





In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful Tuesday, June 2, 2020

Al-Farooq Masjid of Atlanta and Masjid Omar Bin Abdul Aziz are very concerned about the prevailing state of turmoil in our society and call to end all types of racism, racial discrimination, and abuse of power, resulting in death of innocent people by excessive use of force. All Americans, irrespective of race, religion, color, or creed must come together and work towards curing and abolishing the curse of racism and racial discrimination present in our country. We believe people differ in piety and good deeds but are equal as human beings in the sight of Allah. Promotion of social justice and preservation of individual rights with dignity is the very foundation on which Islamic teachings and practices are based. In this lies the success and prosperity of people.

There is no merit to anyone except with good work and piety. Allah says, "O you who believe! Stand out firmly for justice, as witnesses to Allah, even though it be against yourselves, or your parents, or your kin, be he rich or poor, Allah is a Better Protector to both (than you). So, follow not the lusts (of your hearts), lest you avoid justice, and if you distort your witness or refuse to give it, verily, Allah is Ever Well-Acquainted with what you do" (The Holy Qur'an, Chapter 4, Verse 135).

Also, the Prophet Mohammed (peace be upon him) said, "O people! your Lord is one, and there is no superiority of an Arab over a non-Arab, nor for any non- Arab over an Arab; also a white has no superiority over a black nor a black has any superiority over white except by piety and good action. Verily, the most honorable of you with Allah is the one who has most Taqwa (God consciousness)" (Al-Baihaqi).

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