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Extracts from the Friday Sermon delivered by *Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh* V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 15 June 2018 at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Prayers from The Holy Qur'an

Our Imam, Hadrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) recited
سُنُحان اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْ لِهُ سُحانَ اللَّه العظيم اللَّهُمِّ صَلَّى عَلَى مُحَمِّدُو ٱلْ مُحَمِّدُو

"Holy is Allāh and worthy of all Praise; Holy is Allāh, the Great. Allāh, bestow Your blessings on Muḥammad and the people of Muḥammad."

in the beginning of his Friday Sermon. Afterwards Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) narrated the following supplications from The Holy Qur'ān:

"Our Lord, grant us good in this world as well as good in the world to come, and protect us from the torment of the Fire." (2:202)

"Our Lord, pour forth upon us steadfastness and cause us to die resigned unto Thee." (7:127)

"Our Lord, send down to us a table from heaven spread with food that it may be to us a festival, to the first of us and to the last of us, and a Sign from Thee; and provide sustenance for us, for Thou art the Best of sustainers." (5:115)

"Our Lord, we have heard a Crier calling us unto faith, 'Believe ye in your Lord,' and we have believed. Our Lord, forgive us, therefore, our sins and remove from us our evils, and in death join us with the righteous." (3:194)

"Our Lord, we believe in that which Thou hast sent down and we follow this Messenger. So write us down among those who bear witness." (3:54)

"Our Lord, let not our hearts become perverse after Thou hast guided us; and bestow on us mercy from Thyself; surely, Thou alone art the Bestower." (3:9)

"My Lord, grant me from Thyself pure offspring; surely, Thou art the Hearer of prayer." (3:39)

"Our Lord, grant us of our spouses and children the delight of our eyes, and make each of us a leader of the righteous." (25:75)

"My Lord, grant me the power that I may be grateful for Thy favour which Thou hast bestowed upon me and upon my parents, and that I may do such good works as may please Thee. And make my seed righteous for me. I do turn to Thee; and, truly, I am of those who submit to Thee." (46:16)

"My Lord, grant me a righteous son." (37:101)

"O my Lord, a beggar I am of whatever good You bestow on me". (28:25)

"My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favour which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents, and to do such good works as would please You, and admit me, by Your mercy, among Your righteous servants." (27:20)

"My Lord, I seek refuge in You from the incitements of the satans. And I seek refuge in Thee, my Lord, lest they come near me." (23:98-99)

"O my Lord, increase me in knowledge." (20:115)

"My Lord, open up for me my heart. And ease for me my task. And untie the knot of my tongue. That they may understand my speech." (20:26-29)

"Our Lord, bestow on us mercy from Thyself, and provide for us right guidance in our affair." (18:11)

"O my Lord, make my entry a good entry and then make me come forth with a good forthcoming. And grant me from Thyself a helping power." (17:81)

"My Lord, have mercy on them even as they nourished me in my childhood." (17:25)

"My Lord, bestow wisdom on me and join me with the righteous; And give me a true reputation among posterity; And make me one of the inheritors of the Garden of Bliss." (26:84-86)

"My Lord, I have wronged my soul, therefore forgive me." (28:17)

"Our Lord, perfect our light for us and forgive us; surely Thou hast power over all things." (66:9)

"Our Lord, we believe; forgive us therefore our sins, and have mercy on us; for Thou art the Best of those who show mercy." (23:110)

"Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves; and if Thou forgive us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the lost." (7:24)

"Our Lord, put us not with the unjust people." (7:48)

"My Lord, leave me not childless, and Thou art the Best of inheritors." (21:90)

"My Lord, if Thou wilt show me that with which they are threatened. My Lord, then place me not with the wrongdoing people." (23:94-95)

"Our Lord, Thou dost comprehend all things in Thy mercy and knowledge. So forgive those who repent and follow Thy way; and protect them from the punishment of Hell. And make them, our Lord, enter the Gardens of Eternity which Thou hast promised them, as well as such of their fathers and their wives and their children as are virtuous. Surely Thou art the Mighty, the Wise. And protect them from evils; and he whom Thou dost protect from evils on that day — him hast Thou surely shown mercy. And that indeed is the supreme triumph." (40:8-10)

