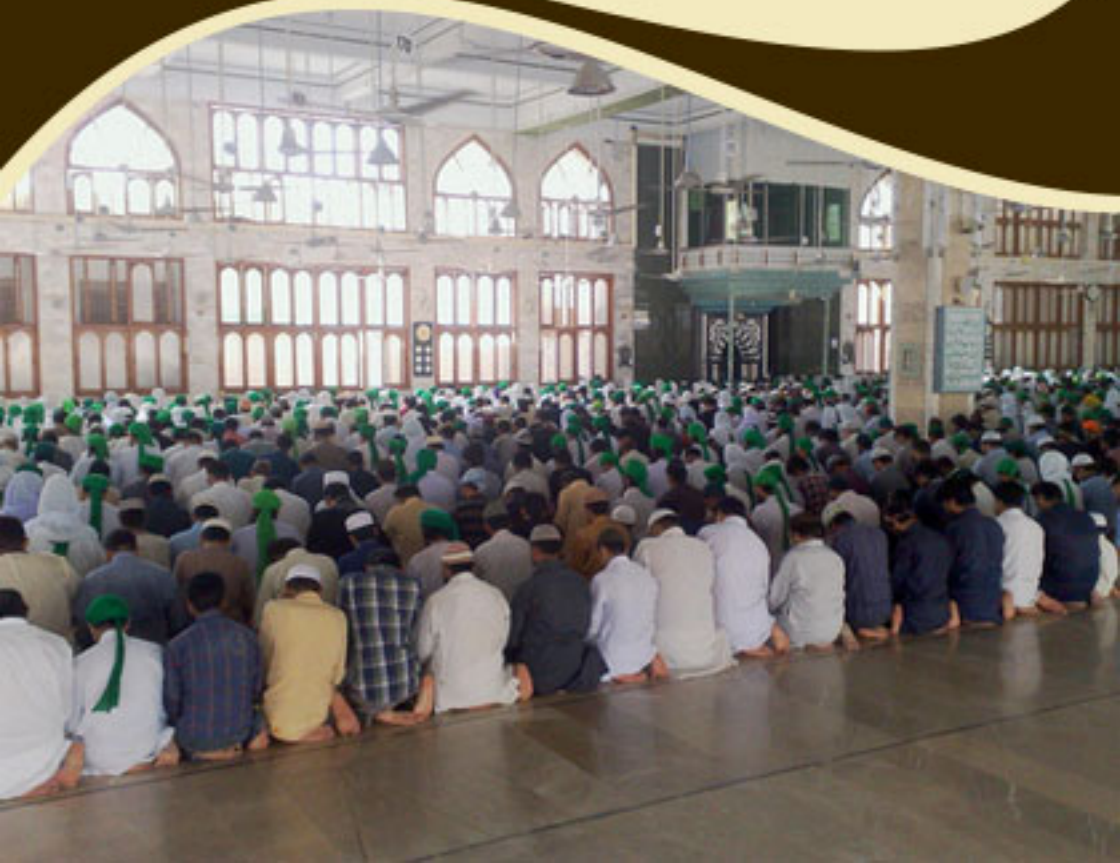


Warnings

against abandoning Jama'at

Sunnah-Inspiring speech of
weekly Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtim'a



الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
 أَمَا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Warnings against Abandoning Jama'at (congregational prayer)

الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى آلِكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
 الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ وَعَلَى آلِكَ وَأَصْحَابِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

Translation: I have made the intention of Sunnah I'tikaf.

Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of Nafli I'tikaf' because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafli (supererogatory) I'tikaf, and eating, drinking and sleeping will also become permissible for you in the Masjid.

Excellence of Salat-'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'The one who sends Salat upon me, the angels pray for his forgiveness until he continues sending; now it is up to that person, whether he recites more or less.'

(Majma'-uz-Zawaid lil-Hayshami, vol. 10, pp. 163, Hadees 17022)

قليل روزى په دو قناعت، فُضول گوئى سے ديدو نفرت
دُرود پڙهتا رهون بکثرت، نبى رحمت شفيع اُمت

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'نِيَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِّنْ عَمَلِهِ' *The intention of a believer is better than his action.*

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 6, pp. 185, Hadees 5942)

Two Madani pearls

- Without a good intention, no reward is granted for a good deed.
- The more righteous intentions one makes the greater reward he will attain.

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in Attahiyyaat position as long as possible with the intention of showing respect for religious knowledge.
3. I will make room for others by folding my hands and limbs and by moving slightly.
4. If someone pushes me, I will remain patient & calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ، etc., I will reply loudly with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.

6. After the Bayan, I will approach other people by making Salam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

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Intentions of delivering the Bayan

1. I also make the intention that I would deliver this speech (Bayan) in order to seek the pleasure of Allah ﷺ and for reaping the rewards.
2. I will deliver my speech (Bayan) by reading from a book of an authentic Sunni scholar.
3. Allah ﷻ has stated in the Glorious Quran:

أَدْعُ إِلَى سَبِيلِ رَبِّكَ بِالْحُكْمَةِ وَالنُّوْعِظَةِ الْحَسَنَةِ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: 'Call towards the path of your Lord with sound planning and good advice.' (Part 14, Surah An-Nahl, verse 125)

And the Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said:

بَلِّغُوا عَنِّي وَلَوْ آيَةً

'Convey from me even if it is a single verse.' (Sahih Bukhari, Hadees 4361)

4. I would follow these abovementioned commandments by calling people towards righteousness and will forbid them from committing evil deeds.
5. Whilst reciting poetry or speaking Arabic, English, or pronouncing difficult words, I will focus my attention on the sincerity of my heart. That is to say, I will avoid delivering my speech with the intention to impress the audience with my knowledge.

