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Summary

It is great grace and favour of God on the Jama'at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that it strives to make sacrifice of finance, time, honour and dedicate their lives to spread the message of Islam.

Ahmadiyya community is being bitterly persecuted in Pakistan for decades now; we do not protest, take to the streets or hold rallies against this injustice. We put our faith in Allah and remain focussed on prayers.

Divine Communities are always persecuted and steadfastness under adversary is what is required.

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih recited the following
Quranic verses at the start of his Friday
sermon today:

And no soul can die except by Allah's leave — a decree with a fixed term. And whoever desires the reward of the present world, We will give him thereof; and whoever desires the reward of the life to come, We will give him thereof; and We will surely reward the grateful. And many a Prophet there has been beside whom fought a large number of godly people. They slackened not for aught that befell them in the way of Allah, nor did they weaken, nor did they humiliate themselves *before the enemy*. And Allah loves the steadfast. And they uttered not a word except that they said: 'Our Lord, forgive us our errors and our excesses in our conduct, and make firm our steps and help us against the disbelieving people.' So Allah gave them the reward of this world, as also an excellent reward of the next; and Allah loves those who do good.' (Surah Ale Imran, verses 146 – 149)

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Hazrat Khalifatul Masih recited the following Quranic verses at the start of his Friday sermon today:

‘Think not of those, who have been slain in the cause of Allah, as dead. Nay, they are living, in the presence of their Lord, being well provided, Jubilant because of that which Allah has given them of His bounty; and rejoicing for those who have not yet joined them from behind them, because on them *shall come* no fear, nor shall they grieve. They rejoice at the favour of Allah and *His* bounty, and *at the fact* that Allah suffers not the reward of the believers to be lost.’ (Surah Ale Imran, verses 170-172)

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It is great grace and favour of God on the Jama'at of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) that it excels in cause of Allah.

Ahmadis strive to make sacrifice of finance, time, honour and dedicate their lives to spread the message of Islam.

If a true model of sacrifice of life is to be seen, the history of Ahmadiyya Jama'at has set its seal on it.

In short, any sacrifice which is in accordance with the commandment of God and is for God, is given by Ahmadiyya Jama'at.

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Ahmadiyya community is being bitterly persecuted in Pakistan for decades now; we do not protest, take to the streets or hold rallies against this injustice.



This is because we claim to be a Divine community and such communities do not rely on worldly governments and protestations



Moreover, worldly help is never unconditional, it is never offered without any clause to submit before whoever is offering help and true believers cannot abide by



We seek help from God and turn to Him alone.



We make the world aware of the persecution and we do not rely on any government or any human rights organisation, **but we put our faith only in God.**

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We have been promised that in spite of state-sponsored persecution God has decreed that we will be given those blessings which are bestowed upon true believers through God's special grace.

We have been promised that the sacrifices given will never go to waste and the ultimate triumph will be ours.

The greatest formula for this triumph is of course prayer. The more we will turn to prayers and the more we will devote ourselves to our Lord, the sooner He will show extraordinary signs in our favour.

He will show extraordinary signs in our favour. Indeed, our thinking is very different to the thinking of worldly people. We have taken the Bai'at of the Imam of the age to whom God promised triumphs, which we are witnessing.

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The persecution against Ahmadis, wherever in the world it may be, will be blown away by prayers alone.



However, the condition is that prayers are made meeting the conditions of prayers!



The fact is that Ahmadis have been persecuted since the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) made his claim and established the Jama'at.



Indeed, in Pakistan and in some other countries Ahmadis are treated very badly, in places it is done under the guise of law.

There was a time when it was felt that he may have to migrate from his ancestral village of Qadian which had been owned by his family for ages.

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When we look further back in history we find that the entire life of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) was a period of enmity shown by his opponents.

His beloved wife [Khadija] who was one of the richest people of Makkah was made homeless in her old age and spent a long time in a valley in exile enduring lack of food and basic provisions.

She endured all this for Islam motivated by the fact that the sacrifices carried Divine promises.

The Holy Prophet (pbuh) also endured severe harassment and persecution. The thirteen years of his Makkan life were spent in constant discrimination which he faced with great courage and valour.

After migration to Medina wars started which entail a long tale of attacks and patience and steadfastness

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) told his followers that in line with the persecution of their Holy master (pbuh), he and his community will face persecution.

He said that his way was a very hard and difficult way.

He told Ahmadis that if they remained steadfast despite enduring difficulties, then remember that God rewards steadfastness in this world and in the Hereafter.

Hazrat Khalifatul Masih said he also says to new Ahmadis that life in Ahmadiyyat is not a bed of roses. People make massive sacrifice to accept Ahmadiyyat, only because...

... they realise that life and death is in God's hands. Only fortunate ones show steadfastness in His way and are rewarded with God's blessings in this world and the Hereafter

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These are not mere words; history of the Jama'at is filled with such stories of sacrifice.

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Everyone faces life
and death.

- Life and death is with God's decree and death in the name of God carries glad-tiding of great reward.

Khalid bin Waleed, a great warrior of early Islam was seen crying inconsolably on his death bed. He was asked if he was crying because of fear of death? Khalid bin Waleed replied that he was not afraid of dying. He was crying because he always wished for martyrdom. Every inch of his body bore battle scars but he was dying on bed!

Such was the high level of those who truly understood the spirit of sacrifice. Indeed, God also gives the glad-tidings of Paradise to a brave warrior like Khalid bin Waleed.

