

POWER OF PRAYERS FOR SPECIAL HELP



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Summary

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) repeatedly advised his Jama'at to greatly focus on prayer because the progress of the Jama'at is through prayer!

In light of current hostilities against Ahamdis, we need to turn to God much more than before and pray for the Jama'at as a Muztir.

Muztir (the distressed) is a person who sees himself engulfed in trials from all directions and does not see any worldly way out for himself and only sees the way of God as his solution.

While making our practices purely for the sake of God, we should also consider troubles faced by the Jama'at as our personal troubles.

May God make it so that that we try and bring about pure changes in ourselves as the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wished and do everything for the sake of God and pray like a muztir to Him!

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'Or, Who answers the distressed person when he calls upon Him, and removes the evil, and makes you successors in the earth? Is there a God besides Allah? Little is it that you reflect.' (27:63)

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Recently a relative recounted a dream of theirs to Huzoor in which Huzoor is telling them that Ramadan has passed very quickly while Huzoor intended to draw greater attention of the Jama'at towards prayer.

This is the way of God; although He inspires the heart towards something, He also motivates true believers to something through true believers!

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The current global affairs are dire; the situation in the Muslim world, in particular the continuous cruel attacks by Israel on Palestinians.



We also see the extreme of Muslims killing Muslims and the worst extremism is against Ahmadis, who are being persecuted for saying the Kalima.



The young are being poisoned, they have no idea what faith is and who an enemy is but they say that Ahmadis are disbelievers and should be murdered.



Some belligerent people claim that the 'Qadianis' are worse than the pagans, adding, killing them is permissible.

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After the recent tragic events of Gujranwala where houses of Ahmadis were burnt and Ahmadis were martyred, the neighbours who were once friends of Ahmadi families, looted their house.



When morals plunge so low nothing except 'Inna Lillah' can be said!



In light of these circumstances, we need to turn to God much more than before.



We should not lessen the intensity of our prayers. Our way to deal with persecution is to turn to God in our grief

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said in one of his poetic couplets which means that when our animosity increases, we seek to take shelter with our Hidden friend.

And this is what is needed; we must supplicate to God in a manner which will move the heavens.

Whole of the Jama'at should pray for the success and progress of the Jama'at and for the removal of difficulties.

It is the wish of each one of us that the period of trial is over soon.

Therefore the main focus of our prayers should be for the Jama'at and for protection against the evil of the enemy.

It is the need of the day to profusely pray for protection against the evil of the enemy.

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Huzoor is reminded of an old dream in which he was informed that for the circumstances to be turned around quickly, the entire Jama'at needs to turn to God with complete sincerity and pray to protect the Jama'at from trials.

If our nights are spent in prayers for the Jama'at with this spirit, the revolutionary change will happen soon.

The dream gave the impression that the message was specifically for Pakistani Ahmadis, be they rich or poor, men or women. The worst persecution of Ahmadis is taking place in Pakistan and Ahmadis of the world also need to pray.

This is because the survival of this world and in particular Muslims is associated with the triumph of Ahmadiyyat. Whether it is the freedom of Palestinians or liberation of Muslims from tyrannical rulers, only the prayers of Ahmadis can guarantee it.

Currently Ahmadis are the most persecuted people and this is why our prayer will be the prayer of (muztir); the distressed person – which can liberate this world of all the suffering it is facing today.

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The Promised Messiah
(on whom be peace)
said that amazing
effects of prayer
become evident
during trials and the
truth is that our God is
recognised through
prayers!

The Quranic verse (as cited above)
states that God listens to the
prayer of those in trouble, when
they are muztir!

Muztir (the distressed) signifies
that person who sees himself
engulfed in trials from all directions
and does not see any physical or
worldly way out for himself. He
only sees the way of God as his
solution. Muztir finds a ray of light
and runs towards it; the light of
God.

God states that not only will He remove the troubles of true believers
who are in difficulties but also promises to make them 'successors in
the earth'.

God ruins high and mighty tyrants and gives prominence to those in
their place who appear weak. Thus He removes personal and
communal troubles!

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The Holy Qur'an states that when the earlier people were unjust to the Prophets of God, God destroyed them and gave their power to weak people.

May God give sense to those who are oppressing others in presumption of their power, otherwise the very same power and majority is about to become a source of their destruction.

When people profess the Kalima and take the name of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) but go on to oppress others, the Kalima and the Holy Prophet (pbuh) are displeased with such people.

God states that the oppressors will have bad ending. Whoever goes against the commandments of God will have a bad ending,...

... however, in order to quickly rid of the oppression it is for us to adopt the condition of a muztir and call on God's help and then see how He comes to help! Each one of us needs to inculcate this condition.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'You see, God Almighty is Most Self-Sufficient. He does not care unless prayers are made in abundance, repeatedly and with pathos. How distressed is one whose wife or child falls ill or one who is faced with a difficult court case. Unless prayer is made with sincere anguish and while generating a state of pathos it is completely ineffectual and useless. Acceptance of prayer is conditional to pathos.'

