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Dear Anşār: اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

This is the first month of 2013—Happy New Year! A new year offers everyone another chance to reflect on what they achieved during the past year and also reflect upon areas that need improvement. 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.

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 Islām. Instead, a Muslim must be constantly waging the greatest Jihad and assessing his life, setting goals, and making efforts 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 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 necessary step then Almighty Allāh may also choose not to help you, for He says in the Holy Qur'ān:

ذَلِكَ بِأَنَّ اللَّهَ لَمْ يَكُ مُغَيِّرًا لِّتَعْمَةٍ أَنْعَمَهَا عَلَىٰ قَوْمٍ حَتَّىٰ يُغَيِّرُوا مَا بِأَنفُسِهِمْ ۗ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٥٤﴾

“This is because Allāh would never change a favor that He has conferred upon a people until they change their own condition, and know that Allāh is All-Hearing, All-Knowing.” (The Holy Qur'ān, 8 [Al-Anfāl]:54).

We should start by looking at the lives 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 (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) whose endless efforts and perseverance, with the help of Almighty Allāh, brought guidance to mankind at large. The results of his tireless struggle and sacrifice are evident through the numbers: more than 1.6 billion Muslims exist on this planet today.

Let us resolve to unite and offer our God-given talents and our effort for

Şadr's message (continued)

the sake of our faith and the community we live in. I also urge every member 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 Aḥmadī Muslims. May Almighty Allāh enable all of us to do our utmost in this regard, Āmīn.

وَالسَّلَامُ

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Ta'limul Qur'ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'limul Qur'ān syllabus of Majlis Anşarullāh, USA, verses 36-41 and 52-58 of Sūrah Al-Nūr (Chapter 24) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2013. The following verse is assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of January.

اللَّهُ نُورُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ، مِثْلُ نُورِ كَمِشْكُوتٍ فِيهَا مِصْبَاحٌ، الْمِصْبَاحُ فِي زُجَاجَةٍ، الزُّجَاجَةُ كَأَنَّهَا كَوْكَبٌ دُرِّيٌّ يُوقَدُ مِنْ شَجَرَةٍ مُبَارَكَةٍ زَيْتُونَةٍ لَا شَرْقِيَّةٍ وَلَا غَرْبِيَّةٍ، يَكَادُ زَيْتُهَا يُضِيءُ وَلَوْ لَمْ تَمْسَسْهُ نَارٌ، نُورٌ عَلَى نُورٍ، يَهْدِي اللَّهُ لِنُورِهِ مَن يَشَاءُ، وَاللَّهُ لَمَنَّانٌ لِلنَّاسِ، وَاللَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ ﴿٣٦﴾

[24:36] Allāh is the Light of the heavens and the earth. The similitude of His light is as *alustrous* niche, wherein is a lamp. The lamp is in a glass. The glass is as it were a glittering star. It is lit from a blessed tree—an olive—neither of the east nor of the west, whose oil would well-nigh glow forth even though fire touched it not. Light upon light! Allāh guides to His light whomsoever He will. And Allāh sets forth parables to men, and Allāh knows all things full well.

اللہ آسمانوں اور زمین کا نور ہے۔ اس کے نور کی مثال ایک طاق کی سی ہے جس میں ایک چراغ ہو۔ وہ چراغ شیشے کے شمع دان میں ہو۔ وہ شیشہ ایسا ہو گویا ایک چمکتا ہوا روشن ستارہ ہے۔ وہ (چراغ) زیتون کے ایسے مبارک درخت سے روشن کیا گیا ہو جو نہ مشرقی ہو اور نہ مغربی۔ اس (درخت) کا تیل ایسا ہے کہ قریب ہے کہ وہ از خود بھڑک کر روشن ہو جائے خواہ اسے آگ کا شعلہ نہ بھی چھوا ہو۔ یہ نور علی نور ہے۔ اللہ اپنے نور کی طرف جسے چاہتا ہے ہدایت دیتا ہے اور اللہ لوگوں کے لئے مثالیں بیان کرتا ہے اور اللہ ہر چیز کا دائمی علم رکھنے والا ہے۔

Community Services of a Nāşir

Al-Ĥāj Jameel Ghauri of Zion Majlis has served the community in Racine, Wisconsin for many decades. He has served as the executive director of the John Bryant Community Center in Racine, Wisconsin for thirty years. He has helped and mentored youth to become successful in life, including the NBA basketball player Caron Butler. He has been named among the five men who have made a difference in the local Black community. In the pictures below he is shown at an award ceremony for Caron Butler and with President Barack Obama.



Activities in Various Majālis



Anṣār of LA East Majlis with a guest, Aaron Hake, Planning Commissioner for the City of Corona and candidate for city council member at a Tablīgh event



Anṣār of LA East Majlis at a picnic held on November 11, 2012



Anṣār of Detroit Majlis during a field trip at the Henry Ford Museum on December 15, 2012



Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis at Tahajjud Prayer on January 1, 2013 at Al-Nasr Mosque, Willingboro, NJ



Members at regional Ijtimā' of Virginia Region held on September 22, 2012 at Masjid Mubarak, Chantilly, VA

Request for Prayers

- Chaudhry Nusrat Mahmood of Long Island Majlis passed away in Pakistan on November 27, 2012, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. He was originally from Mandi Bahauddin, Pakistan and had moved to the U.S. in 2008. He was born in 1949. In September 2012, he went to Pakistan for the marriage of his youngest daughter. He was injured there in an attack sustaining gunshot wounds. He was rushed to hospital where he was under treatment for thirty-eight days. On November 27, he passed away and attained the status of martyrdom. Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ V (may Allāh be his support) mentioned his martyrdom in his Friday Sermon of November 30, 2012. He was a Mūṣī and served the Jamā'at in various capacities. In Long Island Jamā'at, he served as Tarbiyat secretary. On October 19, 2012, his son-in-law Saad Farooq was martyred in Pakistan in an attack on the family as it traveled home after Friday Prayers.
- Shafiq Ahmad Malik of Central Jersey Majlis suffered a heart attack and passed away on January 6, 2013 at the age of 68, *Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn*. At the time of his demise, he was serving as the National Property Secretary of the USA Jamā'at and the President of Aḥmadī Architect and Engineers Association, USA. He is survived by his wife and three sons.

May Allāh grant peace to the souls of the deceased and grant patience and steadfastness to their families, Āmīn. Anṣār are requested to remember the deceased and their families in their prayers.

- Luqman Fareed Ahmad of Long Island Majlis who fell down from second floor roof and sustained serious injuries including multiple skull fractures and broken arms and legs is currently in coma. He has three young children of ages between 6 and 13. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.
- Abdul Hakeem of Zion Majlis, elder brother of Hasan Hakeem, President of Zion Jamā'at and National Tablīgh Secretary of USA Jamā'at, is admitted to the hospital. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.
- Dr. Arshad Ahmad Qureshi, father of Arif Qureshi, Za'īm of Zion Majlis, has been seriously ill in Pakistan. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.
- Mohammed Sharif of Oakland Majlis has recently undergone a heart surgery. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.
- Dr. Basharat Munir Mirza of Athens Majlis is currently undergoing cancer treatment. He has been serving the U.S. and Canada Jamā'ats in the area of publishing for many decades. Members are requested to pray for his complete health.

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