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The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 15th June 2012, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Speaking about the reality of prayer, as explained by the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Just as man strives for the world, so must he also strive in the way of Allāh. Prayer means to bring a kind of death upon oneself. When man prays with deep passion and fervour and his heart melts and prostrates at the Divine threshold, it is then that God hears his prayers and answers them.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Fortunate are those who do not only pray as a mere ritual but offer heartfelt supplications placing full trust in God. Then God hears their prayers and guides them. Even if things do not turn out according to the expectations of the supplicant, prayer still brings peace and tranquillity to one's heart. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that prayer is a wonderful thing, but it is a pity that most supplicants are not aware of its etiquette nor of the ways that lead to its acceptance. The foremost requirement of prayer is that the supplicant must never despair or lose hope. He must not think that God will not do anything for him.

The etiquette of prayer that the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام has taught us was learnt first and foremost by his Companions who were instructed by him directly. Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ read out some accounts related by some of these Companions who understood the meaning of prayer and experienced its acceptance, thus resulting in the strengthening of their own faith and guiding many others. Among these Companions were Hadrat Mian Muhammad Nawaz Khan رضی اللہ عنہ, Hadrat Khalīfa Nuruddin of Jammu رضی اللہ عنہ, Hadrat Amir Khan رضی اللہ عنہ, Hadrat Chaudhary Hussain رضی اللہ عنہ, Hadrat Hafiz Ghulam Rasul رضی اللہ عنہ of Wazirabad, Hadrat Allabakhs رضی اللہ عنہ and Hadrat Mirzā Ghulām Nabi رضی اللہ عنہ.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ explained the phenomenon of the 'sign of the bright star' that is recorded in *Haqiqatul Wahi* and said that we should pray to be granted the same understanding of prayer that was given to the Companions of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام.

Referring to the deteriorating state of the world, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that there was real danger of the outbreak of World War III. We should pray that God may safeguard all Ahmadīs and, indeed, all mankind. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ asked the Jama'at to pray for his forthcoming tour of Canada and USA and for the success of their Jalsas. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ prayed that may Allāh safeguard all

Ahmadīs from the mischief-makers and may the truth of Ahmadiyyat shine forth in the world. *Āmīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

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