6. I will encourage the people to travel with Madani Qafilahs, to practice upon the Madani In'amaat and to join the 'Ilaqa'i Daura for Nayki ki Da'wat' (area visit for calling towards righteousness).
7. I will avoid laughing and prevent others from laughing as well.
8. In order to develop the habit of protecting my eyes from sins I will, as far as possible, lower my gaze.

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Virtue of Jama'at (praying in congregation)

It is stated on page 273 of the 2-volume book '*Uyun-ul-Hikayat*', a publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah (a great book of parables of warning): Sayyiduna 'Ubaydullah Bin 'Umar Qawaareeri رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: I have always offered my Salah with Jama'at, but alas! I once missed Salat-ul-'Isha; the reason behind it was that I received a guest and remained busy serving him. Having finished work, when I reached the Masjid, Jama'at was already performed; I started thinking of what could compensate the loss of Salah in Jama'at. I suddenly remembered the blessed saying of the Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: 'A Salah in Jama'at is 21 times greater than a Salah performed alone.' Similarly in some Ahadees it is stated '25 times greater' and '27 times greater' have also been reported. (*Sahih Bukhari, vol. 1, pp. 243, Hadees 645*)

I thought if I offer Salah 27 times, perhaps this could compensate for missing that Salah; so, I offered Salat-ul-'Isha 27 times, thereafter, sleepiness overcame me. I dreamt I was riding with some horse riders, all of us were going somewhere; in the meantime, one of them said to me, 'Do not work hard, you cannot join us.' I asked, 'Why not?' He replied, 'Because we have performed Salat-ul-'Isha with Jama'at.' (*Uyun-ul-Hikayat, vol. 2, pp. 94*)

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Obligation of Salah

Dear Islamic brothers! It is understood that if anybody performs Salah 27 times after leaving out a Salah in Jama'at, he can still never attain the reward equal to Salah in Jama'at. Indeed, Salah with Jama'at has its own blessings which cannot be gained without Jama'at, therefore, we should also take great care of punctuality of Jama'at and priority must be given to Salah over any other work, family or other activities because no act is more important than Salah. Allah ﷻ says:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تُلْهِكُمْ أَمْوَالُكُمْ وَلَا أَوْلَادُكُمْ عَنْ ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ ۗ وَمَنْ يَفْعَلْ
ذَلِكَ فَأُولَئِكَ هُمُ الْخَاسِرُونَ ﴿٩﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O People who believe! May not your wealth or your children cause you to neglect the remembrance of Allah; and whoever does this – so it is they who are in a loss. *(Part 28, Surah Al-Munafiqun, verse 9)*

Commenting on the abovementioned blessed verse, the commentators رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى have stated: In this blessed verse, 'ذِكْرِ اللَّهِ' refers to the five Salahs, therefore, whoever shows negligence in performing Salahs in their time due to business activities or children, will suffer loss. *(Kitab-ul-Kabair, pp. 20)*

At another place, the Glorious Quran states:

مَا سَلَكَكُمْ فِي سَقَرٍ ﴿٢٩﴾ قَالُوا لَمْ نَكُ مِنَ الْمَصَلِّينَ ﴿٣٠﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: 'What took you into the Hell?' They said, 'We never used to offer the prayer.' *(Part 29, Surah Al-Muddassir, verse 42-43)*

The most Revered and Renowned Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'The first deed by which a servant will be called to account on the Day of

Resurrection is his Salah. If it is correct, he would attain salvation and success, but if it is defective, he will be disgraced and destroyed.'

(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 1, pp. 421, Hadees 413)

Dear Islamic brothers! Blessed Ahadees describe the method of performing Salah, virtues of performing Salah and warnings against abandoning them clearly showing the great significance of Salah. The Holiest and Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'There are five Salahs, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has prescribed upon His bondsmen. If anyone offers them and does not leave them by treating them lightly, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ guarantees that He will enter him into Jannah. If anyone does not offer them, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ does not take any responsibility for such a person. He may either punish him or enter him into Paradise.' (Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 2, pp. 89, Hadees 1420)

نَارِ جَهَنَّمَ سے تُو امان دے خُلْدِ بَرِّين دے باغِ جَنان دے
واسِطَه نُعمانِ بِنِ ثابِتِ كا يا اللهُ مَرِي جَهولِي بَهردے

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Perform Salah with Jama'at

Dear Islamic brothers! Where the Glorious Quran and blessed Ahadees command us to perform Salah, it refers to discharging all obligatory acts of Salah, and Salah with Jama'at is one of the obligatory acts. The Glorious Quran also states:

وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَارْكَعُوا مَعَ الرَّاكِعِينَ ﴿٢٣﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And keep the (obligatory) prayer established, and pay the charity, and bow your heads with those who bow (in prayer).

(Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, verse 43)

It is mentioned in *Tafseer-e-Khazin* that the above-mentioned blessed verse encourages people to offer Salah with Jama'at, in other words, Perform Salah with Jama'at along with performers of Salah. (*Tafseer-e-Khazin, vol. 1, pp. 49*)

At another place the Glorious Quran states:

يَوْمَ يُكْشَفُ عَن سَاقٍ وَيُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى السُّجُودِ فَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ ﴿٤٢﴾ خَاشِعَةً
أَبْصَارُهُمْ تَرَاهُمْ ذُلًّا ۗ وَقَدْ كَانُوا يُدْعَوْنَ إِلَى السُّجُودِ وَهُمْ سَلِيمُونَ ﴿٤٣﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: On the day when the shin will be exposed and they will be called to prostrate themselves, they will be unable. With lowered eyes, disgrace overcoming them; and indeed they used to be called to prostrate themselves whilst they were healthy.

(Part 29, Surah Al-Qalam, verse 42-43)

Commenting on the above-mentioned blessed verses, Sayyiduna Ibraheem Taymi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: That will be Judgement Day; they will be overcome with the disgrace of deep regret, because when they are called towards the act of submission (prostration), despite them being healthy, do not offer Salah. Sayyiduna Ka'b-ul-Ahbaar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has stated: I swear by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ this blessed verse is revealed against the late-comers who leave Salah in Jama'at without any Shar'ee reason and what is stricter warning than this one. (*Tafseer Qurtubi, vol. 1, pp. 187*)

Performing Salah with Jama'at

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen that according to the abovementioned blessed verse, abandoning Salah in Jama'at without any Shar'ee reason may bring about disgrace and humiliation on the Day of Judgement. Therefore, we should not miss Jama'at, if there is no genuine Shar'ee reason. Let's listen to some blessed Ahadees in order to understand the importance of Salah in Jama'at.

If he had known the loss of missing Jama'at...

Sayyiduna Abu Umamah رضي الله تعالى عنه narrated, the Blessed and Beloved Prophet صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم has stated, 'If the late-comer of Salah had known what is for him, he would have come dragging.'

(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 8, pp. 224, Hadees 7886)

Sayyiduna Abu Darda رضي الله تعالى عنه has narrated that the Noblest Prophet صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم has said, 'If there are three people in a village, city or in a jungle and they do not perform their Salah with Jama'at, Satan has overpowered them. Therefore, consider Jama'at compulsory, for a goat which leaves the flock is eaten up by the wolf.'*(Sunan Nasai, pp. 147, Hadees 844)*

Commenting on the abovementioned blessed Hadees, 'Allamah Badruddin 'Aynee Hanafi رحمته الله القوي has stated: This blessed Hadees means that Satan overpowers the one who abandons Jama'at as the wolf eats up the goat which strays away from the herd, and the Hadees mentions three because 'جمع' (plural) means three and three people can establish Jumu'ah; furthermore, we have learned though this blessed Hadees that if there are two people at a location and if both of them offer Salah separately, they will not be considered sinners. *(Sharh Abu Dawood, vol. 3, pp. 18)*

Dear Islamic brothers! By offering Salah with Jama'at, not only love and affection develops amongst Muslims but also the reward of Salah increases many times. In blessed Ahadees, at many places, the abundance of rewards and glad-tidings have been mentioned for those who perform Salah with Jama'at. Let's listen to four blessed sayings of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صلى الله تعالى عليه وآله وسلم:

1. Whoever performs Wudu properly, walks for the obligatory Salah and offers Salah led by the Imam, his sins will be forgiven.

(Sahih Ibn Khuzaymah, vol. 2, pp. 373, Hadees 1489)

Allah عز وجل loves those who offer Salah with Jama'at.

(Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 2, pp. 309, Hadees 5112)

3. Salah with Jama'at is 27 times greater than a Salah offered alone.
(*Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 232, Hadees 645*)
4. When a bondsman offers Salah with Jama'at, begs for his need from Allah ﷻ, Allah ﷻ feels shy of this that His bondsman returns before fulfilling his need. (*Hilya-tul-Awliya, vol. 7, pp. 299, Hadees 10591*)

میں ساتھ جماعت کے پڑھوں ساری نمازیں
اللہ! عبادت میں میرے دل کو لگا دے

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen the great virtues of offering Salah with Jama'at and how fortunate those people are who earn reward 27 times greater; such people are beloveds of Allah; their prayers are answered and they gain virtues on every step taken with the intention of Salah, they will continue receiving reward until they wait for the Salah of Jama'at; in short, Salah with Jama'at is full of advantages and benefits and whoever performs 40 Salahs with Jama'at, enjoys even greater benefits.

Dear Islamic brothers! The Revered and Renowned Prophet ﷺ has stated, 'Whoever attends Salahs in Jama'at for 40 days regularly, from the first Takbeer, two types of protection is recorded for him; protection from the fire of Hell and protection against hypocrisy.'

(*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 1, pp. 274, Hadees 241*)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen that whoever performs congregational prayer not only remains safe from the evil of hypocrisy but also seeks protection from the fire of Hell.

Sayyiduna Imam Sharfuddin Husayn Bin Muhammad Tayyibi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْقَوِي has stated: Protection from hypocrisy means that he will remain immune

from hypocrisy in the world and he will be privileged to carry out deeds as the sincere & virtuous people do; moreover, he will be safe from Hell-fire in which the hypocrite will suffer in, then it implies that it will be testified that he is not a hypocrite because hypocrites stand with laziness for Salah whereas his state is opposite to them. *(Sharh At-Tayyibi, vol. 3, pp. 75)*

Dear Islamic brothers! Despite a great deal of blessings and virtues, showing laziness and leaving Jama'at is a very strange. But alas! Jama'at is largely ignored and no signs of grief and sadness appear on our faces but when we read about the spiritual state of our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى, we realize that if they would miss Takbeer-e-Oola, they would deeply grieve as if they have suffered a massive loss; these people used to consider Takbeer-e-Oola greater than this world and whatever exists in it, and this is indeed the truth.

