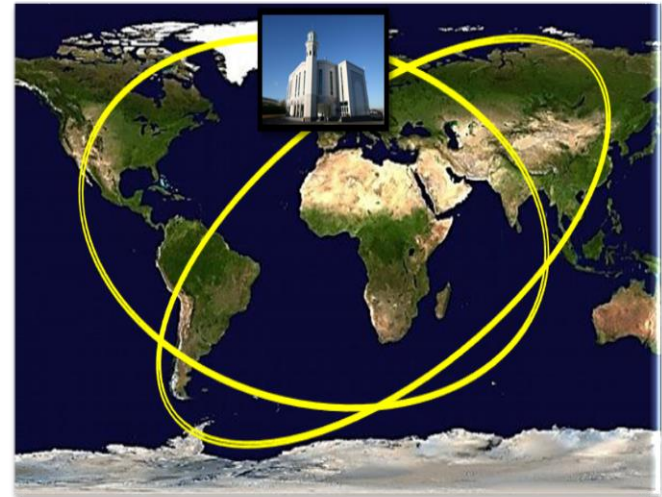


# The Power of Prayer



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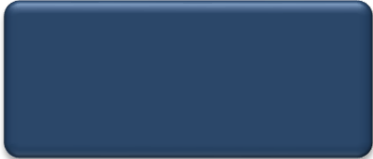


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# Summary

## The Power of Prayer




Our God is Omnipotent and One, Who listens to supplications. He has many attributes and manifests these attributes.




God Almighty strengthens the faith of Ahmadis and keeps them firmly attached to Khilafat, through acceptance of their prayers.



God Almighty also manifests sign of His acceptance of the prayers of Ahmadis to even non-Muslims.



In regard to the essential conditions for prayer, first and foremost it is necessary that one develops righteous actions and has a firm belief.



Righteous actions are that one fulfils the due rights of God Almighty and also of His creation.

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# The Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

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When a child being driven by hunger cries for milk, then milk is generated in the mother's breasts. The child does not even know what prayer is, but his cries draw the milk.

This is a universal experience... Then, how can it be that our cries before Allah the Exalted draw nothing? ... If a person were to reflect on the philosophy of prayer, keeping in mind the connection and relationship which a child has with its mother, one would find it easy to understand this matter.

## Hazrat Khalifatul Masih ( ABA) said:

It is an immense favour of Allah the Exalted upon us Ahmadis that most of our youth as well as our elders understand that when one bows down and offers supplications before Allah the Exalted with great fervency and lamenting with humility, then Allah the Exalted listens to the prayers.

**Many people write to me as to how they sometimes become disappointed by everyone and whilst in a state of complete hopelessness,**

**When they pray to Allah the Exalted, He manifests His Grace in a manner that it becomes a means of strengthening their faith.**

**I will now present some of these incidents, which I come across in various reports.**

## Nazir Da'wat Ilallah Qadian wrote:

The Ameer of Hoshiarpur district reported that a few years ago, due to a lack of rain in their village, the villagers were deeply concerned because of a long and severe drought.

The villagers requested the Ahmadi Mu'allim for prayers, with the belief that with his prayers, it will most certainly rain.

Our Mu'allim, at first, taught them the Islamic etiquettes of prayer and told them about the attributes of Allah the Exalted. Then he led them in prayer.

**Allah the Exalted accepted the supplication of the Ahmadi Mu'allim and through the Grace of God Almighty, within two or three hours, Allah the Almighty caused it to rain heavily. Thus, He provided a proof that He answers supplications.**

## The Mu'allim of the Jama'at in Benin, Mateen Sahib related:

The wife of a new convert who was prone to going into premature labour and had lost two children was in a state of agony.

She was most unwell with high temperature. The Mu'allim of the Jama'at said that in such circumstances, we offer supplications along with medical treatment and we also write to our Imam, requesting him for prayers. However, at this moment there is not enough time.

Hence, he says that **invoking the pure names of Allah the Exalted as well as the name of the Holy Prophet (SA), I started the prayer. After I finished the prayer, I recited Surah Al-Fatihah and blew upon some water and gave it to the lady.**

**Allah the Exalted not only protected his wife, but also blessed them with a boy.**

**By the grace of Allah the Exalted, the belief in God of this new convert grew even stronger and his conviction in prayers also increased.**

## The Amir Sahib of Kenya wrote:

The Sadr Sahib of one of their Jama'ats was very ill. When he enquired about his health, he said that two hospitals had already sent him home. He was cyanosed, blue and cold.

After intense prayers, his condition starts to improve. They also received His Holiness letter of prayers which stated: "May Allah Almighty grant him complete recovery."

Afterwards he says that his health continued to improve and before long he made a full recovery. He is now taking care of all his affairs.

**Therefore, by the Grace of Allah Almighty he was bestowed a new life through prayers and that strengthened his faith.**

## The district Ameer of Karnataka wrote:

A president of one of the Jama'ats was diagnosed with a brain tumour and was admitted to the hospital. He was told that his illness as incurable, operation was too risky.

