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The Amīr/National President
Jamā‘at Ahmadiyya,

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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

On 7th June 2013, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at Baitul Futuh Mosque, London.

After reciting verses 46 and 47 of surah Al-Baqarah, which are translated as follows:

“And seek help with patience and Prayer; and this indeed is hard except for the humble in spirit, Who know for certain that they will meet their Lord, and that to Him will they return.” (2:46-47)

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: In order to find nearness to God, humility and meekness are of primary importance. This is the teaching that Prophets of God came to teach and spread and instil into people’s hearts. The highest example of this is found in the hallowed character of our Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. The Promised Messiah علیہ السلام says that pride is a terrible affliction that sounds the death knell for a person’s spiritual life. A believer should be without arrogance; instead he should be humble and meek. This is the hallmark of those ordained by God, and most of all this quality was found in the Holy Prophet صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم. His person is a perfect example for us when it comes to acting upon Qur’ānic injunctions. He set the highest standards for God’s worship. He displayed the greatest fortitude when faced with trials and tribulations. His humility was witnessed on every occasion. In his person God gave us a perfect example of how we should strive to win His nearness, and his is the example that God commands us to follow.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: It is only through modesty and humility that we can obey Qur’ānic injunctions, adopt the Holy Prophet’s صلی اللہ علیہ وسلم example for attaining nearness to God, and follow in his footsteps. Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said that unless we realize the true meaning of ‘helping one another in good deeds’, we will not be able to define our path to righteousness. This spirit of cooperation will only come from humility. So we must seek God’s help humbly and meekly that He may show us the ways through which He will be pleased with us.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) expounded on the word *Sabr*—patience and perseverance—in the light of definition given in various lexicons. *Sabr* has to be accompanied by *Salāt*, which means the daily prayers, supplications, submitting before God and seeking His grace with humility. Only those who are truly humble and have not in them a trace of pride can achieve this. God said to the Promised Messiah علیہ السلام, “I have been pleased with your humble ways.” It was his humble ways that opened the doors to his infinite progress. If

we wish to find acceptance for our prayers, we must show humility and submit before God and persevere.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Humility and meekness is not an easy trait. God Himself says that it is a difficult accomplishment, because egotism, obstinacy, laxity, avarice, and other worldly desires hinder a person from attaining this station. God desires that his servant should show patience and perseverance, and raise the standard of his worship so high that the thought of anyone other than God should never enter his mind. Even as they busy themselves in their worldly affairs, their hearts are with God. One can only receive God's help through humility and with the conviction that we are going to meet God one day. Only when we have such conviction will we be able to fulfil our obligations to God, abide by His commandments, and follow in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet ﷺ. This is the state that makes a person the manifestation of the verse: If you love God, then follow His Prophet ﷺ, God will then love you.

The Promised Messiah عليه السلام says: Unless we consider ourselves the lowest of the low in the path of God, we cannot attain salvation. Huzoor prayed that Allāh may enable the Jama'at, both as a community and as individuals, to attain the level of humility where we are able to show true perseverance and offer true worship that is accepted by God. And may this perseverance and prayers bear fruit not only in the hereafter but also in this world, so that the world may recognize the Jama'at founded by the Promised Messiah عليه السلام. May Allāh enable every one of us to humbly progress in the love of God so as to attain salvation in the hereafter.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) also asked the Jama'at to pray for Ahmadīs in Pakistan. Huzoor said that Ahmadīs in Pakistan should pray particularly for the strengthening of their faith. May Allāh enable each of us to attain nearness to Him. *Āmīn*.

Please convey these guidelines given by Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) to members of your Jama'at.

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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