Sayyiduna Imam Muhammad Ghazali عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى has stated: It is narrated that our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى used to give precedence to Salah over other things to such an extent that if anyone would miss Jama'at then they would mourn for seven days. *(Mukashafa-tul-Quloob, pp. 268)*

We should also develop the importance and devotion towards Jama'at in ourselves and inculcate this habit of Jama'at into our children from a very early age.

Questioning over leaving Takbeer-e-Oola

Imam Mujahid عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى has narrated: A Badri Sahabi of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ asked his son, 'Did you perform congregational prayer with us?' His son replied, 'Yes' he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked again, 'Did you get Takbeer-e-Oola?' His son humbly replied, 'No.' He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said, 'The part of Salah you have missed is better than one hundred dark-eyed camels.'

(Musannaf 'Abdur Razzaq, vol. 1, pp. 391, Hadees 2025)

Advised son to stay Masjid

Advising his son, Sayyiduna Abu Darda رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said to him: Dear son! The Masjid should be your house; undoubtedly, I have heard the Beloved and

Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saying, 'Masajid are the houses of the pious people and the one whose house is the Masjid, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ becomes Guarantor of his forgiveness, blessing and crossing the bridge of Siraat safely.

(Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaybah, vol. 8, pp. 172, Hadees 1)

Head was shaved

Sayyiduna Salih Bin Kaysaan رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, the blessed teacher of Sayyiduna 'Umar Bin 'Abdul 'Azeez عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْعَزِيزِ built the character and courtesy of his beloved student. It can be realized through this fact that Sayyiduna 'Umar Bin 'Abdul 'Azeez عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْعَزِيزِ once could not join the congregational prayer. The blessed teacher inquired the reason. He رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ replied, 'I was combing that time' The blessed teacher asked, 'You prefer combing over Salah!' His father who was in Egypt at the time, was also informed about this; as an immediate reaction he instantly sent one of his important people to discipline his son; upon reaching Madinah, he shaved the son's head then commenced other talks. *(Seerat Ibn Jawzi, pp. 14)*

Such strict training resulted in the blessed personality of Sayyiduna 'Umar Bin 'Abdul 'Azeez عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْعَزِيزِ that he was secured from all kinds of moral vices in which many young men were indulged in.

Dear Islamic brothers! This blessed parable has many fragrant Madani pearls for those parents who do not pay attention towards the proper upbringing and training of their children. They question and inquire about their worldly matters but do not persuade them to offer Salah.

Remember! Training of children does not simply mean providing them with food and clothing, rather also struggling to mould them into being submissive to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the prime responsibility of parents. In today's evil and sinful era, the importance and desperate need of Madani training of children has grown considerably especially since the Muslim society is entirely surrounded by fashion & style, deception, influence of T.V, Dish, cable network, internet, social media, romantic novels, misuse of mobiles, bad friends, sinful parties etc. No one is unaware of the fact that immorality is being propagated in the name of information and entertainment

through innovative equipments. So, the proper training of our Madani children is essential in order to make them productive people of the Islamic society.

The best source of providing training to children, is to associate yourselves and your children with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami because when we ourselves are associated with this Madani environment and are practicing upon the Madani In'amaat booklet as well as taking part in the campaign of enlivening the Masjid and watching the 100% Islamic channel 'Madani Channel' only, abandoning all other sinful channels then by the grace of Allah ﷺ, it would not only prove best for our own training but will also be a great means for Madani training of our children إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

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إِنَّا نَحْفَظُ لِرَبِّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Dar-ul-Madinah, Jami'a-tul-Madinah and Madrasa-tul-Madinah are established for the training of children in accordance with the Sunnah in the Madani environment where Madani children (boys and girls) are provided Madani training according to the Sunnah. In terms of training children, obtain the 188-page book 'Tarbiyat-e-Awlad', a publication of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, which contains Quranic verses & blessed Ahadees and sayings of the blessed saints رَحِمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى related to the training of children covering all aspects of a child's birth to marriage as well as various rulings and manners of life added in this book. Not only should you read it but also persuade others to read it and become deserving of Sawaab-e-Jaariyah (perpetual reward).

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4. The Lying Thief

يا رَبِّ بچا لے تُو مجھے نارِ جَحِيم سے اولاد پہ بھی بلکہ جہنمِ حرام ہو

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Who is wise?

Dear Islamic brothers! Wise is only that person who not only acts upon the instructions of the Deen himself but also makes his children follow the Sunnah and Shari'ah as well as informs him of the importance & significance of congregational prayer because Salah is the most important worship out of all worship and it is the source of salvation and the key to Jannah; therefore, we must protect our Salah properly and it should be performed with Jama'at on time. It has generally been observed that people offer Salah at home and avoid coming to the Masjid simply due to laziness, they are deprived of great rewards. Remember! Jama'at is obligatory upon every free, adult and sane Muslim male and whoever abandons it even once without any valid excuse is a sinner and deserves punishment and whoever abandons it frequently is a transgressor, his testimony is unacceptable and severe punishment will be given to him and if his neighbours remain silent, they will also be sinners. *(Bahar-e-Shari'at, pp. 582)*

Understand the significance of congregational prayer in this way if we get to know that our goods will be sold here in our city in a low price and if it is sold overseas, it will be sold for 27 times more, then everyone will prefer to sell his goods across overseas because no one will miss such a profit, however it is amazing that walking a few steps towards the Masjid carries 27 times greater rewards but people abandon Jama'at without any Shar'ee reason taking no care. On the contrary, the routine of Sahabah Kiram رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ is that they would walk miles to perform congregational prayers in the Masjid.

