

# GRATITUDE - A SOURCE OF BLESSINGS


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**Friday Sermon September 14th, 2012**

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# SUMMARY




We saw that with the grace of God, UK Jalsa successfully concluded on Sunday



Gratitude is due to Allah and his people for the success of the Jalsa Salanah and progress of Ahmadiyyat



Some lessons for the future need to be learnt



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The post-  
Jalsa Friday  
sermon  
usually  
addresses two  
subjects

firstly  
gratefulness;  
to God and  
also to the  
volunteer  
workers

secondly  
identification  
of any  
weaknesses  
or deficiencies  
noted during  
the Jalsa to  
improve future  
organisation

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In terms of gratefulness to God, this year grace of God enabled the message of Ahmadiyyat that is true Islam to be taken to every corner of the Earth

Grace and blessings of God were observed with new glory this year in Europe, Africa, America and Britain and everyone witnessed and experienced this during the UK Jalsa

This should make us further tread the ways of gratefulness and may each triumph and Divine succour take us to renewed stations of gratefulness

It is God's promise that gratefulness brings greater blessings. It is stated: '**...If you are grateful, I will, surely, bestow more favours on you...**' (14:8). God certainly bestows and it is man's own ungratefulness that sometimes leaves him deprived

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when God bestows His blessings on man, He sees whether man is grateful or not. The Holy Qur'an states: **'...that He may try me whether I am grateful or ungrateful. And whosoever is grateful is grateful for the good of his own soul; but whosoever is ungrateful, truly my Lord is Self- Sufficient, Generous.'** (27:41)

- Gratefulness to God leads to more blessings as well as to the developments of high morals

It is the misfortune of worldly people that they forget to be grateful to God in prosperous times. The 'self' assumes that all success is brought about due to personal hard work and good planning

- God states in the Holy Qur'an: **'...but few of My servants are grateful.'** (34:14)

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True believers are always grateful to God



Ahmadis, who have accepted the Imam of the age, are always grateful, indeed, they should be grateful



As long as we will be grateful servants of God we will experience His blessings



The more sincere our prostration of gratefulness to God, the greater will be the shower of His blessings and we will gain perception of God's attributes and thus a new succession of His glorification and gratefulness will start

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If constant blessings and grace of God was not with us, this worldly effort would have eliminated us a long time ago

These foolish people do not understand that in the current age this is the only community of grateful people

If only our opponents understood this reality and stopped contending with God

This indeed is the blessed model presented to us by our master, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) and it attracts continual blessings of God, Who is the Master of unending treasures

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We can certainly try and express our gratefulness so that we continue to be the recipients of God's blessings and grace.



May God perpetuate this important subject in our generation upon generations to come



Even a cursory glance at God's blessings on us makes a very long list which demands that we express gratefulness



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We are grateful that the Jalsa was successful this year in every sense

In short, it is a succession of God's blessings and grace which compels us to express gratefulness to Him

During Jalsa people are also grateful to people who carry out a lot of work.

This year many people have told Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih that in general they found every arrangement better than previous years

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said that he was grateful to God and every Ahmadi should also be grateful to God, as should every Jalsa attendee be grateful to every Jalsa worker.

While we are grateful to him for saying so and also to God, we cannot say that our arrangements were the ultimate. We always keep in view that our arrangements should be enhanced and bettered

He said he too thanked every Jalsa worker.

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In general the guests this year praised the hot water facilities for showering

Officer Jalsa made a new department this year for cleaning and it was successful

The sound system has also been praised this year

Sound system at stage men and women's side was not as good

Better arrangements are needed for the children's Marquee

The audio department is a very important department and emphasis should be given to the quality of sound and no compromise should be made in this regard and even the smallest of shortcomings should be removed

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The food arrangement was generally good at UK Jalsa but at times people had to wait between two serving sessions

In future food marquees should be bigger and there should be more space between tables

Saving money which inconveniences the guests is neither of any use to us nor should such saving be made.

A complaint from Lajna department that is to do with hospitality, especially which was under Tabshir, and in a sense was central and cannot be considered belonging to the local Lajna, that wrongful control was exercised there and there was discourtesy towards guests from abroad, especially the Arabs

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Some children (under the age of 7) were pulled out of the marquee by women maintaining discipline in Lajna

**This is extremely wrong and can frighten the child for life which can put them off Jalsa**

It does not matter if five to six year olds do come in the main marquee. Usually children of this age do not make noise, and do restrain when explained to by parents, especially girls behave well

If any noise is made by children, mothers should be told to leave the marquee with them but the duty-holders should not exercise any discipline on children

In every situation, in every place, we should demonstrate courtesy

**This kind of minor carelessness overshadows good works**

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Congratulatory letters are being received from all over the world and people are extremely grateful to MTA workers for providing coverage of Jalsa

People have highly praised the high standard and subject-matter of the programmes MTA broadcast in addition to coverage of Jalsa proceedings during Jalsa intervals

This year online MTA has been largely extended and it is reported that people in excess of 300,000 viewed the Jalsa online

May God always enhance these blessings and include us among those who are truly grateful to Him. May these blessings last forever and may next year's Jalsa be even more blessed.

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Today a lot of prayers are also needed  
for the world of Islam

Remember the Muslim countries and  
the Muslim Ummah a lot in prayers.  
They are trapped due to their own  
greed and self-serving interests as  
well as due to anti-Islam powers

Muslims inflict  
further  
problems for  
themselves

May God keep them protected in every sense and may God  
give them sense to follow the teaching God and His Prophet  
(peace and blessings of Allah be on him) gave us.

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Next Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih announced that he would lead some funeral Prayers after Friday Prayers

The present funeral was of Master Malik Muhammad Azam sahib who passed away in Sheffield, UK at the age of 73. He had accepted Ahmadiyyat in 1960 and was a very pious and devoted Ahmadi. He had taught in Taleemul Islam School, Rabwah and was currently serving as secretary Wasaya in Sheffield. He was extremely keen on Tabligh and while in Pakistan endured a court case regarding this but was acquitted. He had a connection of love and devotion with Khilafat.

Maryam Koryaba sahiba was sadr Lajna Gambia for the past 13 years. She passed away on the night between 7 and 8 August after brief illness. Due to the situation there she was permitted to carry on as the sadr for longer duration. She organised and strengthened Lajna in Gambia in every sense and hearkened to every service that was required and always tried to inspire Lajna to make financial sacrifices. May God elevate the status of all the deceased





Muhammad  
Nawaz  
sahib

. His father took Bai'at on the hand of Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him).

- Nawaz sahib was a constable in police. While he was going to his duty in Karachi unknown persons on motorbike shot him on his head and he was martyred on the spot

It is thought this was due enmity of the Jama'at

- May God grant steadfastness to his children. He leaves behind his widow, two sons and three daughters.

## Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat