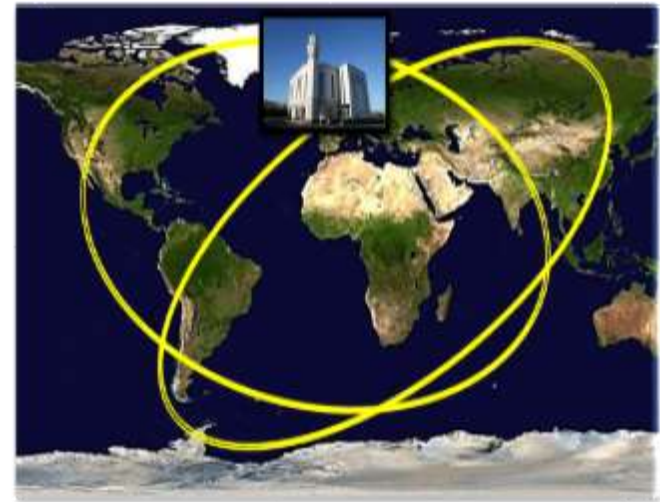


# The Islamic way of celebrating the New Year




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Huzur prayed

**May the coming year be full of blessings (Ameen)**

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Muslims begin the New Year through the lunar calendar and even the Gregorian calendar. The lunar year, in ancient times, was used by many other nations and religions. In the world, Gregorian calendar is used widely therefore every nation and every country has chosen it for the calculation of days.

The worldly people, start of the New Year is celebrated with full enthusiasm. They stay awake for the entire night and spend their time partying and consuming alcohol. Thus, the last year is concluded and the New Year is started with such immoral worldly activities.

The majesty of a true believer is not only to express despair over such worldly activities but also to conduct a self-audit and evaluate the year that has passed.

Every Ahmadi undertook Bai'at. Through this the Promised Messiah (Peace be on Him) who gave us instructions to follow and to self-evaluate

**The Promised Messiah (Peace be on Him) showed us the high standards to evaluate our deeds and spirituality.**

If we spend the last night of the previous year and the new day of the New Year pondering over our spiritual conditions and by supplicating towards Allah, we will be working towards a good life hereafter.

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Self Reflection

Sayings of Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

Huzur Prayed

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Sayings of Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

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The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said

‘The proclamation of oneness of Allah is not merely achieved by saying ‘Lailaha ilAllah’ and have numerous idols hidden in the heart. Any person who gives his work, his deception and his tactics the importance that he should give Allah, or depends on any person instead of Allah for any need, or gives glory to himself that he should give it to Allah then in all of these conditions he is doing ‘Shirk’.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said ‘speaking the truth has a very high price and the right testimony is the time when a person’s life, wealth or honor is in danger.’

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Sayings of Promised Messiah  
(peace be on him)

Huzur Prayed

We need ponder over the fact that has the previous year been spent safeguarding against falsehood and treading on the path of truth?

The Promised Messiah (Peace be on Him) has sets standard that we must avoid any circumstances that may tempt us to deviate from the truth.

We need to aspire to these standards and evaluate ourselves.

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### **Self Reflection**

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Huzur Prayed

Did we keep ourselves away from such events that lead to ill thoughts?



If we are watching indecent movies and programs then we are diverting ourselves away from the pledge we have made and our conditions is worthy of worry. These things drive one towards 'Zina'.

Did we safeguarded ourselves against all forms of harm?



Holy Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) said that captivating somebody's land as small as the size of a hand or to take someone's smallest stone by an illegal manner is cruelty and ill treatment.

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Did we protect ourselves from every kind of mischief?

Holy Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) said that the very mischievous people are disobedient

Did we safeguard ourselves against all forms of disorder?

In today's world when there is impudence everywhere then keeping oneself protected from it is also a form of 'Jihad'.

Did we protect ourselves against deceitful acts?

