Message from Sadr Ansārullāh, USA

Dear Ansār:

Almighty Allah says in the Holy Qur’ān (Surah Al Baqarah (Chapter 2), Verse 187): “And when My servants ask thee about Me, say: I am near. I answer the prayer of the suppliant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way.”

It has been the way of Almighty Allah from time immemorial that He sent His Prophets in every age who guided people on the paths that led to Him. When mankind, having gone through evolution, reached a stage of spiritual maturity, Almighty Allah sent the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) to this world with the perfect guidance (Shariah) so that mankind may set forth on the ways that lead to Almighty Allah.

One of these ways is Ramadan. In Chapter 2 (Surah Al Baqarah), Verse 184, Almighty Allah mentions: “O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may become righteous.”

The Holy Qur’ān clearly states the conditions under which one may not fast, for example, when ailing or travelling. The missed fasts should be made up later on. If one can, one may also give fidya (expiation). People with chronic illnesses should pay fidya.

This is the most blessed month and minor ailments should not be made an excuse to miss fasting. During the month of Ramadan Almighty Allah puts special arrangements in place for forgiveness of sins.

Hadrat Abu Hurairah (may Allah be pleased with him) relates that the Holy Prophet (peace of blessings of Allah be on him) said: “He who spends a pair of anything in the cause of Allah will be called from the gates of Paradise: Servant of Allah, this gate is better for thee. Thus, he who is constant in Prayer will be called from the gate of Prayer; and he who is eager in striving in the cause of Allah will be called from the gate called Rayyan [meaning the place you get water from]; and he who is munificent in charity will be called from the gate of charity.” Hadrat Abu Bakr (may Allah be pleased with him) said: “May my father and mother be

National Ijtimā’ and Shūra

Mark your calendars for the 29th National Ansārullah Ijtimā’ and 18th National Shūra to be held on Friday, October 8 – Sunday, October 10, 2010 at Baitur Rehmān Mosque, Silver Spring, MD. Ansār are urged to attend the Ijtimā’ and also encourage their fellow Ansār brothers to attend this important event.
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thy sacrifice, Messenger of Allah, those who are called from these gates shall want for nothing, but will anyone be called from all these gates? He answered: 'Yes, and I am hoping you will be one of them.’” (Bokhâri and Muslim).

Satan has been given free rein and many pious people are deceived by him. At times he leads people to immorality through apparent piety. However, the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) having been informed by Almighty Allah, declared that during Ramadan Satan is restrained as are his accomplices. Therefore, we have an opportunity to benefit from the spirituality of this month and open as many doors to Paradise as we can.

We should try to emulate the blessed model of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) in worship of Almighty Allah and in alms-giving during this month. These are means of attaining nearness to Almighty Allah. To abide by the commandments of the Holy Qur'ān is also a source of attaining Almighty Allah’s pleasure.

May Almighty Allah grant us the spiritual awareness that would unfold the reality of prayer to us as well as the philosophy of attaining communion with Him. May each deed of ours be pleasing to Him. May we acquire the change which comes to pass by virtue of prayers made during Ramadan through which Almighty Allah comes near, a change that will distinguish us from others, Āmīn.

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa
Sadr

Ta’līm Test I of 2010

Ta’līm Test I of 2010 is due on August 31, 2010. Members are encouraged to submit the completed test by this deadline. Please contact your Za’īm Majlis if you have not received the test. Study material is available online at ansarusa.org and alislam.org. The test is compulsory for all Ansâr.

The test is comprised of the following parts:

Section I: The Holy Qur’ān, Surah al-Infitār (Chapter 82), Translation & Commentary
Section II: Hadīth Book: “Forty Gems of Beauty”, Hadīth # 11 to 15
Section III: Book: “Essence of Islām” (http://www.alislam.org/books/essence/contents.html)

Topics: Hadīth and the Practice of the Holy Prophet, Dajjāl or the anti-Christ, Arrogance, Thinking ill of others.

Completed test can be submitted in one of the following ways:

• online: go to http://ansarusa.org/1/node/1 (preferred method)
• through Za’īm Majlis
• fax: 281-733-2084
• e-mail: dawood@sndtaxservices.com
• snail mail: M. Dawood Munir, 11106 Brandon Gate, Houston, TX 77095-6603

Please contact Qâ’id Ta’līm M. Dawood Munir at 832-526-8614 or Nā’ib Qâ’id Ta’līm, Belal Khalid, at 732-841-4924 if you have any questions.

The summary of Hudūr’s (may Allah be his support) Friday sermon is distributed to Ansâr through Zo’amā every Friday. Ansâr who are not able to listen to Hudūr’s (may Allah be his support) Friday sermon are urged to read these summaries on a regular basis. If you are not getting these summaries, please request your Za’īm to provide these to you. To receive these summaries and other communication directly from the National Officers subscribe to a mailing list by going to: http://ansarusa.org/mailman/listinfo/members_ansarusa.org
Service to Local Majlis

Zo’amā are invited to nominate Ansār for their exceptional "Service to Local Majlis." Nominee should have good character and be an exemplary member of local Majlis Ansārullah. Nominations must reach Qā‘id Umūmi (qaid.umumi@ansarusa.org) before October 3rd, and should include Nāsir’s name, Majlis, and reason for nomination along with specific examples of service to the local Majlis. These members will be recognized at the upcoming Ansār National Ijtimā’.

Writing to Hudūr (ayyadahullah)

Ansār are urged to write to Hudūr (may Allah be his support) for prayers regularly. It is important for every one of us to establish and maintain relationship with Khalifatul Masih and to be included in his prayers. Letters can be sent to Hudūr (may Allah be his support) in one of the following ways.

- Email: https://eletter.alislam.org/login.php
- Fax: 01144-208-870-5234
- Snail mail: 16 Gressenhall Road, London SW18 5QL, U.K.
Ta‘limul Qur‘ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta‘limul Qur‘ān syllabus of Majlis Ansārullāh, USA, Surah At-Tāriq (Chapter 86) is to be memorized during the second half of the year. The following three verses are assigned to be memorized during the month of August.

So let man consider from what he is created.

He is created from a gushing fluid,

Which issues forth from between the loins and the breast-bones.

Send detail and pictures of your local and regional events and Ansār news via e-mail at newsletter@ansarusa.org.

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