Sayyiduan Abu Zubayr رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ reported: I have heard Sayyiduna Jaabir (رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ) saying: Our houses were situated far away from the Masjid; we, therefore, decided to sell our houses so that we may be able to come near the Masjid. The Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ forbade us to do so and said, 'There is a reward for you for every step.' *(Sahih Muslim, pp. 335, Hadees 6)*

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! The Blessed Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ had an overwhelming passion for offering Salah; truly, walking miles away for the five times Salahs was not an easy task, and their passion of submission is worth noticing, that due to earning more rewards they did not buy a house near Masjid-un-Nabwi! On the other hand our unfortunate condition is contrary to theirs that there are Masajid near our houses and if a Masjid is not very far and we feel lazy to go on foot, we can even reach the Masjid by a conveyance but unfortunately we still do not offer congregational prayer. Those who do not offer congregational prayer due to laziness they should listen to the following blessed Hadees very carefully and ponder on it over and over again and overcome their laziness and negligence by listening to Madani pearls of warning and make up their minds to offer Salah with punctuality.

The Blessed and Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ found some people missing in Salah and then stated, 'I want to instruct any person to person Salah, then I go towards those people who get late for congregational prayer and burn their houses.' (*Sahih Muslim, pp. 327, Hadees 251, 252*)

مَازُونَ مِیۡنَ مَجۡهۡے ہرگز نہ ہو سستی کبھی آقا

پڑھوں پانچوں نمازیں باجماعت یا رسول اللہ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Seriously ponder; our Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would love his Ummah unconditionally and would weep all the night long for the forgiveness and salvation of his Ummah. Such a Merciful Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated in anger, 'Those who do not offer prayer with Jama'at, I want to burn their houses'. Remember! مَعَادَةَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ none must dare think, due to this narration that the blessed Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ used to miss their congregational prayers.

Commenting on the abovementioned blessed Hadees, the renowned commentator of Glorious Quran, Mufti Ahmad Yaar Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْعَمَّان has

elaborated and said, 'Here 'those people who miss congregational prayers' refers to hypocrites because no blessed Sahabi رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ had abandoned his congregational prayer and his arrival in the Masjid without any valid reason.'
(*Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 2, pp. 168*)

The blessed Sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ would perform congregational prayer in the Masjid despite having valid excuses.

Sayyiduna Ibn Umm-e-Maktoom رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ came to the blessed court of the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and humbly said, 'There are many venomous creatures and wild beasts in Madinah; I am blind and I have no appropriate guide who leads me; so allow me to pray in my house. The Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Can you hear the Azan?' He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said, 'Yes' The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'You must come for Salah because I do not allow you any respite.'
(*Sunan Abi Dawood, vol. 1, pp. 229, Hadees 552*)

Fear of losing faith at the time of death

It is not allowed at all to miss the primary Jama'at of Fard Salah held in the Masjid on account of attending Iftaar-dinners, ceremonies, Niyaz (meal served to send Sawaab to the saints) and Na'at-reciting etc. In case of holding the Jama'at of Tarawih at home or in a hall or a mansion, it is Wajib to offer the Fard-Rak'at (of Salat-ul-'Isha) with the primary Jama'at in the Masjid first if there is a Masjid in the vicinity. Those not offering the Fard Salah with the primary Jama'at held in Masjid without a Shar'ee exemption despite having the capability to so should fear. There is a shocking saying of the Holy Prophet ﷺ, 'The one liking to meet Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in the state of being a Muslim tomorrow (the Judgement Day) should regularly offer these five Salahs with Jama'at at the place where the Azan is called, for Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has rendered Sunan-e-Huda as Mashroo' for your Prophet (ﷺ) and Salah with Jama'at is also one of the Sunan-e-Huda. If you give up your Prophet's Sunnah, you will deviate from the right path.'

(*Sahih Muslim, pp. 328, Hadees 654*)

The abovementioned Hadees indicates that the one offering Salah with the primary Jama'at (of the Masjid) regularly will have a good end (die with faith)

whereas the one abandoning the primary Jama'at of the Masjid without a Shar'ee exemption is in danger of dying in the state of Kufr (disbelief).

Those not offering Salah with complete Jama'at out of sheer laziness should pay attention to the following saying of A'la Hadrat Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat Maulana Ash-Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ says that it is stated in *Al-Bahr-ur-Raiq* with the reference of *Quniyyah* that if someone continued to wait for Iqamat to enter the Masjid having heard the Azan, he would be a sinner.'

(Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 7, pp. 102 – Al-Bahr-ur-Raiq, vol. 1, pp. 603)

On the same page of *Fatawa Razawiyyah*, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ writes, 'The one waiting for Iqamat whilst at his home having heard the Azan, his evidence will not be accepted.' *(Al-Bahr-ur-Raiq, vol. 1, pp. 453)*

Dear Islamic brothers! The majority of our people continue spending their time in Markets and offices in the name of being busy, Azans (calling to prayers) start and end, congregational prayers start and end but these people do not feel it and if some people offer Salah, they abandon Jama'at and they sometimes even abandon Salah while working and gossiping, but alas, there is no sign of sadness. To the virtuous people the importance of Jama'at is greater than any grand kingdom.

