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Acceptance of Prayers of the Khalifa of the Time

(Masroor Sajid, Central Jersey, NJ Majlis)



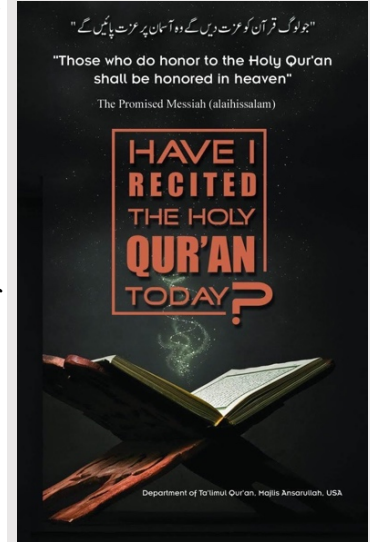
Although I could share several stories, here are a couple I chose to express my feelings about the acceptance of prayers through the divine institution of Khilafat. It is hard to tell personal stories, but now is the time to express our love for Khilafat and strengthen this most valuable relationship.

I believe that the prayers of Ahmadis are accepted because of their faith in the Promised Messiah (AS) and their relationship with his Khalifa. There is no other window open today to the heavens except this second manifestation by God, which is Khilafat.

In the fall of 1999 I was admitted to Quaid-i-Azam University and moved to Islamabad, Pakistan. Because of the anti-Ahmadiyya campaigns then raging in Pakistan's public universities, I could not find any dorm rooms to stay in, since these were not available for Ahmadi students, supposedly for their safety.

Someone suggested that I reach out to Mirza Masroor Ahmad Sahib, who was Nazir Aala at the time, to request temporary accommodation in one of the Jama'at guest houses. When I visited him, he smiled while reading my name and jokingly asked, "Aap naam ka kuch najaiz faida nahi utha rahe" ("Are you not taking unfair advantage of having the same name as me?"). Following the standard verification process, he approved my application for three weeks' stay at the guesthouse.

During these three weeks, I made every effort to find a reasonable apartment or room, but could not find any within my budget that were also within reasonable distance of the university. After my stay at the guesthouse, a few of our family friends hosted me for a few weeks. After that, I ran out of money and couldn't stay any longer. By this time, a few months had passed and my family asked me to come back. Truly stressed, I wrote to Huzur e Aqdas Khalifatul Masih IV (RA) for prayers.



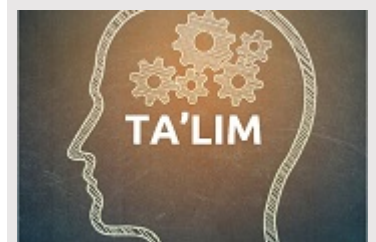
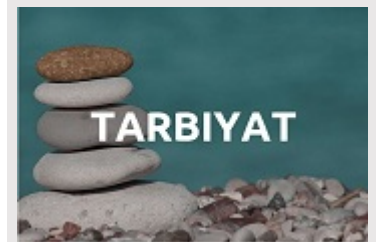
Finally, I decided to go back home. On the day I was supposed to leave - a Friday - Khuddam were asked to do security duty for the Jumu'a prayers so I went to our mosque, Aiwan e Tauheed Rawalpindi. The mosque had been under construction, but the authorities had stopped it because of pressure from anti-Ahmadiyya clerics/ movements. Thus, it was a very emotional time for all Ahmadis there. We offered prayers outside the mosque on the street.

I remember that particular Salat vividly even today. My heart witnessed a sign of Allah the Almighty. Allah granted me peace and faith that He had been listening to me and watching me throughout. And from that point onward I witnessed that a whole new mechanism of support had started. Miracles began to happen.

In a day or so, I found out that someone was urgently looking for a math and physics tutor for their private-school-going son and that they could provide transportation to and from the tutor's residence, wherever it was. I was offered a stipend which was much more than what I had received as my first salary after graduating. It was good enough to support my education and other expenses.