**He wrote to His Holiness for prayers and also received His Holiness' response stating: "May Allah Almighty grant you full recovery."**

He says that after a month the doctors conducted a re-examination and were utterly astonished as they were unable to find the slightest trace of the tumour.

Hussain sahib's complete recovery was solely due to the grace of Allah Almighty and a result of prayers.



**Hazrat Khalifatul Masih ( ABA) said:**

**There are various other incidents of acceptance of prayers and are a source of strengthening people's relationship with Khilafat, as well as belief in the truthfulness of the Jama'at and also God Almighty.**

**Latif sahib, a Mu'alim of a region in Morogoro, Tanzania, writes: Someone stole the battery of our mosque's solar system. The next day when the members of the Jama'at found out about this, they decided that instead of filing a report with the police, it would be better to pray to Allah Almighty.**

After only one day the person who had stolen the battery returned it by placing it secretly in front of the house belonging to the Sadr of that Jama'at.

Allah Almighty heard the prayers of Ahmadis and this further strengthened the faith in prayers for the non-Jama'at members that Ahmadis are most certainly righteous and truthful people.

## The missionary in-charge of Guinea Conakry related:

A sincere young new convert named Saleem Sahib expressed his desire to dedicate his life and serve the Community.

Therefore, he was advised to join Jamia Ahmadiyya in Sierra Leone. He gladly accepted this and began preparation.

His parents, made a false accusation against us that the Ahmadiyya Community is a non-Islamic, terrorist organisation and is enticing this young man and radicalising him.

He says that they were very worried about this and they even wrote to His Holiness for prayers.

His Holiness replied to them saying 'May Allah show His grace. Continue making efforts and continue praying.'

**By the grace of Allah the police commissioner not only dropped the case, he also said that it seemed to him that our Islam is more correct and peaceful.**

**He also said to provide him with further information as he wished to join the Community.**

Mustenser Sahib, a missionary in the Mali region has narrated:

Yahya Sahib, a focal fisherman, could only afford to send his wife to Jalsa as they were destitute.

He said that when I went in the morning to put out the net, I prayed fervently that the group are leaving tomorrow, and I do not have enough funds.

O Allah! My intentions are pure, help me that I may attend this Jalsa. At around Asr time I drew in the net and this fish was caught inside it.

**When it came to the shore, a man came and bought it for 18,000 CFA Francs. Due to this fish I have the funds for my wife and I to attend the Jalsa and extra money was also saved on the side.**

## Hazrat Khalifatul Masih ( ABA) said:

**There is an incident outlining how God Almighty strengthens the faith of Ahmadis and keeps them firmly attached to Khilafat, through acceptance of their prayers.**

An Ahmadi from Mali, Idrees Traore Sahib lost all the chickens that he had, when he went to attend Jalsa Salana Ghana in 2008.

The owner of the business was most upset and asked him to return his 150,000 CFA Francs within one week. He says that I became very concerned as I did not have the money and this opponent would disgrace me.

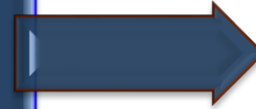
The whole night I prayed profusely that O Allah! Provide for me. I went to attend the Jalsa out of love for the Khalifa. He says that he was guided in a dream to go to a certain place, where he found a black plastic bag, with 180,000 CFA.

**When the lender came in the evening asking for his money back he became abusive. I told him to be patient,**

**God Almighty has made arrangements for me. I returned him the money.**

## Hazrat Khalifatul Masih ( ABA) said:

God Almighty also manifests sign of His acceptance of the prayers of Ahmadis to even non-Muslims, which convinces them that the God of Islam listens to prayers.



Mirza Fazl Sahib of Canada writes that he went to an interfaith conference in a town of West Vancouver.

He met a Sikh, who promised to help in any way possible for the conference and very humbly requested for the prayers for a grandson.



By the grace of Allah, the Exalted after one and a half years he rang joyfully saying that God Almighty had granted him a grandson.

# The Promised Messiah (AS) has said:

## The Power of Prayer

In regard to the essential conditions for prayer, first and foremost it is necessary that one develops righteous actions and has a firm belief.

One who does not uphold the correct beliefs and neither adopts righteous actions, or improves them, yet he prays then it is as if he puts God Almighty in trial.

## Hazrat Khalifatul Masih ( ABA) said:

Thus, it is not only important to strengthen in our belief but also to fashion our actions according to the pleasure of God Almighty and His injunctions.

Thus, it is important for one to improve one's own actions. One cannot achieve this by only improving one's level of belief, but one also has to adopt righteous actions.

And, righteous actions are that one fulfils the due rights of God Almighty and also of His creation. When this happens then God Almighty will answer our prayers.

**It should not be the case that in normal circumstances we neglect the commandment of God Almighty of observing the five daily prayers and nor fulfil the due rights of others, but when we find ourselves in difficulty then all of a sudden, we remember God Almighty and fulfilling the rights of others.**

**May God Almighty enable all of us to live our lives according to His commandments and also enable us to fulfil the due rights of His worship and also the due rights of prayer.**