Salah is better than any kingdom

Sayyiduna Maymoon Bin Mihaan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ entered a Masjid, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was informed, 'Jama'at is over and people have gone.' Listening to this, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ suddenly uttered: 'إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ' and then said: 'To me the congregational prayer is more important than the kingdom of Iraq.'

(Mukashafa-tul-Quloob, pp. 268)

Missing Jama'at is stricter than the death of a child

Sayyiduna Haatim Asam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: Once I missed my Jama'at, only Abu Ishaq Bukhari (رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ) came to pay condolences and if my son

had died, 10000 people would have come for condolences. Alas! To people, the trouble of world has become greater than the trouble to the Deen.

(*Mukashafa-tul-Quloob*, pp. 168)

Donated the garden

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin 'Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has stated: Sayyiduna 'Umar Farooq-e-A'zam رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ once went towards a garden and people had offered Salat-ul-'Asr when he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ returned. Upon this, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ recited 'إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ' and said, 'I have missed my 'Asr Jama'at, therefore, I make you witness that my garden is a Sadaqah for the poor so it compensates for my action.' (*Az-Zawajir*, vol. 1, pp. 311)

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ! Dear Islamic brothers! Have you observed the significance of Jama'at in the eyes of our pious predecessors رَحِمَهُمُ اللهُ تَعَالَى that to them missing congregational prayer was a bigger loss than losing wealth or children.

Campaign of enlivening the Masjid!

Dear Islamic brothers! شَيْخِنَا اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Dawat-e-Islami is a movement full of Sunnahs, aiming that every child of this Ummah becomes Salah-abiding and launched the campaign of enlivening Masjid. Sometimes political parties run campaigns to 'fill the prisons'; however, since Dawat-e-Islami is completely a non-political Sunnah-inspiring Madani movement, it has the aim of enlivening our Masjid and makes Muslims practical in regularly performing their Salah. Act upon Madani In'amaat no. 2 out of 72 Madani In'amaat which is as follows: *Today, did you offer all the five daily Salahs in the first row of the Masjid, with Jama'at (congregation), joining from the primary Takbeer¹? Did you try to take at least one person to the Masjid with you each time?*

Dear Islamic brothers! Take interest in virtuous deeds. Step up the campaign of persuading others to offer Salah. Every time you head towards the Masjid,

¹ Primary Takbeer [Takbeer-e-Tahrimah] is accomplished if one joins the Jama'at up until the Ruku' of the first Rak'at (cycle).

take others with you, persuading them. Teach Salah to those who do not know how to offer it correctly. If you inspire even a single person to offer Salah, you will attain the reward of every Salah he offers. Enrol yourselves in Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for adults) normally held after Salat-ul-'Isha for approximately 40 minutes. Learn the Holy Quran and teach it to others in the Madrasah. If anyone learns Quran from you, you will also gain reward every time he recites it. Act upon the Sunnah and persuade others to do the same. If you teach a single Sunnah to anyone, you will also gain its reward every time he acts upon it. Take part in the campaign of reforming yourselves and others by travelling with Madani Qafilahs and acting upon the Madani In'amaat, working like a 'machine' that makes Muslims pious. You will have a great deal of reward, gaining success in this worldly life as well as in the afterlife.

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Advantages of performing Salah with Jama'at

Dear Islamic brothers! Develop the habit of offering Salah with Jama'at regularly. When it is the time of Salah, come to the Masjid abandoning all other activities. There are numerous wisdoms and facts of Salah with Jama'at. Hakeem-ul-Ummat, Mufti Ahmad Yaar Khan عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الْوَالِدَيْنِ raises a question: Why is Salah offered with Jama'at? What wisdom lies behind it? Why do people come to the Masjid? Then answering his own question he عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الْوَالِدَيْنِ stated: There are many worldly and Hereafter advantages that lie in Jama'at. Worldly advantages are as follows:

With the blessings of Jama'at, a unity continues to foster in the Muslims who should elect a guide for their every work like the Imam then obey him as worshippers follow their Imams. Unity is promoted by Salah in Jama'at. Daily five times meeting and greetings remove spite and enmity, society becomes habitual of punctuality of time as all people rush to the Masjid to join Jama'at. Jama'at removes pride & arrogance as a minister or influential person also has to stand beside a beggar or a poor person; moreover, the Masjid is our house, committee or place of consultation where Muslims gather and consult one another on important issues, it is as if the five conferences are being held

daily in Masjid. If a single person's Salah is accepted in Jama'at, Salah of everyone is also accepted. Each step towards the Masjid earns 10 virtues and through Jama'at, mentors, scholars and mystics teach people manners and etiquettes. (*Rasaail-e-Na'eemiyah, pp. 288*)

میں پانچوں نمازیں پڑھوں با جماعت	ہو توفیق ایسی عطا یا الہی
میں پڑھتا رہوں سُنَّتیں، وَقْت ہی پر	ہوں سارے نوافل آدا یا الہی
دے شوقِ تلاوت دے دَوَقِ عبادت	رہوں با وُضُو میں سدا یا الہی
ہمیشہ نگاہوں کو اپنی جُھکا کر	کروں خاشعانه دُعا یا الہی

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Summary of the Bayan

Dear Islamic brothers! **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** in today's Bayan, we have listened to the virtues of Salah with Jama'at in the light of Quran and Hadees, that whoever offers Salah with Jama'at, obtains virtues upon each step, his status gets increased and he earns great rewards such as the great privilege of seeking forgiveness etc., we have also listened about warnings against abandoning Jama'at and the following warning is sufficient for those who abandon Jama'at that the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has stated: People should refrain from abandoning Jama'at or I will burn their houses. Moreover, whoever attends Jama'at-e-Oola regularly, will have a peaceful end and whoever abandons Jama'at-e-Oola without any Shar'ee reason, **مَعَادَ اللّٰہِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** will die upon disbelief.

