

In the name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful.

Praise be to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and peace be upon our master Muhammad, and his family and all companions.

Today, amidst the coronavirus pandemic, we witness the situation where our places of worship are closed. But not our hearts. Our worship places moved to our hearts, where we keep praying to the Almighty Allah.

Last year, my Brother, His Eminence the Grand Imam of Al-Azhar, Sheikh Ahmad Al-Tayyeb and His Holiness Pope Francis, together with the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, His Highness Sheikh Mohamed bin Zayed, have signed the joint document of "Human Fraternity for World Peace and Living Together".

Today, responding to the Higher Committee of Human Fraternity's call for the joint prayer of the leaders and representatives of all World religions, I fully support this Godly idea. Together with all faith leaders over the World, we, the faith leaders in Azerbaijan – Muslims, Christians and Jews, will celebrate May 14 as "a day for fasting, prayers and supplications for the good of all humanity", for the end of that terrible pandemic. My country is in the forefront of this fight. All necessary measures have been taken to protect people from infection, so it is a result of the proper policy of the Government and the Head of State.

There is no boundary for spiritual life. Obviously, today we are in a big need to the Unity. The God is One, Sole, but He wants us to be together. However, when Christians, Muslims, and Jews, when people of all faiths on Earth are together, we become strong. I am confident, that being together, we will win over this decease with the Help, Mercy and Grace of Supreme God.

We, the faith leaders, carry out our duty, but the policy makers and heads of state have to be side by side with us and support us. Because it would be difficult for us to perform our duty without their support. That is why, when I talk about the Unity, I mean the Unity of religious leaders and policy makers.

Taking this important opportunity, I would like to send my sincere greetings to all believers, all Muslims in this holy occasion of Ramadan, the month of prayer and worship, grace and forgiveness.

I wish Allah will accept our prayers in this holy month and protects us from this trouble.

Peace upon you!

His Virtue Sheikh-ul-Islam Allahshukur Pashazadeh

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