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السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ Dear Ansār: السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

Allāh Says in the Holy Qur'ān (Chapter 2, Verse 184) that: "O ye who believe! Fasting is prescribed for you, as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may guard against evil." The blessed month of Ramadān will be starting shortly and we should work hard to adopt *Taqw*ā (righteousness), avoiding spiritual as well as moral pitfalls, and to inculcate love and fear of Allāh. We should reflect and turn to Allāh seeking from His grace the capacity to adhere to *Taqw*ā.

The idea of the fast has been inculcated in all religious disciplines which are based on revelation. In Islām, the ordinances relating to the fast are clearly stated and defined and they are strictly observed to the degree of their applicability.

Subject to permissible exemptions, the observance of the fast is obligatory upon every adult Muslim during the month of Ramadān, the ninth month in the lunar Islāmic calendar. Fasting is a physical, moral and spiritual discipline, and the object is the promotion of righteousness. Through the experience of the fast, the worshipper is impelled to exalt Allāh for His having provided guidance and is prompted to the beneficent use of His favors and bounties. (The Holy Qur'ān, 2:186)

The true purpose of Ramadān, as of all forms of Islāmic worship, is to draw

man closer to Allāh. Though normal pursuits and occupations are carried on as usual, the emphasis on moral and spiritual values and concentration them are intensified. everything is subordinated to the main purpose. Hearing, sight, speech, and thought processes are all under stricter control. The Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: 'He who abstains from food and drink during the period of the fast but does not restrain himself from uttering a falsehood starves himself to no purpose.' It is related of him that during Ramadan, his own concern for and care of the poor, the needy, the sick and the orphan was intensified manifold, and that his charity knew no limit.

Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh Al-Khāmis (ayyadahullāhu ta'ālā binasrihil-'azīz) in his Friday sermon of October 7, 2005 mentioned that unless one shuns what is evil and adopts what is good, pays the dues of Allāh as well as the dues of mankind, one is merely starving. Hudūr (ayyadahullāhu ta'ālā binasrihil-'azīz) said it is man's task to try and endeavor to seek nearness to Allāh.

I urge all Ansār to pay special attention to the following during the month of Ramadān:

1. The study of the Holy Qur'ān and reflection over the Divine Signs given therein.

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- 2. Offering Tahajjud Prayer (voluntary Prayer during the latter part of the night).
- 3. Offering daily Prayers (five) in congregation.

May Allāh enable us to reap benefits from the blessings of this month, Āmīn.

والسَّلَام

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa Sadr

Ta'līm Test I of 2011

Ta'līm Test I of 2011 is due on July 30, 2011. 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 Ansār and is comprised of the following parts:

Section I: The Holy Qur'ān: Surah al-Kahf (Chapter 18) verses 1-13, Translation & Commentary

Section II: Hadīth: "Forty Gems of Beauty" (Hadīth # 21 to 25)

Section III: Book:

Urdu: "Paighām-i-Sulh" available in PDF format at www.alislam.org/multimedia/urdu-audio-books.html English: "Message of Peace" available in PDF format at www.alislam.org/books

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Various Ansār Activities



Members at regional Ijtimā' of North East region held on May 21, 2011



Members at local Ijtimā' of Philadelphia Majlis held on April 17, 2011



Ansār at local Ijtimā' of Central Virginia Majlis held on May 22, 2011



Members with Nāzim of Central East Region during his visit to LeHigh Valley Majlis on May 29, 2011

Ta'līmul Qur'ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'līmul Qur'ān syllabus of Majlis Ansārullāh, USA, Ruku' 1 and 12 of Surah Al-Kahf (Chapter 18) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2011. The following verse is assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of July.

[18:103] Do the disbelievers think that they can take My servants as protectors instead of Me? Surely, We have prepared Hell as an entertainment for the disbelievers.

پس کیا وہ لوگ جنہوں نے کفر کیا گمان کرتے ہیں کہ وہ میری بجائے میرے بندوں کو اپنے ولی بنا لیں گے؟ یقیناً ہم نے کافروں کے لئے مہمانی کے طور پر جہنم تیار کر رکھی ہے



Members at local Ijtimā' of Willingboro Majlis held on April 16-17, 2011

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