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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 27th April 2012, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Aman, Manchester, UK.

Prior to the Friday Sermon ایده اللہ تعالیٰ, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ inaugurated the new mosque with a silent prayer. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ began the sermon by reciting verses 128-130 of Sūrah Al-Baqarah, which are translated as follows:

"And remember the time when Abraham and Ishmael raised the foundations of the House, praying, 'Our Lord, accept this from us; for Thou art All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

'Our Lord, make us submissive to Thee and make of our offspring a people submissive to Thee. And show us our ways of worship, and turn to us with mercy; for Thou art Oft-Returning with compassion and Merciful.

'And, our Lord, raise up among them a Messenger from among themselves, who may recite to them Thy Signs and teach them the Book and Wisdom and may purify them; surely, Thou art the Mighty, the Wise." (2:128-130)

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: This prayer demonstrates the extraordinary example set for us by Hadrat Ibrahim and highlights his humility, his devotion, his spirit of sacrifice, his anxiety for his children to remain devoted to God and his desire for the world to be guided to the right path. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: This is the spirit with which mosques are built and should be built. Otherwise, erecting a beautiful structure means nothing in itself. The true beauty of a mosque lies in its worshippers who attend it, solely seeking the pleasure of Allāh. We should not feel proud, but grateful that Allāh gave us the opportunity to make sacrifices for this mosque. By the grace of Allāh, the Jama'at is giving a lot of attention to building mosques in Western countries. This mosque was build at the cost of about £1,200,000. Some members have contributed large amounts, but every sacrifice we make should remind us of our humble position. Our sacrifices will only be accepted if we pray that Allāh may accept them and make them means of our spiritual elevation.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The losses of this world do not grieve the believers, because they lead them closer to Allāh. A believer always finds solace in God at every loss. Those who remember Allāh and worship Him and fear Him are granted the peace of heart whereby they attain paradise in this very world. And, having become the men of the Gracious One, they also inherit the paradise of the Hereafter.

Hudur أيده الله تعالى said: Whenever we build a mosque, we should become even more conscious of own condition and pay more attention to the proper upbringing of our children. Our main objective today is to invite the world towards the beautiful teachings of Islām through our example; to invite Divine blessings by crying and supplicating before God; and to make our next generation a part of these objectives and link them to the mosques.

Hudur أيده الله تعالى said: This mosque is built to accommodate 760 male and 560 female worshippers. There are also two halls that can accommodate another 680 worshippers. So about 2,000 worshippers can pray in this mosque. But, Hudur أيده الله تعالى said, this 'can pray' should be turned into 'pray' as soon as possible.

Hudur أيده الله تعالى said: Prior to 2003, when Baitul Futūh was inaugurated, there was only one mosque in the UK. Since then, by the grace of Allāh, the Jama'at has been able to build another 14 mosques. In Europe also where there had been only 13 mosques, now there are 57, which is an increase of 44 in 7 or 8 years. But, we must not forget, that the beauty of these mosques lies not in their architecture but in their worshippers. Building a mosque is nothing to be proud of, we will only have occasion to feel proud when our mosques become too small to accommodate all the worshippers.

Hudur أيده الله تعالى also quoted some accounts regarding the lives of the Companions of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام highlighting their zeal for worship. Hudur أيده الله تعالى said: The essence of worship is prayer and supplication which lead to sincerity, love for God, hatred towards sin, and purity of the self. May Allāh enable us to become true worshippers of God and enable us to win His pleasure. *Āmīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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