

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 19th August 2011, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام has stressed the importance and necessity of prayers and has shown us how we can become God’s true servants in the light of the verse ایاک نعبد و ایاک نستعین [Thee alone do we worship and Thee alone do we implore for help]. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that prayer sets right all one’s affairs, whether of this world or the next. He says that prayer is an act that saves us from evil conduct; it purifies us and leads us to God.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Without the help of God, it is not possible to perform worship that is acceptable to Him and also bears positive results. Worship is the purpose of man’s creation and the prayer ایاک نعبد و ایاک نستعین, which we recite in our obligatory prayers and *nawafil*, shows us the way to achieve this purpose.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: ایاک نعبد و ایاک نستعین means that we intend to worship God, but we can only do so if He helps us. God, in His grace, invariably comes to the aid of those who supplicate to Him, but there must first be a commitment on their part to abide by His injunctions and to become His true servants. This prayer is also an expression of humility, whereby man confesses his helplessness unless assisted by God. It also means that one should supplicate putting all trust in Him, just like an infant. It also implies that man should worship God steadfastly, from prayer to prayer, from Jumu’a to Jumu’a and from Ramadān to Ramadān. It also gives us the message that, being weak and worthless mortals, we should give up all pride and arrogance and not place any trust in our own knowledge, for there is nothing more dangerous than this. It is the meek who are saved by God because of their humble supplications. This prayer also teaches us to confess our wrongdoings and short-comings.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The use of the plural in this prayer signifies that one should not only pray for oneself, but also for one’s family, one’s kin, one’s community and mankind at large. This prayer also underlines the importance of effort. Just as a farmer tills the ground and sows the seed, so should a believer make every effort in his power to achieve his objective, along with prayers.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Salat is the chief of all worship. It is a conveyance that leads directly to God. We should offer our prayers regularly and try to find pleasure in our worship as the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام has taught us. May Allāh enable us to make the best use of these teachings so that we may become His true

servants. Hudur ﺍﻳﺪﻩ ﺍﻟﻠﻪ ﺗﻌﺎﻟﻰ urged Ahmadīs to concentrate on their prayers particularly in these last days of Ramadān.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ﺍﻳﺪﻩ ﺍﻟﻠﻪ ﺗﻌﺎﻟﻰ to the members of your Jamā‘at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Mansoor Ahmad Khan)

Acting Wakīl A‘lā,

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Dated: 25 Aug. 2011