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## SUSTENANCE

As-Salāmu 'alaykum wa raḥmatu Llāh. A'ūdhu bi-Llāhi mina sh-Shayṭāni r-rajīm.

Waṣ-ṣalātu wa s-salāmu 'alā Rasūlinā Muḥammadin Sayyidi l-Awwalīna wa l-Ākhirīn. Madad yā Rasūla Llāh, madad yā Sādāti Aṣḥābi Rasūli Llāh, madad yā Mashāyikhinā, dastūr yā Shaykh 'Abdu Llāh al-Fā'iz ad-Dāghistānī, Shaykh Muḥammad Nāẓim al-

## Haqqānī. Madad.

Ṭarīqatunā ṣ-ṣuḥbah wa l-khayru fi l-jam'iyyah.

Our Holy Prophet (SAW) states, "If you had true faith, Allah would send you your sustenance (*rizq*)." Just as birds go out looking for their sustenance in the morning with stomachs empty, yet they come back with stomachs full later in the evening. They don't have jobs, but Allah (JJ) provides their sustenance. Allah, who provides their sustenance, provides sustenance for people, too—so there is no need to get anxious when something goes wrong! Trust in Allah. Sustenance is from Allah.

The people who live in those countries you call the world's most powerful, even those in the world's most powerful and wealthiest country, are living in more difficulty than those who live in the poorest countries. They do not know what to do. Why? Because they think materialistically and of nothing else. They think that one eats if one works, and stays hungry if one doesn't work. Allah manifests this view to them, so their disgrace may be an example.

Thanks be to Allah, though there isn't as much wealth in our Islamic world, Allah gives blessing and everybody makes ends meet. We don't have more than they, we have less, but when Allah 'azza wa jalla gives barakah, that barakah is a secret and is more important than everything else. People get anxious and say, "This happened, and that happened. What are we going to do?" But there is no need [to worry like this]. The Sustainer (*al-Razzāq*) is Allah, the Exalted and Glorious; it is not the political administration or anything else. Allah makes a means and people, believers manage and make ends meet, without being in need of anyone, thanks be to Allah. What is important for us is to have faith. It is the most important thing. Iman is spirituality; it is power. Those without spirituality are useless. They live like grass, and die like grass. May Allah strengthen our faith for the sake of these days, and for the sake of the day of Juma, insha'Allah.

Wa min Allāhi t-tawfīq, al-Fātiḥah

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