

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

**To those who suffered during the recent riots  
and in general for all those who are being tested (Part.2)**

**How a believer responds to and overcomes even the greatest of losses?**

We should recite the Sunnah dua for one who has suffered any loss or difficulty, which is:

**إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ اللَّهُمَّ أَجْرِي فِي مُصِيبَتِي وَأَخْلِفْ لِي خَيْرًا مِنْهَا**

*Innaa lillahi wa innaa ilayhi raaji'oon. Allāhumma'jurni fee museebatee wa akhlif lee khayram minha*

**Verily we belong to Allāh, and only to Him will we return. O Allāh, reward me for undergoing this difficulty and loss, and grant me something better in replacement for what I have lost.**

In essence, we remind ourselves through this dua that we, along with our wealth, families and health, all belong to Allāh. A true unrestricted owner has the right to use his property and possessions as he wills, and none has the right to object or question his prerogative. However, Allāh, out of His unlimited kindness, has given us consolation that we are soon going to be rewarded in full for the difficulty we endured patiently when we return to Him after our death.

Benefits of reciting this dua:

- 1) By reciting this dua, we will be recorded amongst the patient ones. (Surah Baqarah v.155)
- 2) We will certainly receive something better in return, no matter how unlikely it may seem.

Sayyidah Ummu Salamah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا (the mother of the believers) narrates, “I heard Rasūlullāh صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ saying, “Whenever a Muslim is afflicted by some loss or calamity, and he recites (the dua mentioned above) which Allāh has ordered him to say, Allāh will grant him in replacement something better.”

(She رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهَا then explained), “When (my husband) Abu Salamah passed away, I said to myself, “Which Muslim can ever be better than Abu Salamah, who was amongst the first to migrate (to Madinah Munawwarah).” Despite this thought, I recited the dua, due to which Allāh granted me Rasūlullāh صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ as a replacement. (Sahih Muslim)

- 3) We will receive a palace in Jannah

It is quoted in Shu'abul Imaan (narration no.9242) that Sayyiduna Abdullāh ibn Amr ibn al-Aas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُمَا said:

Whoever has four traits, Allāh will build for him a magnificent palace for him in Jannah;

a) His protection and support lies in (reciting and firmly believing in) **لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ** (*There is no deity but Allāh*)

b) When any calamity afflicts him, he says **إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ** (*We belong to Allāh and to Him is our return*)

c) When he is granted anything, he says **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** (*All praise belongs to Allāh*)

d) When he commits a sin, he says **أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ** (*I ask Allāh to forgive me*)

4) We will receive 6 great rewards

Sayyiduna Abdullāh ibn Abbās has said:

Allāh **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** informed the believer (in the Qur'ān) that when he accepts the decision of Allāh and recites **إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ**, Allāh **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** will record for him three types of goodness:

a) special mercy from Allāh (special exclusive mercies which He will shower down upon a person in lieu of the exclusive pain and difficulty one experiences and which is known to none other but oneself)

b) general mercy (Allāh's general mercies which are granted to all the patient ones and to his beloved servants)

c) finding the path of guidance (the straight path of *hidāyah* till he reaches his destination i.e., Allāh's love, recognition, closeness and His pleasure).

And Rasūlullāh **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ** said, “Whoever recites **إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ**, Allāh **سُبْحَانَهُ وَتَعَالَى** will remove his sins, grant him a good end result and will grant him a better replacement, which will please him.<sup>1</sup>”

(Al-Mu'jamul-Kabeer no. 13027, Shuabul-Imaan no. 9240)

<sup>1</sup> من استرجع عند المصيبة جبر الله مصيبتة وأحسن عقباه وجعل له خلفا صالحا يرضاه