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The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 10th August 2012, Hadrat Khalifatul Masih V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

After reciting verse 187 of surah 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: We are now in the last ten days of Ramadān during which a believer should strive to win maximum Divine favours. Ramadān is the month that most facilitates the revolution that the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام came to bring about. Ramadān is a blessed occasion for it focuses our attention on piety and virtue, and for this we must strive.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: In the verse I have recited Allāh has told us of the means through which we can attain His love and gain most benefit from the fasting of Ramadān. Allāh loves those who fulfil their obligations to Him as their Lord and Master, keeping the purpose of their existence before them and trying to raise the standard of their worship. This is a purpose which should be kept in mind by a believer not just in Ramadān but at all times. In the above verse, Allāh says to His Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم that when the believers ask you how they can attain my nearness, tell them that I am near. Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: When believers wake up to offer *tahajjud* prayers and cry and supplicate before their Lord, He comes down to the lowest heaven to hear their prayers. In Ramadān His mercy and grace become greater than ever. Fortunate are those who make use of this opportunity.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: We should make sure that the good habits we have developed in Ramadān continue ever after. Man should have a craving and anguish for God, as a result of which he will become a worthy soul in His eyes. To become a true servant of God and to meet the purpose of one's creation, a believer should try to mould himself according to Divine attributes. God has given man the ability to demonstrate His attributes in his own limited sphere. We should reflect upon God's attributes and try to apply them to our lives and in this manner pass through the month of Ramadān, and also make a pledge to keep this up until we come to the

next Ramadān. If we do so we will surely be given the tiding 'I am near', and witness manifestation of 'I hear the prayers of the supplicant'.

Hudur عليه السلام said: فليستجيبوا لي (they should harken to me), reminds the believers of their obligations. In this regard, the office bearers and devotees of the Jama'at in particular and the Jama'at in general should do some soul searching. Hudur عليه السلام particularly stressed the need for justice, fairness, truth and righteousness among the office bearers and devotees.

Hudur عليه السلام said: In order to become God's true servants, we should try to abide by all His commandments, try to perfect our faith, adopt humility and meekness, break all the idols of self-love and arrogance, raise our standards of truthfulness and forgiveness and avoid slander and backbiting. We should fulfil all our obligations, treat others not just with justice but with kindness that we show to the near of kin. Let us do good to those around us without any desire for reward or gratitude. Once we have thus reformed our selves, only then shall we become worthy of reforming the world. Only then will we be counted among true believers. May Allāh enable us all to derive most benefit from the month of Ramadān and become God's true servants.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

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