

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President  
Jamā'at Ahmadiyyah,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 7<sup>th</sup> October 2011, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon in Hamburg, Germany.

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The persecution of Divine dispensations is not a new phenomenon; it has continued from times immemorial. The persecution suffered by the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and his Companions is known to everyone. In the same way, the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام and his followers faced severe opposition. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام had to bear the tragedy of the martyrdom of two of his devoted followers in Kabul. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام exhorted his Jama'at to pray that Allah may grant them faith as strong that of Sahibzadah 'Abdul Latif رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ.

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The trials and tribulations that come upon the Jama'at are meant to motivate us so that we may show greater fortitude; they come to pave the way for our progress; they draw us closer to God and turn our attention to prayers and supplication.

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: This is the age of Jihad with the pen and the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام has provided us with all the wherewithal for this Jihad. No other faith can compete with the grandeur of Islām and the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān. Today our Jama'at is endeavouring in every possible way to reveal to the world the true and pristine character of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. We are defending him against the unholy attacks of the opponents and exposing their character. We do not only counter objections against the Holy Qur'ān, but also prove its superiority over all other scriptures.

Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: Today our opponents have crossed all limits in their opposition. Ahmadīs in Pakistan have shown extraordinary patience and resilience in the face of severe persecution. These sacrifices and these emotions can only bear fruit if we fall down before Allāh and wet our prayer mats with tears. Pakistani Ahmadīs in particular should offer fervent prayers and try to keep fast one day each week. Allāh listens to the prayers of the anguished. Let us, therefore, pray with deep anguish and fervour so that our prayers are heard. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that one must not despair of the acceptance of one's prayers and one must not doubt God. Prayers should be offered with the utmost humility and reverence and with the consciousness of God's attributes as the Creator, the Sustainer, the Gracious, the Merciful, and the Master of the Day of Judgement.

Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: We are the servants of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام to whom God had said, "I shall be with you and with those whom you love." We have faced great trials and tribulations ever since the time of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, but we have continued to progress and today the Jama'at has spread to 200 countries. Allāh loves the Jama'at of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام whom He sent to breath new life into Islām. Let us not forget to fulfil our own duty, which is to offer prayers with such fervour that they move the throne of Heaven.

At the end of the sermon, Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jama'at of the tragic martyrdom of Master Rana Dilawar Hussain Sahib of Sheikhpura, Pakistan; and of the sad demise of Abdul Jabbar Sahib, a veteran staff member of Fadl-e-Umar Hospital, Rabwah; and Nasir Ahmad Zafar Sahib, son of Mualana Zafar Muhammad Zafar Sahib. Hudur ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ led the *Namaz Janazah Gha'ib* of the deceased after the Jumu'a prayers.

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 Ahmadiyyah Pakistan,

Dated: 11 October 2011