Therefore, we should continue fearing Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and be punctual in offering Salah with Jama'at otherwise remember, on the Day of Judgement, we shall not be able to endure the horrible Divine torment. May Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** grant us the privilege to offer Salah with Jama'at.

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Majlis for traders

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! 97 departments of Dawat-e-Islami have been serving to call towards righteousness, providing training of the Sunnah and conveying the importance of Salah with Jama'at; the Majlis for traders is one of these 97 departments. Trade and business is such an important field in any country which plays a pivotal role to boost the economy of its homeland and the economy of many countries depend on just trade; but owing to being ignorant of Islamic knowledge, a large number of Muslims are absolutely unaware of significant Islamic rules in this respect. Therefore, the non-political & global movement for the preaching of Quran and Sunnah has formed a Majlis with the title of 'Majlis-e-Taajiran' (Majlis for traders) which discharges the responsibility of imparting Islamic education related to trade and business to the traders, spreading the call towards righteousness, conducting Dars from *Faizan-e-Sunnat* at some appropriate locations in markets by associating traders with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami which is called 'Chowk Dars' i.e. delivering Dars at busy squares. Besides that, from time to time, 'Tijaarat courses' i.e. courses for trades are conducted, Bayanaat on Madani Channel in the program 'Ahkaam-e-Tijaarat' are also broadcast regularly. In short! In order to rectify trade dealings & ways in accordance with the Sunnah and Shari'ah, this Majlis of Dawat-e-Islami is striving to cover all aspects of trade and business.

اللہ کرم ایسا کرے تجھ پہ جہاں میں اے دعوتِ اسلامی تیری ڈھوم مچی ہو!

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّی اللّٰهُ تَعَالٰی عَلٰی مُحَمَّد

Participate in the 12 Madani activities

Dear Islamic brothers! If we want to lead a life following the footsteps of our blessed saints رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰی, we should associate ourselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ It is that pleasant Madani environment which has developed a mind-set of reforming and rectifying all people of the world following in the footsteps of the pious predecessors

رَحْمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى and persuaded to take part in 12 Madani works of the Zayli Halqah with strong zeal and fervour.

One of the 12 Madani activities is 'Madani Halqah after Salat-ul-Fajr', which includes the recitation of three Quranic verses along with translation from *Kanz-ul-Iman* and Tafseer (interpretation) from *Khazain-ul-'Irfaan/Noor-ul-'Irfaan/Siraat-ul-Jinaan*, followed by a Dars from *Faizan-e-Sunnat* (4 pages) and the recitation of Shajarah Qadiriyyah Razawiyyah Ziyaiyyah 'Attariyyah. Reciting & teaching the sacred Quran while understanding & making others also understand it is the most excellent job.

The Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated:

خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ

The best among you is the one who learns the [blessed] Quran and teaches it.

(Sahih Bukhari, Kitab Fazail-ul-Quran, vol. 3, pp. 410, Hadees 5027)

Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said, the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: 'The one who has learnt the [blessed] Quran and taught it and acted upon whatever was mentioned in it, the [blessed] Quran will intercede for him and will deliver him to Jannah.' (*Taariikh Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 41, pp. 3, Hadees 1045; Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 10, pp. 198, Hadees 10450*)

It is stated in another blessed Hadees 'One who has taught a single verse of the [blessed] Quran or any Sunnah of the Deen, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will prepare such a kind of reward for him on the Day of Judgement that none will have a better reward than that.' (*Jam'-ul-Jawami', vol. 7, pp. 281, Hadees 22454*)

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! The Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami develops our mind-set to cultivate the habit of showing great dedication to the blessed saints رَحْمَهُمُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى, recitations of Zikr & Salat (Durood), persuasion towards righteous deeds and developing the mind-set showing hatred to sins. With the blessings of this Madani environment, a large number of Islamic brothers are

leading their lives peacefully according to the blessed Sunnah and are ridding themselves of sinful activities.

Fashionable man becomes 'Muballigh of Sunnah'

Dear Islamic brothers! In order to getting rid of eating harmful foods, avoiding non-Islamic fashion, to adopt the Sunnah and to show devotion to the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in your heart, Join the ever-blossoming Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, a global & non-political movement of the Quran and Sunnah. Here is a pleasant and faith-refreshing Madani incident:

A modern young man of Indor city (M.P. India) was blessed with doing the collective I'tikaf organised by Dawat-e-Islami in the last ten days of the Ramadan in 1426 A.H. The Madani atmosphere of Dawat-e-Islami and company of lovers of the Beloved Rasool caused a Madani transformation in his heart. He grew a beard and adorned his head with a green 'Imamah (turban). He also travelled for 12 days in a Madani Qafilah in order to learn the Sunnah.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! He became a Muballigh of Dawat-e-Islami. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Till the time of writing this account, he is busy serving Dawat-e-Islami in his city as the Nigran (responsible) of a Halqah Mushawarat.

