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Message from Ṣadr Majlis

My Dear Brothers,

As-Salāmu 'Alaikum Wa Raḥmatullāh

On April 13, 2014, Brother Nuruddin Abdul Latif of RTP Majlis passed away due to a massive stroke. Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji'ūn—to Allāh we belong and to Him shall we return. (The Holy Qur'an, 2 [Al-Baqarah]:157)

My relationship with him was established nearly a decade ago, when I heard about a man called Noor Ghazali whose house was packed with books; being an avid fan of books myself, I was intrigued. Then I heard that this man could connect politics, bible, and psychology while describing a verse of the Holy Qur'an; being a student of the Holy Qur'an myself, I was captivated. Then at Baitur Raḥmān mosque, during a national Jamā'at event, someone introduced me to brother Nuruddin Abdul Latif and within minutes of our conversation, it was obvious why people called him "Ghazali."

He was like a sweet fruit of the prayers of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him); an embodiment that Allāh had caused the Promised Messiah's message to not just reach the corners of the earth, but He had etched that message deep onto the hearts of people who were born on the other end of the globe.

Brother Nuruddin accepted Islām in the 50s but after spending time in the Nation of Islām, he was intrigued by the music and personality of late brother Yusuf Latif. In 1965, he read *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islām* and *The Introduction to the Holy Qur'an*, and accepted Aḥmadiyyat under the auspices

of Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau'ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him) at the Leroy Place mosque in Washington, D.C.

During his nearly 50-year long journey in Islām and Aḥmadiyyat, brother Nuruddin served as Secretary Ta'lim, Tarbiyat, and Tabligh at different times. He co-edited a newspaper titled, *The Real Revolution* and taught both Yassarnal Qur'an and the Qur'anic grammar. He was a computer professional and after spending decades in the New York area, he moved to the RTP Majlis in 1996. For being an excellent teacher and mentor, Majlis Anṣārullāh awarded him a lifetime service award in 2003. He was also the 2009 recipient of Mufti Muḥammad Ṣādiq Lifetime Commitment Award.

Let us bid farewell to our dear brother, while praying what the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) said: "If any servant of Allāh who suffers a calamity, says, 'we belong to Allāh and to him shall we return; O Allāh reward me for my affliction and give something better than it in exchange for it,' Allāh will give him reward for affliction and would give him something better in exchange." (Muslim, Kitābus Ṣalāt)

May Allāh grant brother Nuruddin the highest echelons of paradise (Jannatul Firdaus) and may He bless our army of brotherhood with millions of spiritual soldiers like him, Āmīn.

Was-Salām,

Faheem Younus Qureshi
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What Prayers Can Do

Sarjo Trawalley, Boston

In October 2008, my wife was expecting our fourth child. I was at work when I received a call from the hospital telling me that the blood test of my wife showed that our unborn daughter had Down syndrome. We were called to the hospital to discuss our options with the doctor. The doctor explained to us the seriousness of the situation and advised us that we needed to make a decision whether to abort the pregnancy. She said that we had a window of only about a week to abort. She explained that if we decided not to abort the pregnancy, our child would be dependent on others for her entire life. She offered to abort the pregnancy on that same day.

My wife asked me what to do. I said, “We need to contact our spiritual leader, our dear Khalīfah, to seek his advice.” The doctor said, “Your spiritual leader has nothing to do with the decision about your child.” I retorted, “Yes, he does.” I explained to her, “We are Aḥmadī Muslims. We seek God’s guidance on everything we want to do in our life. The Khalīfah is a successor to God’s prophet so we seek his advice in important matters such as this one.” The doctor asked, “Where does your Khalīfah live?” Having learned that Ḥuḍūr (may Allāh be his helper) lived in London, she explained that we did not have enough time to consult someone in another country. I insisted that we still had one week to decide. The doctor then said that she wanted to do another test and that we would know the result of that test in a week at which time we would see her again. She gave us her business card with her direct line and cell phone number and said that she could explain to the Khalīfah how serious the matter was.

Later that day, I faxed a letter to our beloved Ḥuḍūr explaining everything and also attached a scanned copy of the doctor’s business card. The next day, I called Ḥuḍūr’s Private Secretary inquiring whether my fax had been received. He said that there were more than 500 faxes at the fax machine that had not yet been sorted. He suggested that if I could fax it again he would give it to Ḥuḍūr. He also mentioned that Ḥuḍūr was to travel to Germany the next day. I sent the fax again and called him. He confirmed that he had received the fax and promised to give it to Ḥuḍūr after Zuhr Prayer.

