the believers (*mu'minūn*) will be relieved of the burden of their sins and will receive divine forgiveness. That night also teaches us to be forgiving. Thus, we can renew ourselves in terms of faith (*īmān*) and worship. On that night, let us reflect on our past and look at the future with fresh eyes. Dear Muslims, on *laylat al-barā'a*, Allah ﷻ showers His mercy in abundance. The Prophet ﷺ advised us 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*.