

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

The Amīr/National President  
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 13<sup>th</sup> April 2012, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futūh Mosque, London.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says the Bai‘at remains incomplete without perseverance and steadfastness. When man takes a step towards God, he has to face countless trials and hardships and he cannot reach his goal without successfully passing through them. A person’s steadfastness remains untested in times of peace and comfort, for at that time everyone is happy and willing to keep up relationships. The truly steadfast are those who remain firm in the face of trials and tribulations.

The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام also explained the means of attaining steadfastness. He said: *Durud Sharif*, which is a wonderful means of attaining steadfastness, should be recited constantly, not as a mere ritual but bearing in mind the beauty and grace of the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم and for the exaltation of his spiritual station. As a result you will reap the sweet fruit of the acceptance of your prayers.” On another occasion the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام urged his followers to recite *Durud Sharif* for acquiring steadfastness.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ quoted some incidents from the lives of the following Companions of the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام which shed light on their perseverance, steadfastness, concern for matters of faith, and how God loved them and accepted their prayers: Hadrat Nur Muhammad Sahib, Hadrat Jan Muhammad Sahib son of Abdul Ghaffar Sahib of Daska, Hadrat Abdullah Sahib son of Allāhbakhsh Sahib, Hadrat Khair Din Sahib son of Mustaqim Sahib, Hadrat Mian Nizamud Din Sahib tailor master, Hadrat Ghulām Muhammad Sahib, Hadrat Hafiz Ghulām Rasul Sahib of Wazirabad, Hadrat Sheikh Abdul Wahhab Sahib, Hadrat Mian Muhammad Zahurud Din Sahib, Hadrat Mian Ghulām Muhammad Sahib Arain, Hadrat Hafiz Nabi Bakhsh Sahib, Hadrat Doctor Muhammad Tufail Khan Sahib, Hadrat Hafiz Mubarak Ahmad Sahib lecturer Jāmi‘a Ahmadiyya Qādiān, Hadrat Munshi Imamud Din Sahib, Hadrat Khalīfa Nuruddin Sahib of Jammu, Hadrat Hakim Nawwab Ali Sahib Faruqi and Hadrat Sheikh Zainul Abidin Sahib رضی اللہ عنہم.

Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ prayed for the souls of all the Companions to be exalted, and for their spirit of courage and perseverance to continue in their progeny and for them to remain ever attached to Ahmadiyyat and Khilāfat.

At the end of the Sermon, Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jamā‘at of the sad demise of Amatul Hafeez Khanum Sahiba, wife of Shams-ul-Haq Khan Sahib of Quetta. After the Jumu‘a prayers, Hudūr ایده اللہ تعالیٰ led her funeral prayer along with

the *Namaz Janazah Gha'ib* of Syed Muhammad Ahmad Sahib, son of Hadrat Syed Muhamamd Afzal Sahib, Companion of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr أيده الله تعالى to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 19 April 2012