At the same time, a Khadim reached out to me and told me that he and his brother lived together and that they needed to rent out one of the rooms in their house. Their house was just a five minutes' walk from the highway, where university buses ran every hour. It was as perfectly a comfortable place as a student far from his home could wish for.

In less than a week all my issues had been resolved. I was able to study without any further challenges. I observed the power of prayer through the institution of Khalifat, and my fears were turned into peace. I graduated with distinction and moved on with the everlasting trust in Allah the Almighty and his system of khilafat to light my way. Alhamdulillah.



Living in the Ansar Housing Community - Rental unit(s) available

Would you like to live in a community where you can walk to Community Center for 5 daily prayers in congregation?
Information for renting house in Ansarullah Housing Complex Joppa, Maryland is available at the following link:

<https://ansarusa.org/rentallisting>



Family Day in Maryland

(Khalid Asad, Muntazim Umumi, MD Majlis)

The Maryland Jama'at held its first Family Day / Eid Festival on Sunday, May 8, 2022 from noon to 6 PM at the Baitur Rahman Mosque. The event was hosted by the Maryland Majlis Ansarullah in collaboration with the Maryland Lajna Imaillah and the Maryland Majlis Khuddamul Ahmadiyya, as a result of 2021 Majlis Ansarullah USA Shura recommendation (graciously approved by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masihul Khamis (aba)), to foster Islamic brotherhood and social interaction in our community. Alhamdulillah, despite less than ideal weather and COVID concerns, over 500 members (Ansar 127, Khuddam 68, Atfal 47, Lajna 189, Nasirat 38, Babies 31 approximately) participated in this fun-filled event.



Planning for this event began in March and continued until early May with focus on creating a flyer, requesting members to register online, and arranging for parking, traffic control, security, check-in, sports, board games, equipment rentals, setup, cooking, and cleanup. There were over 50 volunteers supporting, planning and helping during and after the event. On May 8, starting around 9am, volunteers began preparations, setting up serving tables, grills, a moon bounce, areas for sports, the men's Prayer Hall, the Lajna Prayer Hall, the Main Hall in the basement and the Old Basement. Volunteers began grilling a little later that morning.



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Tobaa and Role Playing games were next ! For the Tobaa card game there were a set of cards with each card having an "answer" word or phrase and several listed words that could not be said when giving clues for the answer. Multiple teams were formed, each with several clue givers. The clue givers picked cards and gave clues for the card's answer to the other members of their teams without saying any of the "prohibited" words. Whichever team got the most correct answers in the time allowed won the game.

In the role playing game a Nasir and a Khadim were paired up for each scenario. The Nasir played the role of the son and the Khadim played the role of the father. In the scenario, the Nasir (son) is playing games on his laptop but he has not completed his homework yet. The Nasir (son) and Khadim (father) get into a mock argument about the son's behavior. The Nasir and



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Khadim did a great job portraying what might happen in a real life situation and had fun playing the game. The audience enjoyed observing the game, and all were reminded of how difficult parenting can be and the kind of patience and mutual respect that is needed between parents and children.

Lajna Imaillah had similar activities in parallel. After Salaat, members enjoyed socializing along with a wide variety of tasty, freshly prepared food and drinks, including hamburgers, BBQ chicken, hot dogs, cake, lemonade and tea.



Later that day, there were plenty of activities for all to enjoy - cricket, volleyball, tug-of-war, badminton, table tennis, soccer, musical chairs, horseshoes, darts and board games as well as moon bounce, cotton candy and balloons for the children.

Finally, this fun-filled event ended around 5:00 PM. Alhamdulillah! May Allah bless all those who so willingly sacrificed their time to make this event such a success!

Send us your stories of brotherhood, Ijtimia memories, or any other inspiring experience that we can share with Ansar brothers via this e-newsletter.

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