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## Increasing Monthly Meeting Attendance

### Baltimore Majlis

Alhamdulillah, the attendance has generally been good in our Ansar general meeting here in the Baltimore Majlis but nothing like what we are experiencing in the last 12 months or so. When you see nearly 30 brothers sitting in a conference room with almost no vacant chair, when you see an 85-year-old Nasir contributing to the discussion just as much as a 45-year-old, you know something has gone terribly right.



Baltimore Majlis' general meeting held on Feb. 4, 2018

Here are a few practical things we believe have worked for the Baltimore Majlis:

- Holding the monthly Ansar meetings on the exact same date and time every month—after Zuhr Prayer on the first Sunday of every month.
- Synchronizing our auxiliary meetings so Lajna, Khuddam, and Ansar all hold meetings at the same time to keep the family unit together.
- Closely following the interactive meeting format and materials provided by National and not doing “our own thing.”

## What's new on the website

- Monthly Meeting Material
- Ta'lim and Tarbiyat Handbook 2018
- An Upward Journey
- 2018 Ansar National Departmental Goals



- Za'im Majlis does a great job of involving new members. Agenda is distributed within a few Ansar, making interaction easy.

In the end, it is the Almighty Allah who blesses our efforts. We pray that Almighty Allah may continue to strengthen our brotherhood, Ameen.

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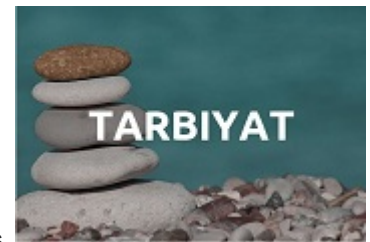


## An Advice about Requesting Prayers

*Ghayyur Manan Khan, Za'im Georgia-SC*

Hazrat Musleh Mau'ud (may Allah be pleased with him) once pointed out an erroneous tradition regarding prayer requests. He said: "People in our Jama'at have adapted a habit that when they meet they casually request each other for prayers and move forward. Neither, the one who is requesting prayers has firm faith in his heart that the other will definitely pray for him nor does it catches the listener's attention. It has become just like a ritual or a tradition; as when people see each other and ask about their wellbeing, similarly these people, like any other tradition, request each other for prayers.

Now, if we continue it just like a tradition then gradually the grandeur of the prayer will diminish. Always request only such people for prayers who you believe will definitely pray, and do not request for prayers to those who you believe will not pray, so that the grandeur of prayer may not decrease in the hearts of the people. And the one who has been requested for prayers, it is incumbent upon him to pray, whatever way one can, either by name or collectively for all those who have requested them for prayers. One cannot remember everything; especially, those who are being requested for prayers by hundreds, they cannot remember everyone's name. For them there is a way that whenever one is asked to pray, he should pray then and there. (Friday sermon, Nov. 3, 1945)



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