

## **November 22, 2018**

# Fethullah Gulen's Thanksgiving Message

As Americans gather around Thanksgiving tables today, it is a moment to celebrate and reflect on the bounties of God, express our gratitude to Him and to celebrate our common humanity. People from all faiths and political persuasions are able to put aside their differences and engage in dialogue, reminding them that the world is large, humanity is diverse and that every human being has inherent value and something special to offer.

I pray that God, the Most Merciful provide food, shelter and clothing to those who are hungry, homeless or otherwise in poverty, through the generosity in the hearts of their neighbors and fellow citizens. For those who are suffering from disease or strife, May God end their suffering and provide them comfort.

#### About Fethullah Gülen

Fethullah Gülen is an Islamic scholar, preacher and social advocate, whose decades-long commitment to education, interfaith dialogue and altruism has inspired millions in Turkey and around the world. Gülen is the honorary chairman of the Rumi Forum, Washington, DC and the Intercultural Dialogue Platform, Brussels, Belgium.

### **About Alliance for Shared Values**

The Alliance for Shared Values (AFSV) is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that serves as a voice for cultural organizations affiliated with Hizmet, a civil society movement inspired by prominent preacher and peace advocate Fethullah Gülen. The Alliance strives to promote peace and social harmony by helping reduce misinformation and false stereotypes about any or all ethnic, cultural and religious communities. To learn more about the Alliance, please visit www.afsv.org.

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