"Our Lord, forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in the faith, and leave not in our hearts any rancour against those who believe. Our Lord! Thou art indeed Compassionate, Merciful." (59:11)

"My Lord, forgive me and my parents, and him who enters my house as a believer, and the believing men and the believing women; and increase Thou not the wrongdoers but in perdition." (71:29)

"Our Lord, give us what Thou hast promised to us through Thy Messengers; and disgrace us not on the Day of Resurrection. Surely, Thou breakest not Thy promise." (3:195)

"Thou art our Protector; forgive us then and have mercy on us, for Thou art the Best of those who forgive." (7:156)

"Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell; for the punishment thereof is a lasting torment." (25:66)

"Our Lord, we do believe; forgive us, therefore, our sins and save us from the punishment of the Fire." (3:17)

"My Lord, make me observe Prayer, and my children too. Our Lord! Do accept my prayer. Our Lord, grant forgiveness to me and to my parents and to the believers on the day when the reckoning will take place." (14:41-42)

"My Lord, save me and my family from what they do." (26:170)

"He said, 'My Lord, my people have treated me as a liar. Therefore judge Thou decisively between me and them; and save me and the believers that are with me." (26:118-119)

"He said, 'Help me, my Lord, against the wicked people." (29:31)

"I am overcome, so come Thou to my help!" (54:11)

"Our Lord, do not punish us, if we forget or fall into error; and our Lord, lay not on us a responsibility as Thou didst lay upon those before us. Our Lord, burden us not with what we have not the strength to bear; and efface our sins, and grant us forgiveness and have mercy on us; Thou art our Master; so help us Thou against the disbelieving people." (2:287)

"O our Lord, pour forth steadfastness upon us, and make our steps firm, and help us against the disbelieving people." (2:251)

"Our Lord, forgive us our errors and our excesses in our conduct, and make firm our steps and help us against the disbelieving people." (3:148)

"O our Lord, decide Thou between us and between our people with truth, and Thou art the Best of those who decide." (7:90)

"Our Lord, make us not a trial for the wrongdoing people. And deliver us by Thy mercy from the disbelieving people." (10:86-87)

"He said; 'O my Lord, help me, for they have treated me as a liar." (23:27)

"My Lord! build for me a house with Thee in the Garden; and deliver me from Pharaoh and his work, and deliver me from the wrongdoing people." (66:12)

Prayers from Āḥadīth:

The Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) taught us to pray:

"O Allāh! I have taken on Your obedience, I trust in You, believe in You, and incline towards You. With Your help I put myself against the enemy. I have come to You for judgement in my case, so forgive all my past and future sins, the secret and the obvious ones. You cause people to advance and also restrain them. There is none worthy of worship except You."

"O Allāh! You are my Lord, there is none worthy of worship except You. You created me and I am Your servant. And I am steadfast in Your covenant and Your promise to the best of my capability. I seek refuge in You from the evil effects of my deeds. I acknowledge Your blessings and favours. I confess my sins, so You forgive me, as there is none except You who forgives sins."

"O Allāh! I seek Your deliverance from a heart which is devoid of fear, a prayer which is not accepted, a self which knows no contentment, and the knowledge which is not beneficial. My Guardian, I seek shelter from these four things."

"O the Convertor of Hearts, make my heart steadfast on Your faith."

"O Allāh! I beseech for guidance, piety, chastity and contentment."

"We take You as a shield against whatever is in their (enemy's) heart. We seek protection against every evil of theirs and its dangerous effects."

"O Allāh, I implore You for Your love and the love of those who love You and also such conduct as should lead me to Your love. O Allāh, make Your love dearer to me than my soul and my family and my wealth and dearer to me than cold water."

Then there is a lengthy prayer, which is narrated by Ḥaḍrat Ibn Abbas (May Allāh be pleased with him). He heard the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's Blessings be upon him) recite the following prayer:

8- O Allāh, I seek Your mercy, which can guide my heart and accomplish my affairs. Bestow success upon my disorganized affairs. Unite me with my separated loved one. Grant dignity to those who are with me. Purify my actions. Inspire me with wisdom and guidance. Bestow upon me things that I love and save me from every evil. O Allāh, grant me such faith and the certainty that prevents disbelief. And bestow upon me such grace, which makes me recipient of Your generosity in this world and in the Hereafter.

