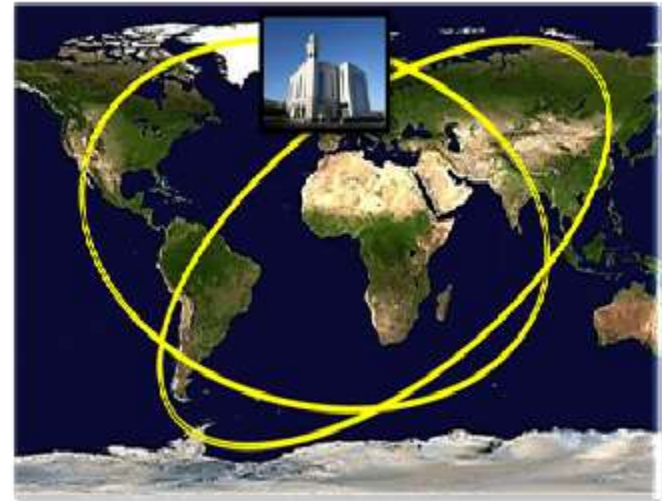


# The Essence of Invoking Blessings on The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him)



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## The Essence of Invoking Blessings on The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him); summary

**‘Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet. O ye who believe! you *also* invoke blessings on *him* and salute him with the salutation of peace.’ (33:57)**

Sadly, some people who call themselves Muslims attacked and killed people in Paris in the name of advancing the cause of the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

We express our commiseration for these un-islamic killings AND maintain that freedom of speech should have limits and should not inflame others’ sentiments.

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This verse elucidates that the support and succour of God is with the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and thus, his opponents will never succeed.

Those who falsely accuse this beloved prophet of God and ridicule him cannot harm him in any way at all. With the grace of God, the objective of the advent of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) will be met.

Indeed, in this age God sent the true and ardent devotee of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) to attain this objective and opened new avenues to spread the beautiful teachings of Islam.

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The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) was sent for all ages and all nations by God to call them to recognise and truly worship their Creator.

God has facilitating ways and means for the success of this mission.

His mission succeeded despite strong and sustained opposition in the past and will continue to do so.

This is God's decree and a true Muslim have absolute faith in the success of the mission of the Holy Prophet (pbuh).

However, true Muslims should be mindful of their responsibility in this regards and invoke Durood (salutations and blessings) on the Holy Prophet (pbuh) just as God and His angels do.

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After last week's attacks, even many sensible leaders have supported the magazine and various sources have helped it with millions of dollars.

As a reaction, the editors have published even more copies of the magazine with cartoons which will cause hurt to any true Muslim.

So, the circulation of the magazine which was at the verge of close down has been escalated into millions due to actions of people who call themselves Muslims.

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Those who attacked the offices of this magazine not only portrayed a wrongful image of the teachings of Islam but also resurrected a dead enemy.

If only Muslim organisations which perpetrate atrocities in the name of Islam understood that the loving teaching of Islam!

Worldly people do not have any commitment to religion; so they mock prophets and even God. We have clear teachings about how to respond to these insults; God commands to remove oneself from such situations.

If we respond to ignorance with ignorance we would be committing greater ignorance. If we respond to their wrong actions with wrong actions and they end up degrading our Prophet (pbuh), this makes us party to their sin.

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However, there are some fair-minded people who did not like the vulgar depictions and have held the management of the magazine responsible.

A co-founder of Charlie Hebdo named Henri Roussel has said that images published by the magazine were provocative and its editor dragged the team to death.

Pope has also given a very good statement. He said freedom of speech has limits and religions should be treated with respect so that people's faiths were not insulted or ridiculed.

The media is most influential all over the world and plays a role in igniting a given situation and well as diffusing it.

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After this incident for the first time media approached us and asked Jama'at Ahmadiyya's views here in the UK, USA and Canada.

We expressed our commiseration and told the media that killing was an un-Islamic act AND we maintained that freedom of speech should have limits and should not inflame others' sentiments.

Every Ahmadi should convey the message within their own sphere that wrong reactions only produce disorder leading to worsening global situation.



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Ahamdis have to tread the line of: '**...O ye who believe! you *also* invoke blessings on *him* and salute him with the salutation of peace.**'

True believers should try their utmost to abide by this and excel in saying Durood.

Just as insight increases, understanding of the wisdom behind these teachings is attained.

When the insight to abide by God's commandments is attained practice also improves.

In Ahadith the benefits of invoking Durood are mentioned under various narrations:

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On the Day of Judgement the person who sends the most blessings on me will be closest to me.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said:

The practice of invoking Durood is only an opportunity given by God to true believers to attain merit for themselves.

On the Day of Judgement at each dreadful phase of the Day, that person will be closest to me who would have sent the most blessings on me in the world.

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The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said:

For supplication, one should glorify and praise God, invoked Durood on the Prophet and then supplicate.

When you listen to the voice of the *muezzin* calling for Prayer repeat his words and then invoke Durood.

