

Reverence to صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ the Beloved Prophet

With the
Blessings of Celebrating Milad

*Sunnah-Inspiring speech of
weekly Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima*



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

Reverence to the Beloved Prophet ﷺ

With the Blessings of Celebrating Milad

وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِكِ يَا حَيِّبَ اللَّهِ
 وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
 وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِكِ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ
 وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ 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 Nafil I'tikaf because as long as you stay in the Masjid you will keep obtaining the reward of Nafil (supererogatory) I'tikaf, and eating, drinking and sleeping will also become permissible for you in the Masjid.

Excellence of reciting Salat- 'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَانزِلْهُ الْمُقْعَدَ الْمُقْرَبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become obligatory for him.

(Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadees 31)

میں یہ کہوں گا نام محمد (صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ)
 مجھ کو سنانا نام محمد (صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ)

پوچھے گا مولیٰ ہے لایا کیا کیا
 رکھو لحد میں جس دم عزیزو

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, 'يِنَّةُ الْمُؤْمِنِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ 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 تَوْبُوْا اِلَى اللّٰهِ، اذْكُرُوْا اللّٰهَ، صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ 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 Salaam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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 عَزَّوَجَلَّ 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 وَالْمَوْعِظَةِ 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.

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Reverence for Huzoor became cause of forgiveness:

Sayyiduna Wahb Bin Munabbih رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has narrated that there was a person in Bani Israel who spent 200 years of his life disobeying Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and finally died committing the sin of disobedience. The Bani Israel held his dead body from his leg, dragged it and then threw it in a heap of filth. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sent a revelation to His Prophet Sayyiduna Musa Kaleemullah عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ to pick him up from that place and perform his funeral Salah after his funeral rites. Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ asked people about him, so they testified that he had been a man of bad character. Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ said humbly to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ: “O my Rab عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Bani Israel are testifying that he had been a man of bad character; he had spent 200 years of his life disobeying You. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ sent a revelation to Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ that he was really a man of bad character but it was his habit that whenever he opened the Holy Torah to recite and would see the blessed name of Muhammad (صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ), he would kiss it and touch his eyes and would recite Salat upon him. That’s why I gave importance to this deed of his and forgave his sins and performed his Nikah with 70 Hoors (beautiful maidens of Paradise). (Hilyat-ul-Awliya, vol. 4, pp. 45, Hadees 4695)

گناہ گار ہوں میں لائقِ جہنم ہوں

کرم سے بخش دے مجھ کو نہ دے سزا یا رب

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! This faith-refreshing parable has perfumed the heart and mind of believers. That person had been committing sins for such a long time without performing any good deeds, but only due to respecting the blessed name of the Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he received this gift that Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ by the command of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ arranged his burial, all his past sins were forgiven and he became deserving of the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, just ponder, when an Ummati of Sayyiduna Musa عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ deserved to be forgiven by virtue of respecting the blessed

name of the Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, then how many mercies of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ would be upon that person of the Ummat-e-Muhammadiyah who not only has respect for that blessed name but also has great respect for everything that is related to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Furthermore, it has also been learnt from this narration that kissing the name of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with the intention of reverence is not only permissible but also a source of attaining the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Remember! After embracing Islam, reverence for the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is a requirement. Faith hangs upon his dignity and love. For claiming to have faith many blessed verses have proven and highlighted the importance and necessity of greatness for Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. It is stated in verse 8 and 9 of Surah Al-Fath, part 26:

إِنَّا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ شَاهِدًا وَمُبَشِّرًا وَنَذِيرًا ﴿٨﴾ اٰتٰوْاْ مٰنُوْا بِاللّٰهِ وَرَسُوْلِهِ وَتَعَزَّوْهُ
وَتَوْقَرُوْهُ ۗ وَتَسَبِّحُوْهُ بُكْرَةً وَّاٰصِيْلًا ﴿٩﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: We have indeed sent you (O dear Prophet Muhammad) as a present witness and a Herald of glad tidings and warnings. In order that you, O people, may accept faith in Allah and His Noble Prophet, and honour and revere the Noble Prophet; and may say the Purity of Allah, morning and evening. *(Part 26, Surah Al-Fath, verse 8, 9)*

A'la Hadrat, Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمٰنِ has said regarding this blessed verse, its summary is as follows: O Muslims! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ mentioned three purposes of sending the religion Islam and revealing the Holy Quran: Firstly, to have faith in Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ; secondly, to have reverence for the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ; thirdly, to worship Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, have a look at the best order of these three things. First of all, faith has been mentioned and His own worship has been mentioned last, whilst reverence for His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been stated in the middle as reverence for the

Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will not give benefit without faith. There are many non-Muslims who have great reverence for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and write books and lecture in reply to the objections made by other non-Muslims, but since they have not embraced Islam, so their replying to the objections will not benefit them as it is an apparent reverence. If such a person held true greatness for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in his heart, he must embrace Islam. Unless there is no true reverence for the Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, no matter if one spends his entire life worshipping Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, all will be useless and will not be acceptable at all before Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, about such people Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated:

وَقَدِمْنَا إِلَىٰ مَا عَمِلُوا مِنْ عَمَلٍ فَجَعَلْنَاهُ هَبَاءً مَّنْثُورًا ﴿٢٣﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And We turned all the deeds they had performed into scattered floating specks of dust.