The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that prayers are accepted only if these are made in abundance and frequently.

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**The Promised
Messiah (on whom
be peace) once
said: 'Remember,
turning to anyone
other than Allah is
cutting away from
God Almighty.'**

Indeed, this is an unthinkable scenario for a true believer; yet at times due to weakness we become focussed on worldly means and do not pray as much as we should!

Therefore, each one of us should always self-reflect lest we become so involved in our own issues and problems that we do not remember to pray for those Jama'at members who are in difficulties.

We should remember that the prayer of every person seeking God's mercy and forgiveness removes problems faced by the Jama'at.

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Ahadith relate that there were three men who were caught in a storm. They took refuge in a cave. With intensifying storm, a large rock fell on the mouth of the cave and the exit of the cave was blocked.

The three men could neither physically move the rock nor could anyone from outside move it for them.

They were extremely anxious and began wondering if they were going to be buried alive in the cave.

One of the men suggested that they should pray seeking Allah's help, with reference to any good deed they had done in life purely for the sake of God.

All three of them mentioned one act of theirs, one said that he was just and fair to a labourer, the other one said that he was kind and caring to his parents and the third one said that he shunned fornication.

Men prayed that O God, these acts of ours were for Your pleasure only with no worldly motive; have mercy on us and remove this rock.'

The storm intensified and the rock moved, making the way for the the men to get out of the cave.

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These three men had done three different things and the objective of their prayers was common; they wanted to get out of trouble and they did.

While this Tradition has many lessons, one of them is that individual acts of virtue become a source of removing communal troubles.

When all hope of any worldly help is lost, praying with reference to acts of virtues done to seek the pleasure of God can help.

While making our practices purely for the sake of God, we should also consider troubles faced by the Jama'at as our personal troubles.

It is incumbent upon us to pray for whole of Jama'at with the same pathos and tenderness as for our personal prayers.

When offering the two units of optional Prayer (Nafl) as advised by Huzoor for progress of the Jama'at and for the situation to change, compassion-filled prayers should be made.

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said: 'It is also very
important for
acceptance of prayer
that man instils pure
change in himself. If he
cannot shun evil and
breaks limits set by God
Almighty, his prayers
will have no effect.'

If you will become like the others,
God Almighty will make no
distinction between them and you.
If you do not generate a distinctive
difference in yourself, God too will
not distinguish you from others. A
fine man is one who follows
according to the will of God
Almighty. **However, a man who is
something else outwardly and
something else inwardly is a
hypocrite and a hypocrite is worse
than a disbeliever.** First and
foremost purify hearts. Our
weapon is only prayer and purity
of hearts.'

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said: 'The reality is that as long as Muslims are not fully observant and adherent of what Allah the Exalted has taught in the Holy Qur'an they cannot attain any kind of success. **The further they go from the Holy Qur'an the further they become from degrees and paths of success.** Practicing the Holy Qur'an alone is the source of progress and guidance.'

'Be alert all the time and do not take a single step contrary to Divine teaching and the guidance of the Qur'an. I tell you truly that anyone who evades the least one of the 700 commandments of the Qur'an, shuts upon himself the door of salvation. ...'.

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'The ways of true
and perfect
salvation have been
opened by the
Qur'an and all the
rest is its reflection.
Therefore, study the
Qur'an with care
and hold it very
dear with a love
that you have not
for anything else.'

'As God has said to me:
**'All good is contained
in the Qur'an'**. This is
wholly true. .. The
fountainhead of all your
prosperity and salvation
is the Holy Qur'an. There
is no religious need of
yours which is not filled
by the Qur'an. On the
Day of Judgement, the
Qur'an will confirm or
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May God make it so that that we try and bring about pure changes in ourselves as the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wished and do everything for the sake of God and pray like a muztir to Him!

May we make prayers for progress of Jama'at and for removal of trials of the Jama'at with the same intensity as we make personal prayers!

May we pray as one to be protected from the evil of the opponents!

Unless we turn to God with sincerity for the removal of these communal trials we will not attain our objective quickly.!

Our communal prayers also remove our personal troubles.

When everyone prays for each other the angels pray for them.

Pain of Ahmadis living anywhere in the world should be our pain and we should pray with this feeling. This is the weapon we have to which the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) drew attention.

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We should also remember in our fervour not to pray for torment to befall the enemy, rather, we should pray:

O Allah, we wish for our success and we wish for our trials to be removed! While we pray for this difficult time to end, O God, we also wish reformation of the enemy and not their destruction. You have covered our weaknesses with Your grace and in spite of going through very difficult period we experience Your grace and blessings. If You also covered the opponents and guided them, it would be most fortunate for us and for them. However, if in Your wisdom, You do not deem some of them worthy of this and it is better to destroy them, then remove them from our path in a way that their presence is not a hindrance in the progress of Islam which You have now destined through Ahmadiyyat, true Islam.

God's wisdom will accept this prayer in whichever way He deemed right.. May God enable all of us to pay the dues of prayers!