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The Amīr/National President
Jamā'at Ahmadiyya,
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Dear Brother,

السلام علیکم ورحمة اللہ وبرکاتہ

Man considers worldly help and support to be the only means of accomplishing his objectives; whereas, God alone has the right to be sought for help when it is needed, and indeed He does help.

Worship God Almighty and seek help from Him by bowing yourselves before Him alone.

Don't ever think that you worship God because you have the power to do so, but rather the fact is that unless God Himself enables and grants someone the power to perform an act, nothing can be achieved.

On November 28th, 2014, Hazrat Khalīfatul-Masīh V (May Allāh be his Helper) delivered the Friday Sermon at the Baitul Futūh Mosque, Morden, London.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) quoted the Promised Messiah عليه السلام: While seeking help from someone, one should remember that God alone is worthy of being sought for help.

In other words, when a person needs someone's help to accomplish his tasks, he ought to remember that God alone has the power to help him. God is capable of helping him, and indeed He does help. This is such an important point that a true believer should always keep it in view when he is seeking help for the accomplishment of his own objectives or for the sake of the needs of the Jamā'at. However, what we see in our everyday life is that people consider the very means by which they fulfil their needs to be the only tools of satisfying all their necessities and plans.

Hazrat Musleh Mau'ūd (May Allāh be pleased with him) once cited various examples to illustrate the occasions where man believes that it was due to the help and support of certain people that he was able to fulfil his needs, or that it was due to his own efforts that he accomplished his objectives. At times, he considers his close relatives to be the means of success in his endeavours, and at times he sees his friends or those who often see him or the Nizām-e-Jamā'at to be the providers of his needs. And, on certain other occasions, he seeks help from the government and humanitarian organizations.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: There is no denying the fact that at times none of the above-mentioned people or organizations are able to help a person or become a source of

success for him. Still, if a person succeeds in obtaining his objectives, he realizes that help from the unseen has enabled him to achieve them, and as much as one believes in help from the unseen, one attributes one's success to God. If a person's faith in God is perfect and he considers God to be his only help and believes that God does indeed help, he will attribute his success to none other than God, Who helped him by utilizing certain worldly means. But, those who do not enjoy a firm relationship with God and consider worldly means to be everything and are always dependant on them, they never look up to God for help. However, when all worldly means fail, such people begin to commemorate God and call out to Him for help, because then they are not left with any other choice but to remember Him and seek help from Him alone.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: God says that in times of hardship when no one is willing to be with a person, it is God Who stands by him and helps him out of his difficulties. God rather says that the prayers that are offered at times of extreme helplessness are surely granted – even if they are offered by an atheist, for at times God shows signs even to atheists to prove His existence to them. When despair reigns and all else fails, even worldly people begin to seek help from God. Hence, those who claim that they always keep God in view and are not concerned with anything besides God, they must keep Him in view at all times and in all their affairs. This is why God taught us the prayer:

ایاک نعبد وایاک نستعین

Thee alone do we worship, and Thee alone do we implore for help.

God has commanded us to recite these words in every *rakah* of every Prayer. This is because God wants us to always keep Him in view. He wants us not to depend on worldly means and help. True, He has commanded us to make use of these means to obtain our objectives, but has enjoined us to put our trust completely in Him alone. Therefore, we need to follow the example of those believers who set the highest standards of worship and supplication to God. Indeed, we have no other option but to bow down before Him. We should try to understand the essence of the prayer, 'ایاک نعبد وایاک نستعین', and fall prostrate at the threshold of the Almighty God.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: Difficulties are being created for us everywhere. But, we need to remember that the fires of opposition will be consumed by their own flames. While this is happening, our job is to be always mindful of our obligations.

The Promised Messiah علیه السلام said: God has taught us the prayer:

ایاک نعبد

Thee alone do we worship.

This is because man might have relied totally upon his own powers and thus distanced himself from God. God, therefore, also taught us the prayer:

وایاک نستعین

And, Thee alone do we implore for help.

This is because God wants us to know that we cannot worship Him out of our own power and energy, but rather the fact is that unless He Himself helps us and grants us the ability to worship Him, we cannot achieve anything on our own. We, therefore, should always bear this important fact in mind.

Huzoor (May Allāh be his Helper) said: The world is going through fast changes. May God make these changes a means of progress for the Jamā'at! May He enable us to worship Him and may He bless us with His help and succour! Āmīn

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

Jazākumullāh.

Wassalām,

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