

KHILAFAT, PRAYERS AND MARTYRDOM OF MEHDI ALI QAMAR



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Summary

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A dedicated and committed Ahmadi cardiologist Dr Mehdi Ali from USA was martyred in Rabwah during a humanitarian mission at Tahir Heart Institute.

This oppression in Pakistan is taking place in the name of God and His Messenger; who was a benefactor of humanity, who was a mercy for all the worlds. Our hearts bleed at this!

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The institution of Khilafat is a great favour of God which has united Ahmadiyya Muslim Community as one after the demise of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace).

The last 106 years of the history of the community bear witness to the fact members of the community from all countries and ethnic backgrounds have accepted Khilafat with perfect obedience.

Indeed, a small group of people left the Jama'at in 1914 at the time of election of the 2nd Khalitaful Masih.

However, the Ahmadiyya Community has the insight that its unity, progress and its strength to respond to the attacks of enemies of Ahmadiyyat Islam, lies in adherence to Khilafat.

This is because Divine help and succour is now associated with the Khilafat of the second phase of Islam.

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However, God's grace does not come with mere words and professing one's faith.

Ayat e Istakhlaf (verse 56 of Surah Al Nur) promises Khilafat to the true believers. This is indeed promised to those who pray, worship God and make sacrifices to uphold Unity of God.

Each Khilafat Day must enhance us in worship of God, prayer, and commitment to Unity of God.

Mere celebrations of Khilafat Day with speeches and poems mean nothing.

What is needed is to understand the true spirit of it all.

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Prayer and worship are our real weapons on which we can always rely.

The success of Divine communities is conditional to prayer.

In the time of the Holy Prophet (pbuh) and Khulafa e Rashideen (the Rightly Guided Caliphs) triumphs came through prayer and not through worldly strength.

God has drawn our attention to prayer and His worship

to stay connected to Khilafat

to absorb Divine blessings

to get rid of our difficulties

to have inner peace

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We should remember
that all blessings are in
prayers, as God has
stated: '**So pray to thy
Lord, and offer
sacrifice.**' (108:3).



It is worship of God
and sacrifices that
make us recipients of
God's grace.



In such situations true
believers raise the
anxious voice of
'...**When will come
the help of Allah?...**'
(2:215).



It is human nature to
feel distressed when
they have a face long
trials and tribulations.

They say '**...When will come the help of Allah?..**
not out of despair but to draw God's mercy with complete
dedication and commitment while abiding by high levels of
sacrifice.

And then, in response, comes the sound: '**...Yea, surely
the help of Allah is nigh.**' (2:215).

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God's help comes in specific spheres and of course there is the ultimate magnificent triumph of Divine help and succour which we will witness!

The enemy is scheming dangerous schemes. In worldly perspective the situation in Muslim countries, especially in Pakistan is extremely perilous.

However, God has power over everything and He is the Best of Planners and He will reduce the enemy's plans to dust!

We need to turn to prayer and Istighfar (seeking forgiveness of Allah) to remove our anxieties and accelerate our triumph.

we need to understand the reality of prayers and elevate the level of our prayers. God states: '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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The Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) wrote:
'Remember, ...Unless prayer is sincere and heart-felt and is made in a state of distress it remains ineffective and pointless. It is essential that prayer is made with an anguished heart for it to be accepted, as it is stated: **'Or, Who answers the distressed person when he calls upon Him...'**

We need to focus on prayer and worship of God more than ever and we need to make them with heart-felt pathos and we need to draw God's mercy.

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- Foremost is Surah Al Fatehah; it should be recited abundantly.
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- Durud (sending blessings and salutations on the Holy Prophet) should also be recited copiously.'

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Then there is the prayer which was revealed to the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) and should be recited a lot:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ . اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ ■

‘Holy is Allah and worthy of all praise, Holy is Allah, the Great. O Allah bestow Your blessings on Muhammad and on the people of Muhammad.’

Hazrat Abu Huraira (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated that the Holy Prophet (pbuh) said: ‘There are two expressions which are very light on the tongue to utter but are very weighty in the balance and are very dear to the Gracious God. And they are: Holy is Allah and worthy of all praise, Holy is Allah, the Great.’

Huzoor said since these phrases are dear to the Gracious God, we need to recite them to attract His mercy.

