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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,
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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 8th August 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recited the verse 63 of Surah *Al-Naml* and gave its translation, which is as follows:.

“Or, Who answers the distressed person when he calls upon Him, and removes the evil, and makes you successors in the earth? Is there a God besides Allāh? Little is it that you reflect.” (27:63)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah عليه السلام repeatedly advised his Jamā‘at that our only weapon to triumph over the enemy is prayer. Usually the focus on prayers after Ramadān is not as rigorous as it is during the month, whereas it should remain as intense even after Ramadān.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The state of current global affairs is dire; we are witnessing continued attacks on Palestinians and their wholesale murder at the hands of Israel. The cruelty, which Muslims show against their fellow brothers by killing each other and committing massacres, has also touched extremes. On the other hand, Muslims are persecuting Ahmadīs in the name of God and His Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and the persecution of Ahmadīs at all levels has now become a way of life for those who oppose Ahmadiyyat in Pakistan.

Speaking about the persecution and constant harassment of Ahmadīs on various pretexts in Gujranwala, Pakistan, and other countries, along with the loss of life and property which is inflicted upon the Ahmadīs, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In this time of trial and hardship, we should bow down before God even more earnestly than before. We must not show slackness in prayers. We shall seek Divine help against persecution by supplicating before the Almighty God, praying to Him fervently and beseeching His help in our moment of grief.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) recounted a dream of his and said: If we want the situation to change quickly, then the entire Jamā‘at should bow down before God collectively and pray to Him with utmost humility. If this spirit is instilled in the entire Jamā‘at and our nights are spent in prayers for the Jamā‘at, a revolutionary change can occur in a matter of a few days.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The dream gave the impression that the message was specifically for Pakistani Ahmadīs. The worst persecution of Ahmadīs is taking place in Pakistan; therefore Pakistani Ahmadīs should pay special attention to offering prayers to God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: God listens to the prayers of those who are in distress, who find no way out of their troubles and are besieged by trials and tribulations. Indeed, the prayers of such people show wonders. Therefore, in order to quickly get rid of the

oppression against us, we should pray like a *Muztar*, that is, like a distressed person as mentioned in the Holy Qur'ān. We should pray with pathos during troubles and adopt the remembrance of God during good times. A true believer is never selfish, rather his connection with God remains strong in all circumstances, and so should it remain forever. We should remember that the prayer of every person which is made while being cognizant of God's mercy, forgiveness and other attributes removes problems faced by the Jamā'at.

In this connection, Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) narrated the incident mentioned in Hadīth about the three men who took refuge in a cave during a storm and were trapped in the cave when a large rock fell on the mouth of the cave. They prayed for Divine help with reference to their individual good deeds and were liberated from their misery.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The individual righteous actions of these men and their prayers were accepted as being communal. The tradition has the lesson that individual acts of virtue become a source of removing communal woes. Therefore as we claim that we are linked together as one community, we should seek deliverance from our communal trials and tribulations from the Almighty God through the prayers we individually make.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said: 'It is also very important for acceptance of prayer that man instills pure change in himself. A fine man is one who follows the will of God Almighty. Our first and foremost duty is to purify our hearts. We will not triumph through the sword or any other force. Our weapon is only prayer and purity of hearts.'

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We should also remember in our fervour not to pray for torment to befall the enemy, rather, we should pray: O Allāh, we wish for our success and wish for our trials to be removed! While we pray for this difficult time to end, O God, we also wish betterment of the enemy and not their destruction. You have covered our weaknesses with Your grace, and in spite of going through very difficult period we experience Your grace and blessings. If You also covered the opponents and guided them, it would be most fortunate for us and for them. However, if in Your wisdom, You do not deem some of them worthy of this favour and it is better to destroy them, then remove them from our path in a way that their presence is not a hindrance in the progress of Islam which You have now destined through Ahmadiyyat, the true Islām.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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