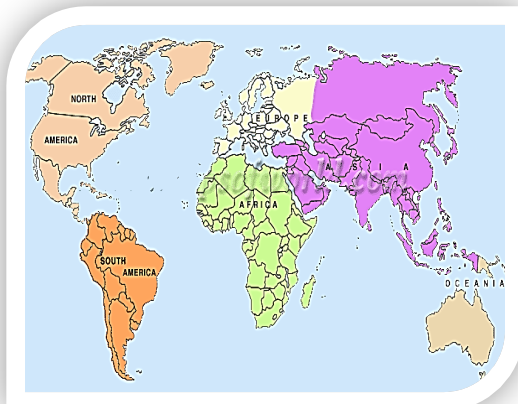


# Importance of Salat



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# SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) delivered the Friday sermon from Bait-ur-Rehman Mosque, Maryland USA.

The purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah(as) was to infuse a revolution in a person's life such that the darkness would transform into radiant light.

Our forefathers brought about that revolution in their own lives. But the subsequent generations to follow are not setting the same standards for themselves.

Hudhur (aba) said that Salat should be offered in congregation, should be offered regularly, and should be offered on time.

The Importance of salat should be understood by every Ahmadi, so that our Jama'at can demonstrate that after coming into the bai'at of the Promised Messiah(as), we have undergone such pure transformations that have led us to God

Hudhur (aba) said that it is indeed a blessing of Allah Almighty on us that we believe in the Reformer of the Age; however, despite this belief, there are many amongst us whose actions do not corroborate their words.

The forefathers of many amongst us have made sacrifices or they have personally made sacrifices where they offered their lives and properties

There is no denial that there are amongst these Ahmadis who have weaknesses in their practices, such as fulfilment of their obligations towards Allah and towards other human beings.

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Hudhur (aba) said that nations cannot progress till a self-assessment is undertaken with an open mind.

The purpose of the advent of the Promised Messiah (as) was to infuse a revolution in a person's life such that the darkness which had accumulated over a period of almost 1400 years would transform into radiant light.

Our forefathers brought about that revolution in their own lives and brought about transformations within themselves such that their words concurred with their practical actions.

But the subsequent generations to follow are not setting the same standards for themselves.

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Thus, each individual, whether a born Ahmadi or converted to Ahmadiyyat later in life, needs to assess him/herself as to whether he/she is striving to make those efforts to raise the standard of his/her practical actions.

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Allah says in the Holy Quran  
“Man cannot attain nearness to  
Allah unless he performs prayers  
as it behoves to do so.”

Allah Almighty says:  
“Establish your prayer”

Second condition of Bai'at  
“That he/she shall regularly offer the  
five daily prayers in accordance with  
the commandments of God and the  
Holy Prophet (pbuh);”

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Promised Messiah (peace be on him)  
has said  
“Prayer is a wonderful thing. It is a pity  
that those who pray are not aware of  
the true manner of prayer, nor are they  
acquainted with the ways of the  
acceptance of prayer. The truth is that  
the very reality of prayer has become  
strange. There are some who deny  
the effectiveness of prayer altogether.  
There are others who do not deny it,  
but as their prayers are not accepted  
on account of their lack of knowledge  
of the manner of prayer and are not  
prayers in the true sense, their  
condition is worse than that of those  
who deny the effectiveness of prayer.  
Their practical condition has pushed  
many others to the verge of atheism.  
The first condition for prayer is that a  
supplicant should not get tired and  
become a prey to despair that nothing  
will happen.”

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In the context of the era we live in, the importance of offering salat increases more so because it is linked with the promise of Khilafat, which is a blessing for those who offer salat.

Salat should be offered in congregation, should be offered regularly, and should be offered on time.

Allah Almighty says: Establish prayer and give Zakat and prostrate with those who bow before God.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) has said that offering prayers in congregation increases the reward 27 fold.

Huzoor (aba) said that we hear this in jalsas and speeches, but implementing these into practice happens scarcely, therefore we must make a very strong effort in this context. Even when prayers are offered, more emphasis needs to be laid on offering them in congregation.

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By the sheer grace and mercy of Allah Almighty, there is a motivation in USA towards construction of mosques



but the benefit can only be derived when the mosques are utilized in their full right i.e. to populate them with those obedient servants of God who offer prayers in congregation.