The person who invokes Durood has ten-fold blessings from God.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said seek mediation for me as this is a status from among the ranks of Paradise and will only be granted to one servant of God and I have hope that it will be me.

Hazrat Umer (may Allah be pleased with him) said that prayer is suspended between the earth and the heavens and unless Durood is invoked on the Holy Prophet (pbuh), no part of the prayer goes upwards.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) laid great emphasis on invoking Durood.

Advising one of his followers he said stay focussed in invoking Durood and seek blessings for the Holy Prophet (pbuh) with the sincerity and discernment with which one seeks blessings for a dear one. ... pray for the Holy Prophet (pbuh) with the spirit of true friendship and love. Seek those blessings with sincere heart and soul for the Holy Prophet (pbuh) which are inherent in Durood.

..the Holy Prophet is not in need of anyone's prayers but there is a very profound reason behind invoking Durood. ... This is because God's beneficences on the Holy Prophet (pbuh) are boundless anyone who invokes Durood on him owing to personal love gets a measure of the boundless blessings.

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... Observe the sincerity and faithfulness of our Holy Prophet (pbuh) in how he dealt with every evil scheme. He endured all kind of difficulties and hardships but remained sanguine. It was owing to this sincerity and faithfulness that Allah the Exalted blessed him ...So sincere and pure was his soul and his practices were so cherished in the sight of God that Allah the Exalted commanded for the rest of time that people should invoke Durud on him by way of gratefulness.

It became essential to recite Durood in every Salat to enhance love for the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and to renew it. ... 'Durood is a great source of attaining steadfastness. Recite Durood abundantly, not as a ritual or mere habit but while keeping in view the grace and bounties of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) . Recite it to elevate his station and for his success. As a result of this you will attain the sweet and delicious fruit of acceptance of prayer

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... In the event that Allah the Exalted and His angels invoke blessings and salutations on the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup>, how essential it is to manifest these salutations at this time of abuse

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that Durood should be offered with utmost focus and concentration just like when one prays with concentration when faced with difficulties. In fact one should recite Durood with even greater humility and tenderness .... Explaining how to identify that one has attained required focus and concentration during Durood the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said one sign is that one often weeps during it and feels its impact in the fibre of one's being and experiences a state in between wakefulness and sleep.

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... Keep engaged in Tahajjud Prayer and commonly repeated prayers. There are many blessings in Tahajjud. Idleness is worthless. An idle and laid-back [person] carries no weight. God Almighty says: 'As for those who strive in Our path – We will surely guide them in Our ways...' (29:70) The preferred Durud is, which was uttered by the blessed tongue of the Holy Prophet<sup>sa</sup> and that is:

**O Allah, Bless  
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You did bless Abraham  
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The words said by a pious person certainly have a lot of blessings in them. .... In short from all the versions of Durud this one is the most blessed one.

This is the chant of this humble person and it is not important to restrict it to any amount. [It] should be recited with sincerity, love and humility and should be recited until such time that one develops a state of tender-heartedness, is entranced and inspired, feels deep conviction, and discernment ..



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Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) gave the following perspective about invoking Durood which Huzoor likes a lot.

When we say Durood, certainly God tells the Holy Prophet (pbuh) that this gift of Durood is from such and such believer.

This inspires the Prophet (pbuh) to pray for us and because of his prayer God grants us a measure of His blessings.

Personally I pray, O God, I do not have anything that I could present as a gift to these holy persons. Whatever I have is of no benefit to them. And You have everything, therefore I pray and beseech You to do me a favour and give them a gift in Paradise that they have never received in Paradise before. On this they would definitely ask O Allah! From whom has this gift come? When God informs them who has sent the gift, they pray for the person and thus the person's station is elevated.

This is a means through which without committing anything idolatrous we can avail benefit on a personal as well as a communal/national level.

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Huzoor (aba) also explained the two parts of Durood.

**In the first part words *Allahumma Sal'lay ala..* (O Allah, bless...) are recited**

- According to lexicon *Sal'lay* denotes esteem and signifies:
  - O Allah, elevate the name of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) in this world and give success and triumph to his message.
  - Grant him greatness through longevity and propagation of his Shariah.
  - Grant him greatness in the Hereafter through accepting his intercession for his Ummah and increasing their reward and recompose manifold.

**In the second part words *Allahumma Ba'arak ala* (O Allah, prosper...) are recited.**

- They signify: O Allah, establish all the respect, greatness, great glory and holiness that You have destined for the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and grant it eternity and immensity.

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May we always expend our capacities in spreading his Shariah.

May we always play a positive role in removing disorder from the world according to his teachings!

May God always enable us to do so!

Huzoor announced two funerals in absentia, those of Maulawi Abdul Qadir Dehlvi Sahib, dervish of Qadian and Mubaraka Begum Sahiba, wife of a dervish of Qadian Bashir Ahmad Sahib Hafizabadi.

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