

Message from Şadr Majlis Anşarullāh, USA

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Dear Anşār: اَلسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ

What are good deeds? Good deeds are deeds which gives a person strength to join the onward march in the hereafter and that brings a pious soul closer to his Creator. Normally, a healthy person is one who is capable of going about life's activities in a normal way. We know that weakness exists in everyone. Physicians will not be able to find a single perfectly healthy body. A good man is one who has done enough good deeds both physical and spiritual to be capable of being called righteous. Allāh says in the Holy Qur'an:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا وَعَمِلُوا الصَّالِحَاتِ
وَأَقَامُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَأَتَوْا الزَّكَاةَ لَهُمْ
أَجْرُهُمْ عِنْدَ رَبِّهِمْ وَلَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ
وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ ﴿٢٧٨﴾

Surely, those who believe and do good deeds, and observe Prayer and pay the Zakāt, shall have their reward from their Lord, and no fear shall come on them, nor shall they grieve. (The Holy Qur'an, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:278)

On the topic of good deeds, Ḥaḍrat 'Umar bin al-Khaṭṭāb (may Allāh be pleased with him) narrates that I heard the Prophet of Allāh (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) say: "Verily deeds are [judged] by the intentions and

for every one is a reward, according to his intention." (Bukhārī)

The Promised Messiah (may peace be on him) wrote:

Remember this well, unless deeds are done with a true and sincere intention and are accompanied by true spirituality, they can be of no benefit and will be of no avail. Deeds can only be referred to as righteous when there is no corruption in them of any kind. The opposite of rectitude is disorder. The pious person is he who is completely free from all forms of disorder and dissension. Ṣalāt (Prayer) that is in a state of disorder and is tainted with ulterior motives is certainly not for Allāh—it does not 'reach' up above the ground by as much as even a hand because such people are devoid of sincerity and spirituality. [Malfūzāt, Vol.6, pp. 236-237].

May Almighty Allāh enable all of us to perform good deeds for humanity with true and sincere intentions so that we may aspire to nearness to Almighty Allāh through attainment of His pleasure, Āmīn.

وَالسَّلَامُ

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Ta'limul Qur'an: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta'limul Qur'an 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. Verses 57 and 58 are assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of November.

A Summary of Tablīgh Activities in Various Majālis

During the month of September 2013, 420 Anṣār participated in Tablīgh (propagation) activities arranged by Anṣār, Jamā'at, or another auxiliary. 332 nonmembers were brought to the mosque/center or an event by Anṣār (Jumu'ah, Ṣalāt, open house, meeting with missionary, interfaith meeting, Jamā'at events, mosque/center visit). 402 nonmembers were contacted by Anṣār in visits to small towns, senior homes, ethnic groups, etc. 91 events were held specifically for nonmembers organized by Jamā'at, Anṣār, or Khuddām; 765 nonmembers came to or stopped by these events. There were 30 visits to small towns, ethnic groups, senior homes, etc. 4,737 flyers, leaflets, CDs, DVDs, and books were distributed or placed in reading rooms or libraries by Anṣār. 3 Bai'ats were realized through the efforts of Anṣār. Highlights of Tablīgh activities occurred in various Majālis during the month of September 2013 is as follows.