When a couple of days passed and I did not hear from Ḥuḍūr’s office, I felt discouraged. I contemplated as to what we would do when we see the doctor in a few days. The sixth day, as I was en route to my home from work, I received a call from the in charge of English Correspondence in London. She said that she had a letter for me from Ḥuḍūr. She said what she was about to tell me were Ḥuḍūr’s own words. Ḥuḍūr had said, “Your unborn child is as healthy as other children. Do not abort this pregnancy if you are a true Aḥmadī.” She said she would fax the letter to me. I rushed back to my work to collect the fax. As the fax landed in my hands, I felt extremely elated and joyous and said to myself that there was nothing as powerful as a sincere prayer. I realized that Ḥuḍūr’s prayer had been accepted. I wanted to reach home as soon as possible to share this blessed news with my wife.

The next morning, at our appointment, the doctor smiled and said that she had good news for us. She said that the test results showed that the baby was fine and there was nothing wrong. I said to the doctor, “See what the power of prayer can do.” I told her that we had already known that our child was fine, before coming to the appointment, and that our dear Khalīfah had informed us about the child’s condition. The doctor then started asking questions about Ḥuḍūr and our faith.

By the Grace of Allāh, our daughter, Bintou, is well and thriving and is a living sign of the acceptance of prayer of our beloved Khalīfah. Alhamdulillah.



Ta’līmul Qur’ān: Assigned Verses for Memorization

As prescribed in Ta’līmul Qur’ān syllabus of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA, verses 1-15 of Sūrah Al-Ṣaff (Chapter 61) are to be memorized with split meaning during the year 2014. Verse 7 is assigned to be memorized with split meaning during the month of April.

Request for Prayers

Mirza Mahmood Ahmad of Chicago East Majlis has passed away, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji’ūn. May Allāh grant peace to his soul and grant patience and steadfastness to his family, Āmīn. Anṣār are requested to remember the deceased and his family in their prayers.

Just a Thought...

People perform one Ḥajj and become “Ḥājjī.” The companions of the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him) performed Ḥajj all their lives, but they did not have names such as Ḥājjī Abū Bakr Siddīque or Ḥājjī ‘Umar Fārūq. Perhaps, in the future, people would start using a suffix of “Namāzī”—the one who offers Namāz (Ṣalāt)—to be Muhammad Mehran Namāzī or Muhammad Adil Namāzī.

Nuruddin Abdul Latif (1937-2014)

Brother Nuruddin Abdul Latif of RTP Majlis passed away at the age of 76 on April 13, 2014 in Research Triangle, NC, Innā lillāhi wa innā ilaihi rāji‘ūn.

Brother Nuruddin was born on July 14, 1937 in New York, NY to Oliver Seth Galloway and Eugenia Mae Johnson. His father worked as a Baker and cook and his mother was a homemaker and an aspiring journalist.

He graduated from George Washington High School in June 1955. He attended Baruch College of Business of The City College of New York, majoring in Accounting. After one year, he left school and went to work in the New York Public Library in the Reference Department, and that is where he fell in love with books.

In 1957, he went to work for the City of New York in the Department of Welfare as a Certified Accounting Machine Operator and remained there until 1961, when he left to attempt to study music formally. During those years, he worked and held various positions in operations until 1977 when he became a computer programmer. He worked as a computer professional until he retired in 2001.

He received a BA degree in Liberal Arts with majors in both Philosophy and Sociology from The City College of New York. In June 1983, he received a BBA degree in Management Information Systems (MIS) from Pace University in New York City. In 1974, he was blessed to marry respected Rabiah Amatul Haqq.

In search of truth, he became associated with the Nation of Islām and the Muslim Brotherhood. Around 1958, he became intrigued by the music and the personality of brother Yusuf Latif. In 1965, having read *The Philosophy of the Teachings of Islām*, *Aḥmadiyyat the True Islām*, *The Introduction to the Holy Qur’ān*, *Where did Jesus Die*, and other Aḥmadiyya literature received from Seth and Yusuf Alladin of Secunderabad, India, he became convinced that the message of Aḥmadiyyat was what was needed to save the world. He did Bai‘at, under the auspices of Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd (may Allāh be pleased with him), at the Leroy Place mosque in Washington, D.C.