O Allāh, make every decision of mine fruitful, grant me the company of martyrs and the life of Your obedient servants and victory over enemies. O Lord, I have come to Your threshold with my needs. Although my thinking is faulty and my planning is weak, I still depend on Your mercy. So, O Arbiter of all affairs and Bestower of peace of mind, I beg you to save me from the punishment of the Fire, as You save people from the raging seas. Protect me from Perdition and the trials of the grave.

O my Lord, Grant me those things which I have not even thought about. The matters which I have not even begged from You. The good things for which the intention has not yet arisen, but You have promised these blessings to any of Your servants or You are going to give these blessings to any of Your creation,

I too have desire for them O Lord of the Universe, I beseech you in the name of Your mercy to grant me every such blessing.

O Allāh, the Firm Friend and the Master of guidance and wisdom, I beg You to grant me peace on the day of Resurrection. In the eternal period I am desirous of attaining Paradise in the company of Your pious people, who bow and prostrate before You, and who fulfil their covenants. Surely, You are Gracious and loving. Without doubt You do what You will.

O Allāh, make us such guided leaders who do not go astray themselves and do not lead others astray. Make us harbingers of peace for Your loved ones and enemy of Your enemies. I beg You in the name of Your love, to make us love everyone who loves You and make us, for Your sake, hostile to Your enemies.

O Allāh, this is our humble supplication. Its acceptance depends on You. This prayer is all we have laboured for. We now, put our complete trust in You.

O Allāh, enlighten my heart for me, light up my grave, put light in front of me and behind me, put light on my right and on my left, put light above me and beneath me, enlighten my sight and my hearing, brighten up my hair and skin, fill my flesh and blood with light, and make light to permeate into my bones. O Lord, increase light in my heart and bestow such light on me that it makes me an embodiment of light.

Holy is the One, Who presides over the universe with greatness. Holy is the Being, except Whom praising anyone else is not justified. Holy is the Bestower of blessings and favours. Holy is the Lord of Honour and Glory. His is the Majesty and Honour.

Prayers of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him):

Then there are the prayers of the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him). The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) wrote a prayer for Chaudhry Rustam Ali Ṣāḥib (May Allāh be pleased with him): "O the One Who is worthy to be loved than all other beloveds! Forgive me and bestow Your Mercy and enumerate me amongst Your devotees. We are Your sinful servants and we have been consumed by our inner desires. Forgive us and save us from the afflictions of the hereafter."

The Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) once wrote a letter to Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ I (May Allāh be pleased with him) and drew his attention to the following prayer: "O Benevolent God! I am a worthless, sinful and heedless servant of Yours. You have seen me commit injustices upon injustices but bestowed Your rewards upon rewards; and You have seen me commit sin upon sin and yet You bestowed your favour upon favour. You have always veiled my flaws and granted me Your countless bounties. Thus, even now show Mercy on this unworthy and sinful one and forgive me for my boldness and ungratefulness. Alleviate this sorrow of mine — for there is none else save You who can help."

The prayer taught by the Promised Messiah (May peace be upon him) in order to completely immerse oneself in God: "O Lord of all the worlds! I cannot express enough gratitude for Your favours. You are ever so Merciful and Gracious. You have bestowed innumerable favours upon me, forgive my sins lest I perish. Grant me such pure love for You in my heart so that I am given a new life and conceal my faults. Enable me to do such deeds which please You. I

seek refuge with Your Holy Countenance from incurring Your wrath. Have Mercy upon me, have Mercy upon me, have Mercy upon me! Save me from the tribulations of this life and the hereafter for every kind of Grace and Blessing is in Your hands. $Am\bar{\imath}n$."

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) prayed that Allāh may bring about unity among the Muslims and bring together the hearts of those that are estranged and remove mutual antagonism. May Allāh stop the hand of the enemies and those who are benefitting from the enemy and not allow them to harm Islām in any way. $Am\bar{\imath}n$.

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

Jazākumullāh.

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