

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/ National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 17 June 2011, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Gross Gerau, Germany.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: It is Allāh’s great favour upon Ahmadīs that He has enabled us to recognize and accept the Imām of the age. Allāh continues to guide pure-hearted people towards the right path and every year thousands of people who previously did not even believe in God are joining our Jama‘at.

Explaining the verse of Sūrah Al-Fatihah, اهدنا الصراط المستقیم (O God, guide us in the right path), Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: We have been taught to pray that Allāh may lead us to the path of those upon whom He perfected His spiritual blessings. This is an indication that we should stand with the Imām of the age who has come into this world with all these blessings. And we have to establish such a firm relationship with him that we are able to win Allāh’s blessings.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: At the time of our Bai‘at we make a firm pledge to give preference to our relationship of Bai‘at over all other relations. Now, more than ever, we need to pray اهدنا الصراط المستقیم so that we can remain steadfast on our pledge of obedience and receive Allāh’s favours. Only Allāh can provide guidance. Let us keep guard over our selves and fear God and ask Him for the strength to remain on the right path.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The pledge of Bai‘at is not enough if we are not faithful to the institution of Khilāfat established by the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام. Blessed are those who have not only accepted the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام but also established a relationship of love and devotion with his Khilāfat. The prayer اهدنا الصراط المستقیم is a continuous and life-long prayer. A believer is one who always strives to find the right path and prays for steadfastness.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Laxity in the observance of the obligatory prayers slowly deprives man of other good deeds. People who mistreat their wives and children are also among those who deviate from the right path. When we pray اهدنا الصراط المستقیم we should bear in mind the example set for us by the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and his servant the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام who showed us the path from darkness towards light. Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In order to be rightly guided, it is not enough simply to believe in the one who has come from God or to side with his Jama‘at, rather it is important to mould our lives in accordance with the teachings he has brought and to remain steadfast upon them.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says, “The purpose of the human existence is to seek and walk upon the right path. The fact that the prayer اهدنا الصراط المستقیم is

repeated in every prayer and every *rak'ah* reveals its importance. Our Jama'at should remember that this is not a trivial prayer and it should not be repeated in a parrot-like fashion; rather it is a great and unfailing means that leads man towards perfection, and this should always be our aim."

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام has also said, "One is not a true believer unless he has accumulated a great many good deeds and believes in Allāh with all His perfect attributes. One who truly believes in God can never commit sin, for he does everything under the will of God. Hence he is granted perfect peace and tranquillity. This is the goal every member of my Jama'at should pursue. Our Jama'at must have full and perfect faith in God."

Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ prayed that may Allāh enable us to bring about such transformation in our lives and to achieve the goals set for us by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to the members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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