

# Respect Our Parents

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*As-salámu ‘alaikum wa rahmatul láhi wa barakátuh!”*

*“A-úthu billáhi minash shaytánir rajeem. Bismilláhir rahmánir raheem.*

*Al hamdu lillahi nahmaduhu wanasta’eenahu, wanastagh-firuhu, wanatoobu ilayhi, wana’oothu Billaahi min shuroori an-fusinaa, wamin sayyi aati a’maalinaa.*

*May- Yahdillahu fa huwal muhtad, wa may- yudlill falan tajidaa lahu waliyan murshida. Wa ash-hadu an Laa ilaaha ill-Alláh, wahdahoo laa shareeka lah, wa ash-hadu anna Muhammadan ‘abduhoo warasooluh”*

**In the name of Allah most merciful, most compassionate**

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

People in this country celebrate fathers and mothers days on some occasional days. For example the 18th of this month is Fathers’ Day and 26th of March was Mothers’ Day. You can see the signs everywhere which remind you that you musn’t forget to buy a gift for your lovely father.

Do you ever think about whether we really love our parents and show respect to them?

I’d like to say something about the position of parents in Islam.

Islam considers kindness to parents next to the worship of God.

Allah subhanehu ve teala says “Your Lord has decreed that you should worship nothing except Him, and [show] kindness to your parents; whether either of them or both of them should attain old age [while they are] still with you, never say to them: “Naughty!” nor scold either of them. Speak to them in a generous fashion.\* Protect them carefully from outsiders, and say: ‘My Lord, show them mercy, just as they cared for me [when I was] a little child!’”

One day A man came to Prophet Muhammad (p) asking, “O Messenger of God, who among the people is the most worthy of my good company?” The Prophet (p) said, “Your mother.” The man said then, “Who else?” The Prophet (p) said, “Your mother.” The man asked, “Then who else?” Only then did the Prophet (p) say, “