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Another example of a person who understood the spirit of sacrifice was demonstrated by Sahibzada Abdul Latif Shaheed.

The king repeatedly asked him to reject and deny the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and incited him with freedom in return.

Every single time Sahibzada Sahib's reply would be that if God was granting him a death that makes one a recipient of blessings, why would he turn away from it.

He said it was a strange ignorant deal to ask for!

Indeed, this is the dignity of a true believer, as God has stated: **'They slackened not for aught that befell them in the way of Allah, nor did they weaken, nor did they humiliate themselves *before the enemy*. And Allah loves the steadfast.'**

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An Ahmadi always seeks the pleasure of God.



God has taught a prayer for staying firm to one's faith no matter how much the enemy tries to weaken our faith: **'Our Lord, forgive us our errors and our excesses in our conduct, and make firm our steps and help us against the disbelieving people.'**

While God has told us to turn to Him for everything, He has also told us that success comes from Him.

We are told to turn to Him and seek from Him to become recipients of rewards in this world as well as the Hereafter.

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It is stated that those who give their lives in the way of God are not dead.

They are 'not dead'
because

God will avenge their
blood.

Their martyrdom will not
weaken those left behind

They will be granted a
station and provision by
God which will delight them.

The martyrs will be informed in the Hereafter that not only their sacrifice has motivated others to offer sacrifice and their sacrifice will lead to the ultimate triumph over the enemy.

God states in the Qur'an: **'As for those who say, 'Our Lord is Allah,' and then remain steadfast, the angels descend on them, saying: 'Fear ye not, nor grieve; and rejoice in the Garden that you were promised. (41:31)**

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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) explained: 'That is, upon those who affirm: God is our Lord, and turn away from false gods and are steadfast, that is to say, remain firm under trials and calamities, descend angels, reassuring them: Fear not nor grieve, and be filled with happiness; and rejoice that you have inherited the joy that you had been promised. We are your friends in this life and in the hereafter.'

These verses indicate that steadfastness wins the pleasure of God Almighty. It is true, as has been said, that steadfastness is more than a miracle. The perfection of steadfastness is that when one is encircled by calamities and life and honour and good name are all in peril in the cause of Allah, and no means of comfort are available, so much so, that even visions and dreams and revelation are suspended by God as a trial, and one is left helpless among terrible dangers, at such a time one should not lose heart nor retreat like a coward nor let one's faithfulness be put in doubt in the least. ... order to keep one firm;'

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Each one of us should try and aspire to become as the Promised Messiah explains and this is not possible without the grace of God.

If a person makes an effort and becomes like this, then God comes forward and holds such a person and this is when God gives glad-tidings of Paradise and for this He has taught us prayer for steadfastness and prayer for gaining triumph over the enemy.

It signifies that by accepting the prayer God will open the doors of triumph in such a way that the enemy will have nowhere to escape.

InshaAllah the ultimate triumph will be ours as promised to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

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Khalil Ahmad Sahib was martyred on 16 May in district Shiekhupura, Pakistan.

- On 13 May, he was arrested after an argument ensued with opponents of Ahmadiyyat when anti-Ahmadi stickers were removed.

At midday on 16 May, a young man asked for Khalil Sahib being held in police custody on the pretext that he had brought food for him.

- Once Khalil Sahib identified himself, the produced a hand gun and shot Khalil Sahib in the face. He passes away immediately.

It is said that after firing at Khalil Sahib the assailant raised a slogan that he had earned Paradise. While God and His Prophet say that punishment for killing those who recite the Kalima is Hell

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He was 61 years old and had only just retired from WAPDA. He was a pious Ahmadi who observed his Salat regularly including Tahajjud and had a deep connection with the Jama'at and Khilafat. He watched the Friday sermon and other MTA programmes very regularly and showed great respect towards life devotees. He was a very trustworthy Ahmadi who was keen on serving mankind and helping the poor. He also served the Jama'at in various capacities.

He leaves behind his wife, two daughters and two sons. One son Laiq Ahmad is in Germany while the other Ahsan Ahmad is a qaid back home.

The local Mu'allim Sahib writes that Khalil Sahib was a very prayerful person who made heart-rending prayers.

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Huzoor said he would lead his funeral Prayer in absentia after Friday Prayers

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Two other funerals were also announced by Huzoor.

Maulawi Ahsan Illahi Sahib who was a retired Waqfe Jadid Mu'allim passed away on 17 May at the age of 83. He lived in London. He was the son of a companion of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) Rehmat Ali Sahib who was appointed by the Promised Messiah to tend the plants in the Bahishti graveyard. Ahsan Illahi Sahib had dedicated his life and worked as a Waqfe Jadid Mu'allim until 1999 when he retired and came to London to be with his children. He was a Moosi and was enabled to establish many Jama'ats during his service. He leaves behind four daughters and three sons. One of his sons is a missionary, Mahmood Ahmad Shams Sahib.

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Nasreen Butt Sahiba passed away on 18 May following a heart attack. She was 41 years old. She was a pious, God-fearing active member of the Jama'at and was regular in her chanda. Her husband had passed away suddenly four and a half years ago. She brought up her children on her own and kept them connected to Khilafat and the Jama'at. She had a loyal bond with Khilafat. She leaves behind four sons. May God keep them in His protection and make them the recipients of their parents' prayers.

May God elevate the stations of the three deceased and grant them forgiveness.

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