

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 22nd June 2012, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitur Rahman, Silver Spring, USA.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: It is Allāh's favour upon us that we are the followers of the one whom He sent to reform the world in both creed and conduct. But there are some among us who, despite professing to follow the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, are not one in their word and deed and are found wanting in the practical aspects of faith. The purpose of the coming of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام was to bring about a complete transformation in people's lives. Our ancestors underwent such a transformation, but, unfortunately, we have not been able to keep up those standards. We need to scrutinize ourselves in this regard.

Drawing the Jama'at's attention to the attendance of the obligatory prayers, Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ read out the third condition of the Bai'at which says "That he/she shall not miss any prayer and shall regularly offer the five daily prayers in accordance with the commandments of God and the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم." Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said that the blessings of Khilāfat have only been promised to those who observe their prayers. The Holy Qur'ān is full of exhortations in this regard, but some members of the Jama'at do not pay proper attention to the observance of prayers. The USA Jama'at is doing a great work in building new mosques, but we will only benefit from them if they are full of worshippers who come to pray five times a day. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Ahmadīs in the west should not fall prey to any kind of inferiority complex and should offer their prayers punctually. If we wish to transform the world, we first have to bring about a transformation in our own selves, and this is not possible without worship.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Holy Qur'ān enjoins us to safeguard our prayers and especially *salat-ul-wusta*—The Prayer which comes in between our worldly pursuits. Being lax in the observance of prayers excludes one from the list of God's obedient servants. When we pray, we should do so with all our heart and not just as a ritual. Prayers that are offered with zeal and fervour bring peace and bliss to the supplicant. The Holy Qur'ān says that prayer stops us from frivolous and unwanted activities and it warns those who are unmindful of their prayers. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام came to establish a Jama'at that would enjoy a firm relationship with God and safeguard their prayers.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that Heaven will count you among my followers only if you sincerely follow the path of *Taqwa*. So offer your five

daily prayers with such fervour as if you see God right before you. Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said that the state of pleasure and bliss in prayer can only be experienced with God's blessings. Therefore, we should first of all pray to God for His nearness. May Allāh grant us all the pleasure of offering such prayers. *Āmīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jama'at of the sad demise of Amar Ma'roof Aziz, who was a missionary in Indonesia, and of Tahira Wonderman wife of Nawab Mahmood Wonderman. Hudur ایدہ اللہ تعالیٰ led their *Namaz Janazah Gha'ib* after the Jumu'a prayers.

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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