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

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) highlighted the importance of Ramadān and urged the Jamā‘at to take advantage of the month by truly benefiting from its blessings.

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On 19 June 2015, 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) said: Today is the blessed day of Friday and the first day of Ramadān. The Holy Prophet ﷺ said that there is an occasion on Friday during which whatever a true believer prays is granted to him. The Holy Prophet ﷺ also said that when Ramadān comes, the doors to Paradise are opened and the doors to hell are shut. God’s mercy is particularly stirred during this month and Allāh showers the rain of His bounties and blessings upon the believers. The Holy Prophet ﷺ also described some conditions for us to attract Allāh’s grace during Ramadān. He said one should avoid improper talk, eschew chaos, mischief and abusive language during Ramadān.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: God has associated the blessed days of Ramadān with acceptance of prayers. Addressing the Holy Prophet ﷺ God said: ‘During the month of Ramadān when my servants ask you about Me, tell them that I am near and that I hear and grant the prayers of a person when he prays to Me’.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is for this reason that Fridays that occur during Ramadān become doubly important. The days of Ramadān are the days of acceptance of prayers, and so are the nights in this month. Therefore, we should spend

both day and night in Ramadān in supplications to Allāh and thus take best advantage of the blessed month.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: When a believer sincerely bows down before his Lord, he not only witnesses the acceptance of his prayers, but also increases in faith and conviction, as he treads the path of piety and righteousness. Ramadān's blessings are granted only to those who sincerely act upon Allāh's commandments and increase in faith as well. A true believer should, therefore, spend the blessed days of Ramadān with extreme humility and humbleness and confessing his weaknesses and shortcomings.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The heavy presence of worshippers for Jumu'a and other prayers these days should not be just temporary, but rather the houses of Allāh should be populated with the same fervour even after Ramadān. During these days, each one of us should particularly pray to Allāh that He may grant us His *Taqwa*, which is to love Him and fear Him. As long as we will continue to love Him and fear Him, He will continue to cover up our faults and keep us in His protection. As long as we will love Allāh truly, we will be safeguarded against destruction. God honours the love of His servants for Him. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام repeatedly urged the Jamā'at to observe *Taqwa*. We should, therefore, express true humility before Allāh and become His servants trying to obtain closeness to Him.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: God feels pleased when a person repents before Him. He is kinder than any mother and is willing to accept the repentance of His servants and show His pleasure towards them. The month of Ramadān also is to obtain the same purpose. If a person, despite having committed mistakes and shortcomings throughout the year, fills his heart with love for Allāh and gets closer to Him, God too runs towards him and lovingly embraces him. Still if a person fails to avail this opportunity, it is only the person's own misfortune betraying his hardheartedness.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Satan stands everywhere in our way and tries to tempt us. But, we have to confront him and protect ourselves against his attacks and become true servants of the Almighty God. Only then will we be able to truly benefit from the blessings of Ramadān. This will not only help us gain personal benefits, but the Jamā'at too will prosper and progress. It is, in fact, the reformation of the members of the Jamā'at, their pious acts and *Taqwa* which result in the progress of the Jamā'at.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The Promised Messiah عليه السلام said that his progress and victory depend upon prayers. We should, therefore, bow down before Allāh seeking His blessings for the Jamā'at as well for ourselves. Our prayers must not be confined to our own benefit or to the benefit of our close relatives, but rather there is a need to expand its scope. Make fervent prayers for the victory and triumph of the True Faith. May Allāh remove our weaknesses and cover up our faults! *Āmīn*.

May He grant us such means as help us obtain our purpose! *Āmīn*. Pray that may the world that is denying that God exists should be able to recognize its Lord. May Allāh infuse into us such power and capacity by utilizing which we help the True Faith emerge victorious over all other religions! May Allāh make our actions and capabilities even stronger, and may we love pious deeds and may *Taqwa* get firmly rooted in our hearts, and may Allāh enable us to perform every action and say every word to the effect that it pleases Allāh. May Allāh enable us to make this Ramadān a source to obtain all these bounties for us. *Āmīn*.

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Hameedullah)

Wakīl A‘lā,

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