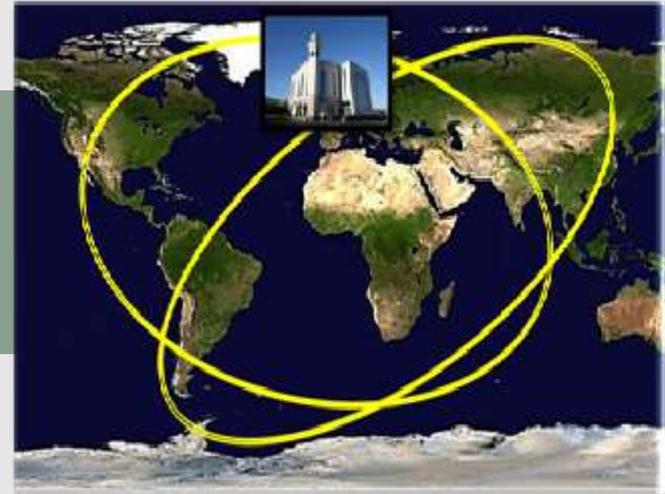


SEEKING AND SUPPLICATING FOR ALLAH'S BENEVOLENCE



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Summary

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih (aba) explained two Qur'anic prayers.

One should pray for all good (both apparent and hidden) in this world and the next

One should seek protection from the harmful effects of forgetting to do a good deeds and seek forgiveness for doing something wrong.

One should pray that the inevitable trials of this life are made easy to bear and pray for success.

All Ahmadis are directed to say a much needed prayer of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace)

Funeral Prayers in absentia

Two Qur'anic prayers

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A most comprehensive prayer

A prayer for all Ahmadis

Funeral Prayers in absentia

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وَمِنْهُمْ مَّنْ يَقُولُ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا
حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا
عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿٢٠٢﴾
الذخيرة

'And of them there are some who say: 'Our Lord, grant us good in this world as well as good in the world to come, and protect us from the torment of the Fire.' (2:202)

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لَا يُكَلِّفُ اللَّهُ نَفْسًا إِلَّا وُسْعَهَا لَهَا مَا كَسَبَتْ وَعَلَيْهَا مَا اكْتَسَبَتْ رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِنْ نَسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا إَصْرًا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِلْنَا مَا لَنَا طَاقَةً لِنَأْتِيَهُ وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٢٨٧﴾

‘Allah burdens not any soul beyond its capacity. It shall have *the reward* it earns, and it shall get *the punishment* it incurs. Our Lord, do not punish us, if we forget or fall into error; and our Lord, lay not on us a responsibility as Thou didst lay upon those before us. Our Lord, burden us not with what we have not the strength to bear; and efface our *sins*, and grant us forgiveness and have mercy on us; Thou art our Master; so help us Thou against the disbelieving people.’ (2:287)

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Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih expounded the philosophy of prayer in the words of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace), who wrote:

'He who supplicates God at the time of difficulty and distress and seeks the resolution of his difficulties from Him achieves satisfaction and true prosperity from God Almighty provided he carries his supplication to its limit. Even if he does not achieve the purpose of his supplication, he is bestowed some other kind of satisfaction and contentment by God Almighty and does not experience frustration. In addition, his faith is strengthened and his certainty increases.He who supplicates with the sincerity of his soul is never truly frustrated...If God Almighty so wills, a sincere and righteous person in the midst of his distress achieves such delight after supplication which an emperor cannot enjoy on the imperial throne. This is true success which is bestowed in the end on those who pray.'

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'Our Lord, grant us good in this world as well as good in the world to come, and protect us from the torment of the Fire.'

This is the brief philosophy of prayer and a true believer should aspire to achieve this.

- Firstly, it is essential to do everything in one's power while praying
- This leads to a point where either the prayer is accepted or one's heart is filled with tranquillity.
- This tranquillity is borne out of belief that whatever God has destined to happen, will be best for us.
- One is only enabled to develop this awareness with God's grace; therefore, we should also pray for this.

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The prayer cited first (2:202) was especially said by the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) who also drew the attention of his Companions to it.

At one occasion the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) also drew attention of his Jama'at to say this prayer in the last Rakah of each Salat during the standing posture after Raku posture.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him) also drew attention to this prayer at different times.

Although it is a prayer for all times, it should be said especially these days in light of the turmoil the world is experiencing.

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The Arabic word 'Hasana' (good) as used in the verse means piety, benefit, something which is good from every aspect and which has a good result.



This prayer seeks every kind of 'Hasana' from God's grace, including our deeds to be such that will attain us 'Hasana' in the Hereafter.

May God grant us 'Hasana' in our provisions, jobs, families, relations, home, cities, leaders, rulers and friends.



This prayers applies to all aspects of our life.

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Whatever grace and blessing we seek from God, it is 'Hasana'. 'Hasana' is a vast concept; everything which God has intended to be beneficial for us is 'Hasana'.

