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Message from Sadr Ansārullāh, USA

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ: Dear Ansār

The task of the revival of Islām is every Muslim's responsibility. For this we need to pay attention to our own circumstances and improve our spiritual condition. Allāh says in the Holy Qur'ān:

وَلِكُلِّ وِجْهَةٌ هُوَ مُوَلِّيُهَا فَاسْتَبِقُوا الْخَيْرَتِ تَهُ اَيْنَ مَا تَكُونُوْا يَأْتِ بِكُمُ اللهُ جَمِيْعًا ﴿إِنَّ اللهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ۞

And everyone has a goal which dominates him; vie, then, with one another in good works. Wherever you be, Allāh will bring you all together. Surely, Allāh has the power to do all that He wills. (The Holy Qur'ān, Chapter 2, Verse 149).

Question that is most commonly asked is "How can we do this?" In this regard Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, Khalīfatul Masīh II (may Allāh be pleased with him), gave following instructions to Maulānā Q. Abdullah, on the occasion of his departure for England as a missionary. The date of this letter is not given but is likely in the mid-thirties or forties.

"Study the Holy Qur'ān and the traditions [of the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allāh be on him)] and have a perfect acquaintance with the writings of the Holy Founder [of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community]. Study

the Christian literature and Christian theology thoroughly. It would be an advantage to make a constant study of some of the books on the exposition of the Law, for that is also very important, because you shall have to enlighten people there on the minute practical details of the *Deen-i-Hag* Law [Law of the True Religion, i.e., Sharī'a Law]. Let the people see and feel the unity of the Ahmadiyya Movement and the need for it. There should be no mincing of matters about the fact that Deen-i- Hag and Ahmadiyya Movement are not two different things. They are but two names for the same thing, try to efface from the minds of the people Ahmadiyya the idea that the Movement is only the name of a Society. Teach them tenets of Ahmadiyyat, which means Deen-i-Haq, i.e., to give up one's desires and resign oneself to the will of God. The people of Europe do not hesitate even to question the existence of God. They wish to have religion according to their own way of thinking. With all their legitimate liberty and freedom in worldly concerns they must be made recognize the necessity submitting to Divine Law. Do not be over-anxious about the number of converts but be particularly solicitous for true converts. Try and use words that lead them on to [correct] actions. You have not saddled even a horse but you are now going to bestride a lion. Many there are who tried to do so, but instead of getting on its back they were gulped down into its stomach. Pray to God that this lion may tamely

Sadr's message (continued)

submit to you. Pray to God whenever you are in any difficulty. If your need is immediate and urgent, and the time is too short for a reply from me, then post a letter to me and pray to God fervently. It is possible that you may meet with a solution of your difficulty even before the receipt of a reply from me. The ways of God are wonderful. He is omniscient and All-Powerful. Try to imbibe sufi ideas. Moderation in food, speech and sleep is a good remedy. Tahajjud [praying in the latter part of the night] is a good weapon against the materialistic influences of Europe, because people there retire to bed late in the night to wake up when the sun is high up. Go to bed immediately after you have said the Isha prayers. It would, of course, interfere a little with your missionary work but trust in God; he will make good your loss in another way. People will be drawn towards you of themselves. Visit the rural population and preach to the poor, the peasants and the laboring classes. These people would readily listen to the Word of God and develop spirituality more rapidly and effectively than the well-to-do classes, because the former are comparatively simpler and quicker to grasp the truth than the latter. Stay for a month or two somewhere near London at some little hamlet and there begin your work with a trust in God and then wait for the result. It is true they are sometimes harsh even to rudeness, but when they will realize the truth; it will not be a half-hearted affair. Do not lose heart on account of their harshness. A patient never takes a medicine joyfully. Consult me before you undertake an important task. God be with you and preserve you against every evil influence and give you strength and power to do good deeds. May your words be inspiring. Bear in mind that England is a land of freedom and liberty. There may be some evil minded men intriguing against the British Government. See that you not only guard yourself against the evil influence of such men, but try to save others from falling victims to the same influence."

We should all try our best to act upon the advice given by Hadrat Mirza Bashiruddin Mahmood Ahmad, Khalīfatul Masīh II (may Allāh be pleased with him) as it applies to each and every Ahmadī Muslim living in the West. May Almighty Allāh enable all of us to focus on improving ourselves at every level and fulfilling the obligation of calling others to Almighty Allāh, $\bar{A}m\bar{i}n$.

والسَّلام

Dr. Wajeeh Bajwa Sadr

Request for Prayers

- Syed Sharif Ahmad, father-in-law of Syed Sajid Ahmad, Qā'id Tablīgh, passed away at the age of 82 on January 31, 2012, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. He was an engineer by profession and had assisted in the early stages of the establishment of Rabwah in survey and planning. He was living in the U.S. for half a century. He played an important role in gathering Ahmadīs in San Francisco area and establishing Jamā'at there and was the first president of the San Francisco Jamā'at. He left behind Naiem Syed Ahmad of Virginia, Nasiem Syed Ahmad of Dallas, Syeda Bushra Ahmad, wife of Syed Sajid Ahmad of Fargo ND, Syeda Azra Ahmad, wife of Dr. Chaudhry Mubasher Ahmad of Virgina, and Syeda Aziza Ahmad, wife of Dr. Agha Shahid Khan of Baltimore.
- Respected Fateh Begum, wife of the late Maulānā Ahmad Khan Naseem, Additional Nāzim Islāh-o-Irshād, and mother of Imām Naseem Mahdi, Nā'ib Amīr and Missionary In charge, passed away on February 3, 2012, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. She was a Mūsiyah.
- Mother of Imran Hayee, Nā'ib Sadr Saf Dom, passed away in Pakistan on February 8, 2012, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*.
 - May Allāh grant peace to the souls of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to their families, Āmīn. Ansār are requested to remember the deceased and their families in their prayers.
- Dr. Izhar ul Hassan Pirzada of Columbus Majlis is being treated for cancer; his condition has been deteriorating lately. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.

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Offering Supererogatory Prayer for Suffering Ahmadīs

Addressing Ahmadīs of all the Jamā'ats around the world in his Friday sermon of December 3, 2011, Hadrat Khalīfatul-Masih V (may Allāh be his support) drew attention to the Ahmadī brothers who are enduring hardship and persecution. Hudūr (may Allāh be his support) said that a true believer is the one who feels the suffering of his believer brother as his own, like the whole body feels the pain if a part of the body is in pain. Hudūr (may Allāh be his support) said that each Ahmadī should offer two Nafl (supererogatory Prayer) daily, solely for those Ahmadīs who are going through any torment due to their belief in Ahmadiyyat and are deprived of their civic and religious rights through vicious laws. Ansār are encouraged to say Labbaik to the call of our beloved Hudūr (may Allāh be his support) and offer two Nafl daily and pray to Almighty Allāh that the atrocities against Ahmadīs may be removed, $\bar{A}m\bar{n}n$.

Information about members who pass away is published in the newsletter with request for prayers for the departed souls and their families. Members are requested to provide information about deceased members at http://ansarusa.org/content/information-about-deceased-members.

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As prescribed in Ta'līmul Qur'ān syllabus of Majlis Ansārullāh, USA, Ruku' 1 and 20 of Sūrah Āl-i-'Imrān (Chapter 3) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2012. The following verse is assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of February.

[3:5] Before *this*, as a guidance to the people; and He has sent down the Discrimination. Surely, those who deny the Signs of Allāh shall have a severe punishment. And Allāh is Mighty, Possessor of the power to requite.

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