

Guide us in the Right Path



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SUMMARY

Hudhur (aba) said this is a great favour of Allah on us Ahmadis that He gave us the opportunity to accept the Imam of this age.

Allah taught Muslims prayers to always stay on the guidance and with the guidance. But yet only 5-7 % availed the opportunity to recognize the Imam of the time even though they pray the supplication of '**Guide us in the right path**' in their worship many times.

May the prayer of 'Guide us in the right path' become the voice of the hearts of the Muslims.

May the Muslim ummah be the inheritor of the blessings of God and that may the world see them with an eye of honour and respect.

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It is said that there are around two billion Muslims in the world at this time.

This is a great favour of Allah on us Ahmadis that He gave us the opportunity to accept the Imam of this age

The prophecy and directive is in front of all of the Muslims that the Messiah and the Mahdi will appear in the fourteenth century [after Hijrah].

The Holy Qur'an, by saying, '**And among others from among them who have not yet joined them**'. (62:4), Allah diverted attention further to this aspect.

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Hudhur (aba) explained

Allah taught Muslims prayers to always stay on the guidance and with the guidance.

Yet only 5-7 % Muslims availed the opportunity to recognize the Imam of the time even though the Muslims pray the supplication '**Guide us in the right path**'.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) said, Search him among the non-Arabs. He also directed to go to him and to have his Salam conveyed to him even if you have to walk on your knees on slabs of ice.

May the prayer of ihdinas-siratal-mustaqim [Guide us in the right path. 1:6] become the voice of the hearts of the Muslims.

May the Muslim ummah be the inheritor of the blessings of God and that may the world see them with an eye of honor and respect.

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- The Promised Messiah peace be on him said
- “As the Holy Qur’an has directed to follow a ruler for civic responsibility, the same directive is for spiritual civic responsibility. It is a pointer toward the same when Allah teaches the prayer *ihdinas-siratal-mustaqim* [Guide us in the right path. 1:6], *siratalladhina an’amta ‘alaihim* [The path of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy blessings... 1:7].

- The Promised Messiah peace be on him said
- One should consider that though neither a believer, nor a human, nor even an animal is deprived of the favors of Allah, but it cannot be said that Allah has directed to follow any of them. Therefore, the meaning of this verse is that provide us the opportunity to follow the ways of those on whom the rain of heavenly favors has showered. Therefore, the hint in this verse is that you be with the Imam of the time.”

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Our Responsibilities

The companions of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) had developed such relationship with him that its example cannot be found. Therefore Allah also blessed them so that they attained the honour of radiyallahu 'anhum [Allah is well pleased with them... 5:120].

To attain this favour and to be steadfast on guidance, forever abiding by the directives of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), and accept the Imam of the time, the Messiah and the Mahdi, we will have to develop such a relationship which may make us the inheritors of the favours of Allah forever.

We have made the pledge at the time of allegiance that we will have this relationship above all others, and will give it preference over all other relationships, as is written in the 10th condition of initiation.

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Our Responsibilities



Just by performing initiation, we cannot surmise that our prayer of 'Guide us in the right path' has been accepted, or that Allah accepted the prayer of our ancestors and had us born in their homes.



It is not enough that Allah provided us the opportunity to accept the Imam of this age..



In accordance with the directive of the Holy Prophet Muhammad peace and blessings of Allah be on him, we have to move our steps forward after we have accepted this Imam.



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Huzur (aba) explained

If we have to abide by the pledge of allegiance with the Imam of the age in reality then we need to understand the true meaning of
'Guide us in the right path'.



We will have to develop an attachment with the system which was established by the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, and that is the system of
Khilafat.



The prayer of **ihdinas-siratal-mustaqim** is a continuation of perpetual progress forward, and being in the search of the way to guidance at all times; it is the mark of a believer to pray for its permanence.

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The change which leads to the way of guidance starts from domestic life and spreads to society and the world.

There are also some people who perform a lot of good deeds, but they are not good in treatment of their families.

They may be offering the prayer of 'Guide us in the right path', but are not acting on all the directives.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) has said,
'The best among you is the one who is good with his family'.

Once Promised Messiah, peace be on him, was greatly distressed and hurt on hearing about the mistreatment by one of his companions of his wife.

Dues of the Creation of Allah

The prayer of '**Guide us in the right path**' is not just for discharging the rights of the Creator, but is also for discharging the rights of creation.

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Prayer for honorable end

No one in this world can have a greater spiritual status than the Holy Prophet Muhammad, peace and blessings of Allah be on him.

But what was the end? He stumbled and was lost all status.

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. The scribe of the Holy Prophet (pbuh), who recorded his revelations, attained a high status of nearness to him.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) called upon him all the time to write down revelations. This shows that he had trust in him.

In the eyes of others, Abdullah bin-Ubayy, would also have had a high status.

Prayer for honourable end

The prayer of
'Guide us in the
right path'.
is very important
for an honourable
end.

Ponder over it and
rehearse.

In the same way, during the time of the Promised Messiah, peace be on him, there were people who were advanced in love and affection.

When their misfortune stumbled them they turned into severe enemies

They started hurling filthy and low blames on him, and started raising new objections by the day.

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It is necessary to take account of one's self

Hudhur (aba) explained if there is deficient dealing from this side then though Allah does not engage in deceit but understands it, you will not get reward due to the deceit from your side. Allah knows everything.

There are billions of Muslims in the world, they offer the prayer of '**Guide us in the right path**' but because it is a matter of repeating words, after the Prayers their attention is towards mischief and disturbances.

- The Promised Messiah peace be on him, advising us, said at one place,
- "If there is a part of deficit in dealing with Allah, the same will be from the other side."

Is this that sirat mustaqim [right path] for which the prayer has been taught?
Of course, it is not.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said

‘Until a person does not have a trove of real good deeds [not one or two], until then he is not a believer. That is why Allah has taught the prayer of ihdinas-siratal-mustaqim [Guide us in the right path. 1:6] in Surah Fatihah that man may not understand it a virtue just not committing grave sins like theft, adultery, etc., rather it is clarified by saying siratalladhina an’amta alaihim [The path of those on whom Thou hast bestowed Thy blessings... 1:7] that reward is a separate thing; unless one attains it he cannot be considered good and pious. Notice that Allah has not taught the prayer that do not count me among the sinful and the transgressors but rather taught that count me among the ones who are blessed’.

Before us are the paths. The sirat mustaqim [straight path] was to make man after abandoning the traits of animals, and then it was to turn him into a civilized man. And then turn civilized men to Godly men.

The Straight Path

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said

“Realize that the root of every good is in belief in God. As much a person’s belief in God is weak, that much weakness and laziness exists in carrying out good deeds. But when the faith is strong, and Allah, with all his perfect attributes, is ascertained to the extent, a peculiar change takes place in the actions of man. One who believes in God cannot commit sins.”

These reviews will keep diverting our attention towards the pledge of allegiance and our responsibilities.

Belief in Allah .

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May we be the ones who progress forward in nearness to Allah.



To continue the reward of Ahmadiyyat among our generations, may we never be lax in our efforts and prayers.



The worldly comforts of these countries may not divert us from attaining our objectives.



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