- For example, good spouse, pious children, a life free of disease which in the sight of God has good for us is 'Hasana'.
- God alone knows the unseen and He alone can decide what is best for us.
- **We can make wrong choices but God does not.**
- If this prayer is accepted then one can be saved from all troubles relating to this world and Jama'at related troubles and can also become recipient of God's pleasure.

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'Our Lord, grant us good in this world as well as good in the world to come, and protect us from the torment of the Fire.

Explaining the concept of apparent and hidden good in the Hereafter Hadhrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) said that according to the Qur'an Hell is a place where one is reformed.

So, when praying for good in the Hereafter we should supplicate for reformation through God's grace and not via Hell.

The 'Hasana' in the Hereafter is only Paradise which is good both in apparent and hidden ways.

We should remember that the 'Hasana' of this world can be a source of 'Hasana' of the Hereafter.

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) said that man is dependent on two things for personal well-being; one, to be free from the trials and tribulations of this brief life. Secondly, if he escapes wickedness and spiritual ills that distant him from God, that is 'Hasana' of this world, i.e. he is safe from physical and spiritual ailments. The Qur'an states, '**...for man has been created weak.**' (4:29) even if one's nail hurts one is troubled.

The aspect of Hereafter in this prayer (2:202) is also a fruit of the 'Hasana' of this world. If man attains 'Hasana' of the world, it is a good omen for the Hereafter. It is wrong for people to say that only 'Hasana' of the Hereafter should be sought and not of this world. Good health etc. leads to comfort in life but is also a means with which one can do something for the Hereafter. In fact, whoever is granted health, honour, children and peace in the world and whose deeds are righteous, it is hoped that his Hereafter will also be good.

‘Our Lord, grant us good in this world as well as good in the world to come, and protect us from the torment of the Fire.’



To seeks refuge from the torment of fire signifies protection from fire of this world.

There are many torments of fire of this world which if God so wills become ‘Hasana’ rather than torment.

Prayers should be made that one’s stay at home and one’s going out be ‘Hasana’ with the grace of God.

Such prayer can only be made who has total faith in God.

This world could be a source of many troubles originating from home, family and work life; one should seek prayers to be protected from all these troubles which are fire of a sort.

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The second prayer recited is also most significant. Our attention is drawn to pray: **Our Lord, do not punish us, if we forget or fall into error.**

Here forgetting signifies overlooking something important, failing to appreciate the importance of a task to be done on time.

One should pray to be saved from making such mistakes.

Also, forgetting to do certain important tasks can impair one's spiritual progress.

This prayer is for the circumstances when one genuinely fails to remember. However, uttering this prayer without attempting to reform ourselves tantamount to jesting with God.

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The prayer goes on to seek not to be given responsibility as given to earlier people for which they were chastised.

This means that we don't end up making mistakes made by the earlier people which led to their destruction.

For the sins of earlier people, they had corrupt rulers imposed on them, this prayer seeks protection from such rulers

It is inevitable that a believer will be tried, and we are taught to pray that may Allah the Exalted make such a trial easy to bear.

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The prayer goes on to say, **burden us not with what we
have not the strength to bear.**

It means to pray that we do not
have to face worldly misfortunes
(an integral part of this life), which
are beyond our strength.

It is inevitable that we will
face some trouble in this life,
we should pray that Allah the
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Then, it is prayed: **efface our sins**, i.e. whatever wrongs we have committed, may we be saved from their bad consequences and may they be covered



Grant us forgiveness and have mercy on us signify that whatever we have not done may it be facilitated by God's grace and whatever wrongs we have done may attract God's mercy.



Lastly, it is prayed **Thou art our Master; so help us Thou against the disbelieving people.**

If any wrong is committed by a member of the community, this impacts on the image of the Jama'at as the world associates such weakness to God, thus we beg for mercy, confess our wrongs and seek effacing of our sins and also seek triumph over the disbelievers through God's special grace.

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A prayer of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) which was revealed to him: O Lord everything is subservient to You. O Lord, protect us, help us and have mercy on us.' Is very much needed today.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih has been especially [Divinely] drawn to say this prayer.

رَبِّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ خَادِمِكَ رَبِّ فَاحْفَظْنِي
وَانصُرْنِي وَارْحَمْنِي.

This is why each Ahmadi should say this prayer.

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He was martyred in the terrorist outrage in Karachi on 3 March while doing grocery shopping

He leaves behind a daughter of 11 and a son of 10 years

Mubasher Ahmad Abbasi sahib



He was kind, caring, affectionate and warm and friendly person

He was a committed family man

Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat

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Respected Dr Syed Sultan Mehmood sahib passed away on 3 March at the age of 90. He was an academic of chemistry, with doctorate and post-doctorate from the UK, he held a long and distinguished career in teaching. He retired in 1986 and came to Rabwah where he set up schools.

He served Jama'at in many key positions in an excellent manner.

He was kind, caring, dedicated, sincere, helpful, loving and used to give good advice.

Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih said he was also briefly taught by Dr Syed Sultan Mehmood sahib.

May God elevate the stations of the both the deceased and grant steadfastness to their families.