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The Amīr/ National President
Jamā‘at Aḥmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 3rd December, 2010, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūḥ Mosque, London.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: When the enemy takes his enmity to the extreme and resorts to cruel and brutal methods, the believers, who show *Ṣabr* and steadfastness, turn to God and seek His help. In an Urdu verse, the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “*As the enemy grows in animosity, we become more absorbed in the Hidden Friend.*” This is the reaction and response which true believers show when they feel helpless and persecuted. We are the followers of the one who not only showed his own example of courage and *Ṣabr* but, through his spiritual influence, inspired his followers to do the same.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: We are the ones who truly understand the response of those to whom men said, ‘People have mustered against you, therefore fear them,’ but this only increased their faith, and they said, ‘Sufficient for us is Allāh, and an excellent Guardian is He.’ (3:174).

The fact that the enemy has a great majority and has joined forces against us should only serve to strengthen our faith. Those who go through ordeals and endure every kind of mental and physical torture and do not leave hold of God but become even more firmly attached to Him, to such people God has promised spiritual exaltation and worldly rewards along with the Divine assurance that they are the rightly guided ones.

Ḥuḍūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: I want to urge all Aḥmadīs who are passing through difficult times to pay more attention to prayer, and those who are not facing direct persecution should pray for their persecuted brothers and sisters. At least two *rak‘āts* of *nafl* prayer should be offered every day for Aḥmadīs who are in any way being made to suffer for the sake of Aḥmadiyyat. Special prayers should also be offered for the progress of the Jamā‘at. Our prayers are our only weapon and the more fervently we employ them the sooner we shall witness the day of our victory. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “Our objectives can only be achieved through prayer, for it possesses great power. God has told me repeatedly in His revelations that all the things He has promised will come about only through prayer. When our prayers reach a high enough level, the liars will at once be destroyed.” Again, the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “The best prayer is to seek Allāh’s approval and freedom from sin. All our trust lies in prayer. Prayer is like a spring of fresh and sweet water by the side of which a

believer sits and satisfies his thirst whenever he pleases. For a believer prayer is like water without which he cannot live. And the best occasion of prayer is the *Ṣalāt* wherein a believer finds all his peace and contentment. Through prayer man reaches closer to God and He in turn draws nearer to him. When a believer attains full sincerity and concentration in his prayer, God has mercy on him and becomes his guardian.”

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Our foremost concern should be to give full attention to prayer. If every Aḥmadīs strives for sincerity we will come closer and closer to receiving Allāh’s mercy and blessings. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “No one can taste the fruit of prayer unless he carries his *Ṣabr* or patience to the highest level and goes on praying steadfastly. Those who employ this remedy are never deprived.”

Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: We pray that we may never tire of praying and never leave hold of *Ṣabr*. May Allāh help us to raise standards of our worship and infuse our prayers with His love. We pray, in the words of the Holy Qur’ān; “O our Lord, pour forth steadfastness upon us, and make our steps firm, and help us against the disbelieving people.” *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Ḥuḍūr ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to the members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

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