Many people are occupied at work during the daytime, however fajr, maghrib and isha prayers can be offered at Masjid.



Many Ahmadis living in the Western countries live 15-20 miles from Masjid, but still make the effort to go to Masjid to offer salat in congregation.

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Wherever it is not possible to go to Masjid, a few Ahmadis living close by should organize to get together in one home to offer prayers in congregation.

Those Ahmadis living in isolated areas should make arrangements within the household to offer prayers in congregation with family members.

On weekends, families have plans for outings but if they do not have such plans, then they should plan to go to the mosque, together, as family.

Families who offer prayers in congregation on their leisure outdoor trips also become a source of doing tabligh.

**Without salat, a Muslim cannot earn the privilege of being called a Muslim.**



The Holy Quran reminds us to safeguard our prayers, make it regular and watch over it, especially those prayers that fall during times of other business.

Salat should be offered with complete attention towards God and worldly thoughts should not occupy our minds, which can be achieved by focusing on God and making the intention of following God's every commandment

The Promised Messiah (as) has advised that my faithful followers should refrain from offering prayers that are void of interest, instead prayers should be offered with contentment of the heart.

When the voice of the Khalifatul Massih reaches the Ahmadis around the world through MTA then we must follow his advice, otherwise we will fall short of our pledge of bai'at.

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Ahmadis should not fall prey to any kind of feeling of low-esteem.

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When this state is achieved, God Almighty says that these prayers will protect you and prevent you from committing any wrong doings and will fill our homes with blessings and favours of God Almighty.

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Hudhur (aba) said that as Ahmadis, we must strive towards bringing about a spiritual transformation in our lives such that we can safeguard our own, our children's and our society's lives.

Remember, our faith alone will not become the means to attain salvation, nor will our faith suffice for that spiritual revolution within us. In fact, it is our actions that will bring about the results we seek.

our prayers and supplication that will reach God will bring about the revolution. The best way to supplicate is through salat.

It is the responsibility of every Ahmadi to strengthen the system of Khilafat by praying and supplicating and offering salat, so that the revolution that is associated with the advent of the Promised Messiah (as) which will result in the formation of a pious community with people from all nations under the flag of the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

The Promised Messiah (as) said that a person who has not become an Ahmadi, and commits wrongdoings, then indeed he is a sinner, but the ones who have accepted Ahmadiyyat are even more accountable for their actions after performing the bai'at

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This is what we must strive so that we become the recipients of Allah's mercy and blessings and His favours.

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The Promised Messiah (as) has said that one should offer five prayers with such humility as if you see God. No action can reach God without the element of prayer. The root of every goodness is righteousness (taqwa). An action which contains even an iota of taqwa shall not be wasted. What is salat? It is a prayer that is offered with extreme intensity. While supplicating during salat, do not bind yourselves to Arabic language, but offer humble prayers in your own words, so that it has an impact on your heart.

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The Promised Messiah (as) says that it is prayer that brings about Divine protection for the one who prays. The one who offers prayer with full attention thinks that he has died, and his soul has ascended at the threshold of Divine. A house where such prayers are offered shall never be destroyed.

Every Ahmadi is expected to offer the most excellent form of salat.

It is recorded in hadith that if salat existed at the time of Noah, his nation would not have incurred the wrath of God. All other pillars of Islam are conditional, but salat is not; it is obligatory in all conditions. All are performed once during the year, but salat is performed daily at five different times. Therefore, whenever there is a deficiency in salat, there will be a deficiency in blessings and deficiency in the oath.

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The Importance of salat should be understood by every Ahmadi, so that our Jamaat can demonstrate through practical actions and show the world that after coming into the bai'at of the Promised Messiah, we have undergone such pure transformations that have led us to God.

Hudhur (aba) also recounted how one should pray for him/herself.

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The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said that interest in salat is attained through the blessings of God, therefore the first prayer to be offered is this:

**O Lord, inculcate in me this desire for prayer.**

Huzoor (aba) also offered funeral prayers in abstentia for Murabbi Sahib Amar Maroof Aziz (Malaysia) and of Tahira Wandermann of UK.

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May Allah Almighty grant us such  
excellence in salat.

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