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رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ (3:9)

'Our Lord, let not our hearts get perverse after Thou hast guided us; and bestow on us mercy from Thyself; surely, Thou alone art the Bestower.'

Hazrat Nawab Begum Sahiba (may Allah be pleased with her) had a dream after the passing away of the Promised Messiah (on whom be peace) in which he advised her to say this prayer abundantly.

When she related her dream to Hazrat Khalifatul Masih I (may Allah be pleased with him) he said he would never stop reciting this prayer and will recite it abundantly. He said that while the prayer beseeches for strength of faith, it was also a great prayer to stay connected to Khilafat.

رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ (2:251)

'O our Lord, pour forth steadfastness upon us, and make our steps firm, and help us against the disbelieving people.' (2:251)

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اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَجْعَلُكَ فِي نُحُورِهِمْ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شُرُورِهِمْ

‘O Allah, we make You a shield against enemies and we take refuge in You from their evils.’

A Tradition relates that when the Holy Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be on him) used to sense danger from a body of people, he used to say this prayer.

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We should also engage in Istighfar a lot

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ ۝

'I beg pardon of Allah, my Lord from all my sins and turn to Him.'

A while ago Huzoor had exhorted to say
this prayer in light of a dream

رَبِّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ خَادِمُكَ رَبِّ فَاحْفَظْنِي وَانصُرْنِي وَارْحَمْنِي

O Lord everything is subservient to You. O Lord, protect us, help us and have mercy on us.'

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' The prayer cited in last Friday sermon should also be included in regular prayers:

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَإِسْرَافَنَا فِي أَمْرِنَا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ
الْكَافِرِينَ

'Our Lord, forgive us our errors and our excesses in our conduct, and make firm our steps and help us against the disbelieving people.' (3:148)

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The Promised Messiah [as] said: I was praying for the members of my Jama'at and then for Qadian when the revelation came to me: 'They have drawn away from the fashion of life' And 'Then grind them down a fine grinding.'

The Promised Messiah [as] said: I wondered why the act of grinding has been attributed to me. Then I looked at the prayer which is written on the wall of the Chamber of Prayer which is as follows: 'Lord, hear my prayer and crush Your enemies and my enemies and fulfil Your promise and help Your servant and show us Your days and sharpen for us Your sword and spare not a single mischief maker out of the disbelievers.'

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Huzoor said he would pay tribute to a very dear, sincere, loyal, most useful individual with many great qualities.

Dr Mehdi Ali was a cardiologist from USA who was visiting Rabwah with his wife and two children for Waqfe Arzi (short-term voluntary service) at Tahir Heart Institute.

**Dr Mehdi Ali
Qamar**

He was martyred while visiting the Bahishti cemetery in Rabwah with his wife, one son and a relative at 5 a.m.

Near the gate of the cemetery, two men on a motor bike fired at him and fled on the main road. Dr Mehdi was shot eleven times and was martyred on the spot.

Martyrs of Ahmadiyyat

Dr Shaheed's family is from district Faisalabad. His father Chaudhry Farzand Ali Sahib took Bai'at in his youth at the hand of Hazrat Khalifatul Masih II (may Allah be pleased with him). Following this, his older brother also took Bai'at and the family moved to Rabwah.

Dr Shaheed's maternal grandfather Master Zia ud Din Sahib Shaheed was the first martyr among the martyrs of Rabwah in 1974 during the firing at Sargodha station.

Dr Mehdi Ali was born on 23 December 1963. The day Mirza Bashir Ahmad Sahib, known as 'Qamarul Anbiya' (moon of Prophets) passed away. In light of this his father added the name 'Qamar' to Dr Mehdi's name and his maternal grandfather also added the name of Hazrat Musleh Maud (may Allah be pleased with him) to Dr Mehdi's name. His full name was Mehdi Ali Bashir ud Din Qamar.



He received his early education in Rabwah. He was a very intelligent and promising student. When he joined medical school in Faisalabad he faced a lot of antagonism and had to leave. However, he went back to finish his studies. He served at Fazl e Umer hospital, Rabwah from 1989 to 1991.

He immigrated to Canada with his mother where he passed the medical exams and started his internship. He went to Brooklyn University in New York to specialise in cardiology and started working in Columbus, Ohio and settled there.

When Huzoor urged doctors to serve at Tahir Heart Institute Dr Mehdi was one of the doctors who devoted voluntary service at the institute. This was his third such visit there.

