

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السّلام علیکم ورحمة اللّٰه وبرکاته

On 12<sup>th</sup> August 2011, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verses 187 of Sūrah Al-Baqarah, which is translated as follows:

“And when My servants ask thee about Me, say: ‘I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way.’ ” (2:187)

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Much as the world needs to turn towards God to be saved from calamities and to attain salvation, it seems to be heading the other way. The only exception is Jama‘at Ahmadiyya which believes in Allāh’s promises and in the prophecies of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. But if we fail to establish a living relationship with God, we will have lost all that we have attained. The Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام says, “Sometimes the world is engulfed in darkness and the faith is subdued; it is then that heaven sends down a new manifestation and people are blessed with divine insight and are motivated to offer gratitude to God. They serve God and advance in His love to the utmost heights.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Allāh chose the Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام because of his love and devotion to God and his affection for the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. The Promised Messiah علیہ السّلام showed us how to love God and how to serve Him. And he also accomplished the momentous task of the renaissance of Islām. Among his followers were many who received Divine revelations and proved to be God’s true servants.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: According to the prophecies, this Jama‘at is destined to progress forever. Let us realize our responsibilities in order to become a part of this great revolution. Every Ahmadī is responsible for saving the world from calamities and establishing mankind's link with God. This duty cannot be fulfilled without prayers. To help our reformation, Allāh has once again blessed us with the month of Ramadān to facilitate us in abiding by His injunctions and in attaining spiritual progress. This month provides the best opportunities for enlightening our hearts. Prayer helps to purify the self and the Fast enlightens the heart so that the door to visions and revelations is opened for man and he is able to behold the Almighty.

Hudur عليه السلام said: We should not confine our zeal for worship and fasting to the month of Ramadān. Rather we should be determined to make these virtues a lasting part of our lives.

Hudur عليه السلام said: A person's prayers are accepted if he has perfect faith in God and his supplications are full of anguish and humility. When a person cries and supplicates before His Lord, God covers him in the mantle of piety and virtue. For one's prayers to be accepted, it is also important to bring about a positive change in oneself and to abide by God's injunctions.

Hudur عليه السلام said: Today only prayers are required to save mankind from the pit of destruction. While we pray for ourselves and our children in this Ramadān, we should also pray for the world at large. And let us never forget to pray that Allāh may cause us to be among His true servants. May Allāh enable us to reap the full blessings of Ramadan. *Āmīn.*

At the end of the sermon, Hudur عليه السلام informed the Jama'at of the sad demise of Subedar Raja Muhammad Mirzā Khan Sahib and Amina Begum Sahiba w/o Sheikh Nadir Ahmad Sahib of Rabwah. Hudur عليه السلام lead the *Namaz Janazah Gha'ib* of the deceased after the Jumu'a prayers.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr عليه السلام to the members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Mansoor Ahmad Khan)

Acting Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyyah Pakistan,

Dated: 17 Aug. 2011