Alabama-TN: 2 Muslims for Life events and a blood donation event in coordination with local Jamā'at. **Baltimore:** Bookstall at annual Baltimore Book Fair. **Bloomington:** Speech about Aḥmadiyyat at Toastmasters meeting and flyer distribution. **Central Virginia:** Nigeria Day flyer distribution to colleagues and friends. **Charlotte:** Food bank on every third Sunday. **Chicago Northwest:** Jumu'ah Prayer and weekly Tablīgh session at correctional facility. **Cleveland:** Blood drive. **Cypress-Houston:** 4 weekly live radio programs; Muslim for Life blood drives; flyer distribution; memorial service to honor 9/11 victims by the 3 Houston Jamā'ats; representatives from the Christian, Jewish, Islamic, Sikh, Hindu, Jain, and Zoroastrian faiths spoke on sanctity of life; 70 non-Aḥmadī guests joined the event and were briefed about Muslims for Life program; representative of British consulate also attended the event; event received TV coverage. **Dallas:** Visits to mayor of City of Frisco, TX, police chief, fire chiefs, and city manager and also Parker City Hall to meet director of community affairs to introduce Jamā'at and solicit help for blood drives in these cities; exhibit in a library; met with Congressman San Johnson's secretary; flyer distribution; church visits, meeting pastors and congregation, introducing Aḥmadiyyat and giving literature; efforts to hold another library exhibit; Nigeria Day flyer distribution through a Khādīm. **Fitchburg:** Nigeria Day flyer distribution; weekly local access TV program; help at local homeless shelter. **Fort Worth:** Flyer distribution for blood donation drive. **Houston South:** Interfaith 9/11 memorial event (detail under Cypress-Houston). **LA East:** Tablīgh booth; Pakistan Day flyers distribution. **LA Inland:** Participation in largest LA county fair; 900 people visited booth and 200+ left contact info; 220 copies of the Holy Qur'an provided to those who left contact info; distributed 1,500 flyers; sold \$750 worth of books; Spanish language booth. **LA West:** Nigeria Day flyer distribution. **Laurel:** Anṣār attended a gathering in a church to offer tribute to Navy Yard shooting victims. **Milwaukee:** 4 live radio programs; 116 inmates visited; 250 pamphlets distributed; Anṣār were involved in Men Who Cook at a YMCA event. **New York:** 140 books provided to a Nigerian group who visited mosque last month; the group will be invited to Nigeria's Jalsa Sālāna; blood drive at mosque; NY State Senator Tony Avella and NY State Assemblyman attended the drive who emphasized the need for having more of these events; distributed Pakistan Day flyers at two Pakistan Day parades and a poetry event in NJ; attended a cultural festival organized by NY Councilman Ruben Wills; a Nāṣir had a presentation and discussion about Jamā'at's non-violence approach to world peace with 75 people in attendance. **Orlando:** Blood drive; attended 9/11 event. **Pittsburgh:** Respected Missionary held interfaith meeting. **Research Triangle:** Blood drive at 3 different places. **Rochester:** Bookstall. **Silicon Valley:** A new Bai'at. **Silver Spring:** Attended East Montgomery Advisory Group's meeting and invited them to blood drive; attended interfaith meeting; attended Burtonsville Day Parade and distributed flyers and candies to people; 2 book stalls; attended an interfaith prayer to honor Navy Yard victims and distributed flyers to attendees; distributed the Holy Qur'an and other books this month. **South Virginia:** Individual Tablīgh and literature distribution. **St. Louis:** Literature and pamphlets distribution; discussion with contacts; weekly bookstall. **Willingboro:** Blood drive and exhibition at mosque. **Zion:** Members attended Zion Jubilee Labor Day Parade and distributed over 1,000 flyers; blood drive; Anṣār participated in a cookout for youth.

Ta'lim Test II for 2013

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Activities in Various Majālis



Anṣār at local Ijtimā' of South Virginia Majlis held on May 19, 2013



Members at regional Ijtimā' of Central East region held at Baitul Hādi Mosque on May 19, 2013



Anṣār National 'Āmilah and Nāzimīn with Anṣār of Long Island Majlis at Baitul Hudā Mosque on May 25, 2013



Members at regional Ijtimā' of New York region held at Bait-uz-Zafar Mosque on June 2, 2013

Request for Prayers

- Ahmad Shareef (also know as Pete Sheffield) of Pittsburgh Majlis passed away on September 30, 2013 at the age of 82, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn.
- Dr. Bashiruddin Usama, a senior and devout member of Cleveland Majlis, passed away on November 3, 2013, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn. He served as the president of three different Jamā'ats.
- Muhammad Sadiq Malik of Willingboro Majlis passed away on November 5, 2013 at the age of 96, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn.
- Zia Izhar Pirzada, mother of Waqar Pirzada, former Za'im of Columbus Majlis, passed away on November 11, 2013, 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. Anşār are requested to remember the deceased and their families in their prayers.

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