Holy Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) said that do not be even deceitful to the person who is disloyal to you.

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Did we regularly offer Salah five times a day during the last year?

Holy Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) said that quitting Salah leads a person towards idolatry and disbelieve.

Did we offer the Tahajud prayer?

Holy Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) said that try to develop regularity in the Tahajud prayer as it is an act of the pious and the virtuous. disorder?

Did we try to be regular in sending Durood (invoke blessings) upon the Holy Prophet (Peace be Upon Him)

Holy Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) said, 'if you pray for something without reciting Durood then they stop between the land and sky.'



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Did we seek forgiveness from Allah profusely?  
disobedient



The Holy Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) says that the person who regularly repents to Allah and seeks forgiveness, Allah shapes out ways for him to get out of every hardship

Did we try to achieve the high standards of good manners?



The Holy Prophet (Peace be Upon Him) used to pray that O Allah keep me alive in the condition of meekness, give me death in the condition of meekness and include me among the modest on the day of judgment.'

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Sayings of Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

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Did you all supplicate and reminded your children of being obedient to the Promised Messiah (Peace be on Him)?

Did we reach our standard of obedience with the Promised Messiah (Peace be on Him) to such an extent that all other relations become secondary?

Did we pray to remain loyal and obedient to the institution of Khilafat?

Did we pray regularly for the Khalifa and the Jama'at?

Did all the parents remind their children about the importance of Khilafat and guided them to remain loyal to it

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If the response to the above mentioned questions has been in positive then despite of some weaknesses we have gained a lot during this past year.

If most of the questions have been answered in negative then it's a worrisome situation and we need to ponder over ourselves.

Make a pledge to yourself and make a prayer during the start of the new year that may Allah forgive us for the sins we have committed and help us eradicate our weaknesses and help us achieve the maximum in the coming year.

May we be included amongst the 'Momineen' who merely to gain the pleasure of Allah are ready to sacrifice everything they have.

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Sayings of Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

Huzur Prayed

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said  
'My entire Jama'at who is present here and others listen to this advice very attentively that those who entered this Jama'at and are associated to me as followers, it is meant that by doing so they achieve good deeds and they reach the highest standards of God fearing piety and no mischief or ill acts can come near them. They be the people who offer Salah five times a day, they abstain from dishonestly, they never harm anyone from their tongue, they never perform any wrong doing and they be not even have any thought of committing any harmful act, hence they prevent themselves from all sorts of criminal acts, bad words, hurtful actions and all psychic emotions and immoral deeds.

The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) has said  
'If you indulge in an argument or a religious discussion then do it in a very polite and modest manner. If someone mistreats you or is abusive then just say Salam and leave that gathering. And do not be abusive or bad mannered in return or there will be no difference. Allah wants to make you all such a Jama'at that you become a role model of righteousness and virtue for everyone.'

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**Sayings of Promised Messiah (peace be on him)**

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The Promised Messiah (peace be on him) said

'The person who in our Jama'at cannot live with meekness, virtue, steadfastness towards good deeds, soft spoken and pious character is not allowed to be a part of us. Because our Allah does not want such a person to live amongst us.

'So you be aware and have a plain heart and humble nature and you will be identified through punctuality towards prayers and good character. . '

'It is required that your hearts should be pure of deception, your hands should be protected against any maltreatment and your eyes be safe from any impurity and within yourself there should be nothing else than righteousness and empathy for Allah's creation. . '

May Allah help us to shape our lives according to these teachings of the Promised Messiah (Peace be on Him) Ameen.

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Sayings of Promised Messiah (peace be on him)

Huzur Prayed

May Allah help us to fulfill the pledges we have made., Ameen.

We may be able to spend our lives to gain the love and pleasure of Allah.

We may be able to live according to the wish of the Promised Messiah (Peace be on Him) and be role models for others

May Allah forgive our sins and shower upon us His countless blessings

**May the coming year be full of blessings (Ameen)**