Message from Sadr Ansārullāh, USA

Dear Ansār:

This is the last month of 2010 and soon we shall be starting the New Year (Happy New Year!). A new year offers everyone another chance to reflect on what they achieved during the past twelve months. Close to seventy-five percent of individuals make resolutions at the start of the year, but only a small number (less than ten percent) actually implement the resolutions that they make.

We know that there are those who say "If I can do it tomorrow, why do it today?" Others believe in “Do it now, you never know when the call is going to come.” We should analyze our practices and actions to see which category we fall under.

Settings goals and resolutions is a great instrument to help us get our lives organized. However, we should note that there is no concept of "New Year Resolutions" within the teachings of Islam. Instead, a Muslim must be constantly waging the greatest Jihad and assessing his life, setting goals, and making resolutions towards self-improvement rather than waiting for certain days during the year to do so.

The process of setting goals and resolutions requires that we actually take time to analyze where we stand and then determine what we are aiming for. Therefore, I humbly request everyone to take the time to know yourself better—identify your weaknesses, and commit to eliminating them. Assess your strengths and use them for meaningful pursuits. Make that sincere and worthwhile effort to embark on a personal transformation that will benefit you, your loved ones, the world around you, and, above all, will make your relationship with your Creator even stronger. If you choose not to take the step then Almighty Allah may also choose not to help you, for He says in the Holy Qur’ān:

“This is because Allah would never change a favor that He has conferred upon a people until they change their own condition, and know that Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.” (Chapter 8, Verse 54).

We should start by looking at the lives of certain individuals—those who struggle with certain weaknesses in their lives. We can reflect on their lives and assess whether we are doing the same. The Qur’ān says, "This is because Allah would never change a favor that He has conferred upon a people until they change their own condition, and know that Allah is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.” (Chapter 8, Verse 54).

Annual Ansar Leadership Conference

The annual Ansar Leadership Conference (ALC) will take place on Saturday, January 22 and Sunday, January 23, 2011 at Baitul Naseer Mosque in Miami. ALC is a very informative and interesting event that helps Zu'ama prepare for the year ahead. Zu'ama should make every effort to attend the conference.
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of all those who achieved remarkable success by being devoted to their goals. Among millions of examples, we see the most authoritative one in every aspect of the life of the Holy Prophet Muhammad (peace and blessings be on him) whose endless efforts and perseverance, with the help of Almighty Allah, brought guidance to mankind at large. The results of his tireless struggle and sacrifice are evident through the numbers: more than a billion Muslims exist on this planet today. Let us resolve to unite and offer our God-given talents and our effort for the sake of our faith and the community we live in. I also urge all of you to resolve to strengthen your pledge of allegiance to Khilāfat for the rest of your lives not only for your own sake but for the benefit of our future generation of Ahmadī Muslims. May Almighty Allah enable all of us to do our utmost in this regard, Amin.

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Request for Prayers

• Agha Tahir of Brooklyn Majlis recently passed away, Ḳaḏiyār Ḳaḏi ViewModel. May Allah grant peace to the soul of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to his family, Amin. Ansār are requested to remember the deceased and his family in their prayers.

• Imām Naseem Mahdi has recently had a stent placed in his LAD artery after an angiography procedure was performed. Ansār are requested to pray for the complete health of Imām Sahib.

• Syed Sharif Ahmad of North Virginia Majlis has recently suffered a heart attack. Syed Sahib established the San Francisco Jamā’at decades ago and was its president for many years. He is the father-in-law of Syed Sajid Ahmad, Qāʾid Ishā’at. Ansār are requested to pray for his complete health.

Bone Marrow Donation

Nazim Sial son of Abdul Haye Sial of Seattle Jamā’at has been diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin’s Lymphoma. There is the likelihood that he may need a bone marrow transplant. Bone Marrow match is usually found among similar ancestry groups. Nazim can potentially receive a bone marrow donation from European and Indian/Pakistani ancestry (his father is Pakistani and mother is Caucasian). It is a worthy cause to help save someone’s life. Members are encouraged to register with the National Marrow Donor Program. Information about this program can be found at:

National Marrow Donor Program
Phone number: 800-627-7692
Website: www.bethematch.org

For further information, please contact Irfan Chaudhry at ichaudhry@amiseattle.org 425-269-4104 or Sister Aisha Sial at sialaisha@hotmail.com.
Self-Examination

Ibn Abbas relates that the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) said: “… Be watchful of Allah, He will be watchful of thee. Safeguard His commandments. He will be ever with thee. When thou must ask, ask of Allah alone; and when thou must seek help, implore Allah alone for help. Remember that if all the people were to combine to bestow some benefit upon thee, they would not be able to bestow anything upon thee except that which Allah has appointed for thee, and that if all of them were to combine to do thee harm, they would not be able to afflict thee with anything except that which Allah has decreed against thee. The pens have been lifted and the ink of the books has become dry.” (Tirmidhi) Another version has it: Safeguard the commandments of Allah, you will find Him before you; remember Him in prosperity. He will remember you in adversity. Be sure that that which has led you into error will not lead you aright, and that which has guided you to good will not lead you astray. Remember that help comes with steadfastness, there is prosperity after adversity and that hardship is followed by ease.

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 two verses are assigned to be memorized during the month of December.

And I also plan a plan.

So give time to the disbelievers. Aye, give them time for a little while.

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