

Friday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2019

### **Statement of Support for the Muslim Community of New Zealand New Zealand Mosque Attacks**

Imam Hasan Centre stands in firm support with the communities of Linwood Mosque, Al Noor Mosque Christchurch and the Muslim community of New Zealand.

At this moment of time our focus is on praying for the innocent victims who have lost their lives, the injured and their families. We pray to Almighty God to care for the victims affected by this gruesome tragedy and to strengthen the patience in their hearts.

It is at times like this that we lose hope and doubt humanity. When people of faith come under attack in such a way it shows us how low humanity can fall. However it never ceases to amaze how far humanity can far rise after such despicable events.

We kindly request the members of Imam Hasan Centre and the Muslim Community to be patient and focus on praying for the victims and their families. We must stay above using anger in our language no matter how much it hurts.

Imam Ali (AS) was the master of patience and faith. He said, “I will be patient until even patience tires of my patience”. He added “Be one of sweet patience in times of bitter matters” Let’s follow his example.

We appreciate the strong comments made by the Prime Minister of New Zealand – Jacinda Ardern and urge the authorities both in New Zealand and Australia to ensure the safety of all, be it Christian, Muslim, Jewish, Hindu or any faith or race.

United as a community we can overcome these barbaric events wherever they happen, divided we become barbaric ourselves. The innocent lives lost around the world should be a sign for us to unite against hate.

We ask the Australian Prime Minister Scott Morrison, to **promote unity and friendship and to take a stand against hate and division. This is the time, this is the moment, and these are Australian values.**

With prayers

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