He was an extremely gentle, compassionate person. His wife says he was extremely gentle and loving with her and always overlooked any errors and took great care of his family.

He was extremely affectionate to his children, and gave time to their education and training and had a most obliging temperament. His wife says if she got annoyed at something he would always say to her not to be angry. He was extremely humble.



His department with his in-laws was very kind. He was very hospitable and guests would stay at their place during Jama'at events. He would also fetch guests from the airport. He helped the disadvantaged a great deal.

Dr Mehdi also had artistic flair and was a very good poet. He was also a skilled calligraphist.

He was intensely keen on calling people to God and was very well read in terms of religious material. Dr Mehdi used to give most effective responses to allegations and objections on YouTube.



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Dr Mehdi Ali leaves behind his widow, Wajeeha Mehdi Sahiba and three sons. Abdullah Ali, 15, Hashim Ali, 7 and Asher Ali, 3, who was with him at the time of shooting.

He gave most generously to donations and financial schemes and donated a large sum towards the mosque in Columbus. Likewise, he donated generously towards the mosque in his ancestral neighbourhood in Rabwah. He was also at the forefront of donating to Tahir Heart Institute.

Kind, caring,
affectionate, respectful

Dedicated, committed,
and avid reader

Forgiving,
happy to make
sacrifice for
others, humble

Committed to his
wife and children
and taught his
children to read
the Holy Qur'an.

He used to say
why we should
be worried, we
have prayers of
the Khalifa of the
time with us.



Dr Mehdi Ali
Qamar

Had great sense
of obedience of
the Jama'at

His email signature
stated, **“One should
bring those
changes in oneself
that one wishes to
see in others.”** He
was a living
example of this.

Always cheerful,
calm and smiling

**He had a very special
love for Rabwah and
ultimately gave his life
on Rabwah's soil.**

Compassionate,
kind, generous,
dedicated and
helpful doctor

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Huzoor said Dr Mehdi Shaheed met Huzoor a short while ago and since learning about his martyrdom, Huzoor sees his cheerful smiling face before his eyes. He had a very peaceful face. Some, who have seen photographs, have written to Huzoor that Dr Mehdi Ali Shaheed looks as if peacefully asleep while his chest is drenched in blood.



Many newspapers of USA, Canada and the UK around the world have condemned the barbaric and inhuman killing of Dr Mehdi Ali. More than thirty newspapers have carried the news. These include, National Post Canada, The Star Canada, CBC News Canada, Global News, CNN, USA Today, New York Times, Washington Post, Columbus Despatch, Wall Street Journal, The Express Tribune, Washington Times, The Strategic Intelligence, Daily Mail, BBC Urdu, Al Jazeera, Down etc.

<http://www.pressahmadiyya.com/2014/05/dr-mehdi-ali-qamar-international-media>.

Dr Mehdi Ali Qamar: International Media Response

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Monday saw the [martyrdom of Dr Mehdi Ali Qamar](#), a US-Canadian dual citizen and nationally recognised cardiologist who had traveled to Pakistan as a volunteer on a humanitarian mission. There, he was gunned down in front of his wife and two-year-old son, merely because he was an Ahmadi Muslim by faith. The targeted killing of this innocent man has been condemned and reported on by over 200 print, online and television outlets worldwide, reaching a potential audience in the tens of millions. Below are extracts from a selection of reports.



Dr Mehdi Ali Qamar

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This martyr had a successful life and spent it serving humanity and met death that gave him eternal life with God. May God give this dear brother of ours a high station in Paradise and may his station be ever elevated, may he be granted a place in the feet of God's beloveds. May God keep his wife and children in His protection and may all the wishes and prayers of Dr Mehdi Ali for his children be fulfilled.

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This oppression in Pakistan is taking place in the name of God and His Messenger; who was a benefactor of humanity, who was a mercy for all the worlds. Our hearts bleed at this!

If they have to perpetrate oppression at least they should not do this in the name of God and His Messenger. They should not commit persecution in the name of that benefactor of humanity and mercy for all the worlds and bring Islam in disrepute!

But they do not understand and they do not know where they are heading!

When God's decree will come to pass and InshaAllah it will come to pass, these people will be eliminated. Neither the oppressors will remain nor the backers of oppression. Thus, we need to pray and pray a lot.

May God take the public out of the ensnare of the religious clergy and may they understand the truth and accept the Imam of the age.