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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 8th March 2013, Hadrat Khalīfatul Masīh V ایده اللہ تعالیٰ delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.

After reciting verses 202 and 287 of surah Al-Baqarah, which are translated as follows:

'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.'

'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.'

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ read out an extract from the writing of the Promised Messiah ایده اللہ تعالیٰ in which he says:

'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. But the one who in his supplication does not turn towards God Almighty remains blind all the time and dies blind....He who supplicates with the sincerity of his soul is never frustrated. That prosperity which cannot be achieved through riches and authority, but which is in the hand of God and He bestows it in whatever shape He wills, is bestowed through perfect prayer. 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.'

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ said: Always remember that prayers must be offered with due reverence if they are to find acceptance.

Hudur ایده اللہ تعالیٰ then drew Jama‘at’s attention towards the prayers mentioned in the above verses. The first prayer is: '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.' The Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم often recited this prayer and taught his Companions to do the same. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام has also stressed this prayer. Offering this prayer is very

important in today's world. If God accepts this prayer, we can be saved from all our personal and communal worries. The Promised Messiah عليه السلام and Hadrat Musleh Mau'ud رحمه الله تعالى have said that the good of this world means to be saved from every bodily and spiritual affliction and filth; whereas the good of the hereafter refers to the reward of the hereafter which is the fruit of the good deeds done in this world. The fact is that when Allāh grants someone health, honour, progeny and good deeds in this world, it can be hoped that he will have the good fortune of the hereafter as well. The words 'Save us from the torment of fire', are meant to seek refuge against the torments of both worlds.

Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: The other prayer which is essential for us is, "Our Lord, do not punish us, if we forget or fall into error..." In this prayer we have been taught to supplicate that God may not call us to account for our errors, instead He may forgive our sins and save us from their ill-effects and His displeasure. But if we continue to commit error knowingly, without trying to reform ourselves, then this prayer will have no meaning, instead it will amount to jesting with God. Prayers are offered for the best results and not to test God. In this prayer we confess our weaknesses and our sins and beseech God for His mercy and forgiveness, and pray to God to grant us His special attention and grant us victory over the non-believers, and enable us to spread his name and His religion in the world.

Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: There is also a prayer of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام, "O Lord, everything is subservient to Thee, so protect us, and help us and have mercy on us."

Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ said: My attention has been especially drawn towards this prayer. Ahmadīs should recite it frequently. May Allāh safeguard all Ahmadīs from all mischief, grant us the good of this world and the hereafter, keep us firm upon piety, forgive our errors and sins and save us from committing them in future. Ahmadīs in Pakistan should pay particular attention to this prayer and make it part of the obligatory prayers. May Allāh enable us to do so. *Amīn*.

At the end of the sermon, Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ informed the Jamā'at of the tragic martyrdom of Mubashar Ahmad Abbasi Sahib of Karachi and the sad demise of Sayyed Sultan Mahmood Sahid Sahib. Hudūr led their funeral prayer in absentia after the Friday prayers.

Please convey these guidelines given by Hudūr ايدہ اللہ تعالیٰ to members of your Jamā'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

(Ch. Hameedullah)

Wakīl A'lā,

Tahrīk Jadīd Anjuman Ahmadiyya Pakistan,

Dated: 14 March 2013