اللہ کرم ایسا کرے تجھ پہ جہاں میں اے دعوتِ اسلامی تیری دُھوم مچی ہو!

Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I take this opportunity to mention the excellence of a Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'He who loves my Sunnah, loves me, and he who loves me will be with me in Jannah.'

(Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343)

سینہ تری سُنَّت کا مدینہ بنے آقا جَنَّت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Madani pearls about drinking of water

1. Two blessed sayings of Mustafa ﷺ:
 - a. Do not drink (water) all at once like a camel does, rather drink in two or three sips (while breathing). Recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ before you drink and say اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ when you finish. *(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 3, pp. 352, Hadees 1892)*
 - b. The Holy Prophet ﷺ has forbidden us to breath into the vessel or to blow into it. *(Sunan Abi Dawud, vol. 3, pp. 474, Hadees 3728)*

The renowned commentator of the Holy Quran, Hakim-ul-Ummat Mufti Ahmad Yaar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ has said in his commentary of this Hadees: To breath into the vessel is an act of animals. Furthermore, the breathe, sometimes, may be poisonous therefore one should breath moving the mouth away from the utensil (i.e. to take the mouth away from the glass while breathing). Do not cool hot milk by blowing it, wait for some time, and drink it when it is a bit cool. *(Mirat, vol. 6, pp. 77)* But there is no harm to blow by reciting any verse of the Quran or Salat-'Alan-Nabi etc. with the intention of cure.

2. Recite بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ before drinking.
3. Drink water in small sips, large sips causes damage to the liver.
4. Drink water in three breaths.
5. Drink water with the right hand whilst sitting.
6. Look into the utensil before drinking that nothing harmful is in it. *(Ithaf-us-Sadah liz-Zabeedi, vol. 5, pp. 594)*
7. Recite اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ after drinking.
8. Leftover clean water of a Muslim should not be thrown away.

9. The leftover of a Muslim is cure¹.
10. After some moments of drinking the water, if you observe the empty glass, some drops of water will be found collected at the bottom trickling down from its inner sides, drink them as well.

To learn various Sunan, obtain the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari'at* part 16 comprising of 312 pages and *Sunnatayn aur Adaab*, comprising of 120 pages, both published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami. One of the best ways to learn Sunan is to travel in the Madani Qafilahs of Dawat-e-Islami with the lovers of the Beloved Prophet.

مجھ کو جذبہ دے سفر کرتا رہوں پروردگار سنتوں کی تربیت کے قافلے میں بار بار

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi that are recited in the Sunnah-Inspiring weekly Ijtima' (congregation) of Dawat-e-Islami:

1. The Salat-'Alan-Nabi for the night preceding Friday

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ الْحَبِيبِ
الْعَالِي الْقَدْرِ الْعَظِيمِ الْجَاهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

¹ Al-Fatawa Al-Faqihi-tul-Kubra li Ibn Hajar Al-Haytami, vol. 4, pp. 117; Kashf-ul-Khifa, vol. 1, pp. 384

The saints of Islam have quoted that whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi at least once on the night preceding Friday [the night between Thursday and Friday] on a regular basis will be blessed with the vision of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ at the time of death, as well as at the time of his burial into the grave, to the extent that he will see the Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. *(Afzal-us-Salawat 'ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 151)*

2. All sins forgiven

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Anas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated, 'Whoever recites this Salat upon me whilst standing, then prior to his sitting back; and if he recites it whilst sitting, then before he stands back, his sins will be forgiven.' *(ibid, pp. 65)*

3. 70 Portals of mercy

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Whoever recites this Salat-'Alan-Nabi, 70 portals of mercy are opened for him. *(Al-Qaul-ul-Badi', pp. 277)*

4. The reward of 600,000 Salawat-'Alan-Nabi

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ عَدَدَ
مَا فِي عِلْمِ اللَّهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً بَدْوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Sawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْهَامِي reports from some saints of Islam that the one reciting this Salat-‘Alan-Nabi once receives the reward of reciting Salat-‘Alan-Nabi 600,000 times. (*Afzal-us-Salawat ‘ala Sayyid-is-Sadat*, pp. 149)

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Prophet ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ], and the Holy Prophet ﷺ made him sit in between himself and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddiq رضي الله تعالى عنه. The respected companions رضي الله تعالى عنهم were surprised as to who that honoured person was. When he had left, the Holy Prophet ﷺ said, ‘When he recites Salat upon me, he does so in these words.’ (*Al-Qaul-ul-Badi’*, pp. 125)

6. Durood-e-Shafa’at

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَانزِلْهُ الْبُقْعَةَ الْمُقَرَّبَةَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet ﷺ has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become obligatory for him.

(*Attarghib Wattarhib*, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadees31)

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn ‘Abbas رضي الله تعالى عنهما that the Noble and Blessed Prophet ﷺ has stated, ‘For the reciter of above supplication, seventy angels write good deeds (in his account) for 1000 days.’

(*Majma’-uz-Zawaid*, pp. 254, vol. 10, Hadees 17305)

2. An easy way to spend every night in worship

The following narration has been mentioned on page 187 of *Gharaib-ul-Quran*, 'If anyone recites the following Du'a three times at night it is as if he has found Layla-tul-Qadr.' We should recite it every night. Here is the Du'a:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Translation: There is none worthy of worship except Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Who is 'حَلِيمٌ' and 'كَرِيمٌ'. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'سُبْحَانَ', Rab of the seven skies and the magnificent 'Arsh.