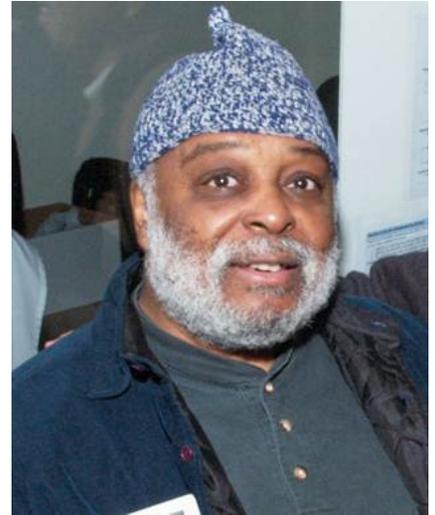
Brother Nuruddin became active in the New York Jamā‘at where he served, on and off, as the local Nāzīm Ta‘līm and Tarbiyat of Khuddamul Aḥmadiyya. In 1967, he attended his first annual convention where he met Brother Munir Hamid, who later became the first national Qā‘id of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA. Brother Nuruddin was asked to serve as the first national Ta‘līm and Tarbiyat secretary of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA. He served in that capacity from 1967 to 1977. During those years, he co-edited a newspaper entitled *The Real Revolution* with Munir Hamid, Akbar Tshaka Aḥmadi, Jalaluddin Abdul Latif, Bilal Sunni Ali, and other Khuddām of New York, Philadelphia, and other Jamā‘ats. The primary purpose of *The Real Revolution* was to present the claims and teachings of the Promised Messiah (may peace be on him), and secondly to serve as a tool by which the Khuddām could communicate the message of Islām and Aḥmadiyyat outside the movement. The title of the newspaper was inspired by Ḥaḍrat Muṣliḥ Mau‘ūd’s book *The Real Revolution*.

As the Secretary Ta‘līm of Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA, he was instrumental in developing a three-tier educational program which included a two-year educational program based on the Aḥmadiyya literature that was available at the time. He also helped in developing the first Dā‘im Ilallāh (callers to Allāh) program under the Waqf-i-‘Arḍī (short-term devotional) program at the instruction of brother Munir Hamid, national Tabligh secretary at the time.

He served the New York Jamā‘at, from time to time, as Ta‘līm, Tarbiyat, and Tabligh secretary. He also served as the co-editor of the New York Jamā‘at’s local newsletter. During his last years in New York, he conducted Yassarnal Qur’ān and elementary Arabic grammar classes for members of the Jamā‘at, including the new members. In the 1980s, he attended the New Jersey Jamā‘at’s meetings, where he also conducted Yassarnal Qur’ān classes for Aṭfāl. In 1996, a consulting job allowed him to move to North Carolina. He, with his wife Rabiah Latif, lived in Cary, NC and became a member of the Research Triangle Jamā‘at where he served as Tabligh Secretary of the Jamā‘at.

He had vast knowledge of the Bible and the Holy Qur’ān and have provided extensive material for a book *Son of God* which will be published soon. He was also known as Noor Ghazali as he had extensively studied Imām Ghazālī, a Muslim philosopher. After he accepted Aḥmadiyyat, Ḥaḍrat Khalīfatul Masīḥ III (may Allāh shower His mercy on him) advised him to change his name to Nuruddin Abdul Latif. Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA awarded a lifelong service award to him in 2003 for being an excellent mentor and a teacher. In 2009, he received the Muftī Muḥammad Ṣādiq Lifetime Commitment Award from Majlis Khuddāmul-Aḥmadiyya, USA.

Brother Nuruddin was a Mūṣī. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Rabiah Latif. May Allāh elevate his station in the paradise and grant patience and steadfastness to his family, Amīn.



The New Website of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA

Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA is revamping its website to serve members in a more effective manner. The new website not only will have a different look, it will offer many services such as scholarships, free medical service, job search assistance as well as a wealth of information and materials to support various Anṣār activities. The new website has been developed; it is currently under final review and will be launched in a few weeks, Inshā’allāh.

Ijtimā' 1000

The 33rd National Ijtimā' and 22nd National Shūrā of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA will be held on Friday, October 10 – Sunday, October 12, 2014 at Baitur Raḥmān mosque, Silver Spring, MD. This three-day premier event of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA offers a great opportunity for Anṣār brothers to pray, learn, relax, compete, meet, make friends, and get reinvigorated spiritually and physically.

This year's Ijtimā' is named "Ijtimā' 1000" because we have made it a national priority to inspire 1000 souls to attend the National Ijtimā' of Majlis Anṣārullāh, USA. We can only achieve this goal if every one of us makes special effort to not only attend the Ijtimā' ourselves but also urge other Anṣār brothers to attend this special event.

The Majlis offers a travel subsidy for the Ijtimā'; details for this and other Ijtimā' information will be forthcoming.

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During the month of March, many Īthār [Eesaar] (Social Services) activities were carried out in various Majālis. A total of 1,282 man-hours were spent in Īthār activities and 43 members were helped in finding jobs.

On February 17, 2014, Anṣār of Willingboro Majlis visited a homeless shelter in Philadelphia—Our Brotherly Place—a place offering shelter to 150 homeless people. Anṣār of Philadelphia and Willingboro Majlis helped preparing and serving food at the shelter.

The shelter home also has a special arrangement for religious discussion, with 14 registered members who are interested in reading the Holy Qur'ān and interactive dialogue. During the visit, Za'im of Willingboro Majlis led a discussion about the need of religion and offered an overview of Judaism, Christianity, and Islām and answered questions of the participants based on the teachings of the Holy Qur'ān and the Holy Prophet (may peace and blessings of Allāh be on him).



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