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The Amīr/National President Jamā'at Ahmadīyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام عليكم ورحمة الثدوبر كايتئر

## Summary of the Friday Sermon delivered by *Ḥaḍrat Khalīfa-tul-Masīh* V (May Allāh be his Helper) on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2021 at Mubarak Mosque Islāmabad, Tilford, UK.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Recently, a Maulvi Sahib was saying on social media that Qādiānīs are the reason behind all violence and mischief in the world, including the conflict in Palestine, and, therefore, it is permissible to persecute and kill them. This has been the way of the misguided ulema since the beginning of Ahmadiyyat. *Alhamdulillah* we believe in the Messiah and the Mahdī who has taught us to be patient and forbearing in the face of such oppression. I cited the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) in my 'Īd sermon as saying that we should also pray for our enemies.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Opposition against the Jamā'at has been going on since the time of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him). He himself was physically attacked and people were prevented from listening to him and coming to meet him, but, in spite of all this, he prayed for those who wronged him. It was as a result of these prayers that some of his opponents accepted his truth and joined the Jamā'at, and many have continued to do so to this day. Therefore, we pray for the Muslim ummah even after hearing their harsh words. We are pained by their sufferings because this is what the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) has taught us. Allāh had also said to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) that he must not pray against his opponents because their opposition was due to misunderstandings based on their love for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

Hadrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) said: Once when I was just a child, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was returning from Lahore after attending an event when people started abusing him. I remember an old, handicapped man who repeatedly struck his healthy hand on his amputated one and shouted, 'Mirza has run away.' Similarly, the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was attacked and stoned in the city of Lahore. However, the reason for such animosity is the love for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). Hadrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: If they knew that I have more love for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him) in my heart than millions of them do, they would at once accept Aḥmadiyyat. Remember, these are your brothers who are mistaken and misled. Instead of resenting their behaviour, we should pray for them.

Hadrat *Maulvi 'Abdul Karīm Sahib* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: The Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) was living in the lower part of a house while I lived in the

upper portion. One night I heard the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) praying with great anguish. I listened intently and heard him pray, "O, God! The plague has broken+ out and people are dying because of it. If they were all to perish, who would then be left to believe in You?" Hadrat *Musleh Mau'ūd* (May Allāh be pleased with him) says: The plague was a sign of the truthfulness of the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him) and yet he was crying and supplicating to God that people may be saved from it. This shows that a believer should never pray against the people. After all, God has more sense of honour for those whom he loves than we have. Allāh revealed the following lines to the Promised Messiah (Peace be upon him):

اے دل تو نسیے خن طب راین ان نگاہ دار کاحن رکنن د عوئے حُبؓ پیمب رم مَلَقَقَدُم

This means: O my heart, be mindful of the feelings and sentiments of the opponents, lest they become estranged from you and do not pray against them, for they only persecute you because of their love for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him).

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: We know that a section of our opponents is opposing us out of sheer animosity. However, in Pakistan and other parts of the world, there is a large section of people who have been misled by these zealots and only oppose us because of their love for the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him). When it would become clear to them that we, too, love the Holy Prophet (May Allāh's blessings be upon him), they will come to support us. That day will surely dawn and one day the opposition will end, Insha'Allāh.

The Maulvis who make statements against us are serving our own cause because they are conveying our message to the sections of the society to which we do not have easy access. Our only task is to keep our thoughts and feelings pure through prayer and perseverance. Let us keep praying for them that Allāh may soon open their eyes and they may come to recognize the Imam of the age.  $Am\bar{n}n$ .

Jazākumullāh. Wassalām,

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