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The Amīr/ National President

Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 1st January 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ recited verse 29 of Sūrah *Al-Ḥadīd*, which is translated as follows:

“O ye who believe! fear Allāh and believe in His Messenger; He will give you a double share of His mercy, and will provide for you a light wherein you will walk, and will grant you forgiveness—and verily Allāh is Most Forgiving, Merciful—.” (57:29)

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Today is the first day of the year 2010 and it is a Friday—the most auspicious of days. May the coming year and all future years bring peace and prosperity to all Aḥmadīs. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “The true day of ‘Īd and celebration for any man is when he repents and seeks forgiveness and begins making efforts to win Allāh’s love.” The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم has said: “There comes a moment on every Friday, albeit a very brief one, when a believer standing in prayer is granted whatever he prays for.” Thus, while the disbelievers spend this day in their revelries, a believer delights in the acceptance of his prayers. The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم said, “Friday is the most blessed of days. My followers should invoke blessings (or offer *Durūd*) upon me abundantly, for on this day it is presented before me.”

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: *Durūd* invoked upon the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, provided it is accompanied by love and complete devotion, is graced with his intercession and wins Allāh’s pleasure. If we respect the sanctity of this day and occupy ourselves with prayers and *Durūd* and good deeds, the light of this day will become manifest to us and the doors to paradise will be opened. Good deeds and pious intentions are essential if one wishes to reap the blessings of this day. Countless blessings be upon our Benefactor, the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم, who has shown us the ways to attain paradise in this world and the Hereafter.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “Whoever abstains from sin in deference to the glory and majesty of Allāh, fearing the day when he will be held accountable before Him, such a person will be blessed with two kinds of paradise. He will be granted bliss in this world whereby a holy transformation will come over him and God will become His provider and sustainer. And,

when he dies, he will be granted eternal paradise. This will be his reward for fearing God and putting Him above all worldly desires and passions. Hence only a true believer can benefit from Friday and attain nearness to Allāh.

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: It is only *Taqwa* and perfect obedience to the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم that draws Allāh's grace. Allāh rewards us twofold in the form of the good of this world and the hereafter. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "If you hold fast to *Taqwa*, you shall be granted a light that shall accompany you wherever you go." Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: As we strive for spiritual exaltation, it is also important for us to purge society of sin. We have to teach the world that the proper way of entering the new year is not by drinking and indulging in frivolities, rather one welcome the new year with prayers and sacrifices for mankind.

Explaining the meaning of the prayer, 'O Lord, grant us the good of this world and the Hereafter and save us from the torment of fire,' the Promised Messiah عليه السلام says, "The words *Rabbanā* (Our Lord) are very important because they signify that one has given up on all other 'lords' and stands before the only true Lord.... this prayer can only come from one who recognizes Allāh as his only true Lord and sees all else as of no consequence."

Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى said: The word *Nār* in this prayer does not only point to the fire of hell but also to the countless forms of fire we face in this world, such as disasters and calamities, fear, bloodshed, famine, disease, frustration and apprehensions about family and relations. All these are kinds of fire that we call on Allāh to save us from. May Allāh grant us the good things of this world and the hereafter and save us from torments of both worlds. May this new year and every year hence bring joy to all Aḥmadīs and may no misfortune ever befall us. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr أيده الله تعالى to the members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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