(Part 19, Surah Al-Furqan, verse 23)

And Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has also said:

عَامِلَةٌ تَأْتِي النَّارَ حَامِيَةً ﴿٣٠﴾ تَصِلُ نَارًا حَامِيَةً ﴿٣١﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Labouring, striving hard. (Yet) Going into the blazing fire. (Part 30, Surah Al-Ghaashiyah, verse 3, 4)

i.e. act upon it, take pains and what would be the return? The same that they will go to the blazing fire. (Fatawa Razawiyah, vol. 30, pp. 307)

آج لے اُن کی پناہ آج مدد مانگ اُن سے پھر نہ مانیں گے قیامت میں اگرمان گیا

Dear Islamic brothers! From the abovementioned blessed verses and the blessed sayings of A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ it has become obvious that reverence for Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the real faith. If a person

keeps himself away from the greatness of Mustafa ﷺ but makes efforts to perform other good deeds, none of his deeds will be acceptable. A small defect in the reverence for Beloved Mustafa ﷺ may destroy all his good deeds. As it has been stated in verse 2 of Surah Al-Hujurat, part 26:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا لَا تَرْفَعُوا أَصْوَاتَكُمْ فَوْقَ صَوْتِ النَّبِيِّ وَلَا تَجْهَرُوا لَهُ بِالْقَوْلِ
كَجَهْرِ بَعْضِكُمْ لِبَعْضٍ أَن تَحْبَطَ أَعْمَالِكُمْ وَأَنتُمْ لَا تَشْعُرُونَ ﴿٢﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: O people who believe! Do not raise your voices higher than the voice of the Prophet, nor speak to him loudly the way you shout to one another, lest your deeds go to waste whilst you are unaware. (Part 26, Surah Al-Hujurat, verse 2)

Regarding this blessed verse, Hakeem-ul-Ummat, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رحمته الله الحنان has stated: It has been learnt that even a very minor disobedience to the Beloved and Blessed Prophet ﷺ is an act of unbelief, as the act of unbelief destroys good deeds. Since good deeds are destroyed if someone speaks in a loud voice before him, so how can we talk about other disobediences. The meaning of the verse is that one should neither speak loudly before him, nor call him out with ordinary titles which are used to call each other; one should not say uncle, father, brother and Bashar, rather say 'رَسُولُ اللَّهِ' [Rasoolullah], شَفِيعُ الْمَدِينِ [Shafi'-ul-Muznibeen].

(Noor-ul-Irfan, pp. 823)

بارگاہِ ناز میں آہستہ بول بو نہ سب کچھ رائیگاں آہستہ چل

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen! The pure Kalam of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is fluent in praise for the glory and dignity of the Prophet of mankind, the Peace of our heart and mind, the most Generous and Kind ﷺ and teaches us the manners of visiting his blessed court. Just speaking loudly before the

Beloved Rasool ﷺ is such a big crime due to which all the good deeds are lost.

Hakeem-ul-Ummat, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: The courtly manners of worldly kings are manmade, but the manners of the blessed doors of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ have been made and taught by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, furthermore, these manners are not only for humans but they must also be followed by all jinns, humans and angels. Angels also used to visit his residence after seeking permission; these manners are in place forever. *(Noor-ul-'Irfan, pp. 823)*

ترے رتبہ میں جس نے چون و چرا کی نہ سمجھا وہ بد بخت رتبہ خدا کا

Dear Islamic brothers! All the Holy Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ are respectable and deserve reverence. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has commanded (us) to observe reverence for the Holy Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ in different places of the Holy Quran and has also made a promise of favours and blessings to those who obey these commands. It is stated in verse 12 of Surah Al-Mai'dah, part 6:

وَأَمِّنْكُمْ بِرُسُلِي وَعَزَّرْتُمُوهُمْ وَأَقْرَضْتُمُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا لَأُكَفِّرَنَّ عَنْكُمْ سَيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَلَأُدْخِلَنَّكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And believe in My Noble Prophets and respect them, and lend an excellent loan to Allah, I will surely forgive your sins, and I will surely admit you into Gardens beneath which rivers flow.

(Part 6, Surah Al-Mai'dah, verse 12)

After having faith in the Beloved Prophet ﷺ, in particular those who have reverence for him are blessed with the good news of success. It is stated in blessed verse 157 of Surah Al-A'raf, part 9:

فَالَّذِينَ آمَنُوا بِهِ وَعَزَّرُوهُ وَنَصَرُوهُ
وَاتَّبَعُوا النُّورَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ مَعَهُ ۗ أُولَٰئِكَ هُمُ الْمُفْلِحُونَ ﴿١٥٧﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: So those who believe in him, and revere him, and help him, and follow the light which came down with him – it is they who have succeeded. *(Part 9, Surah Al-A'raf, verse 157)*

Remember! These gifts will be attained only when we consider the greatness and respect of all the Holy Prophets عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ, in particular, respect of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ as a part of our faith and refrain from even the slightest form of disrespect. By teaching us how to respect the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has forbidden us to raise our voices in the court of Risalat, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has also forbidden us to call out to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the normal ways. It is stated in verse 63 of Surah Al-Noor, part 18:

لَا تَجْعَلُوا دُعَاءَ الرَّسُولِ بَيْنَكُمْ كَدُعَاءِ بَعْضِكُمْ بَعْضًا ۗ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Do not presume among yourselves the calling of the Noble Prophet equal to your calling one another.

(Part 18, Surah Al-Noor, verse 63)

Sadr-ul-Afadil, 'Allamah Maulana Sayyid Mufti Muhammad Na'eemuddin Muradabadi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْهَامِي has stated: Commentators have mentioned one meaning of this verse like this: Whenever if someone wants to call out to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he should call out in a beautiful manner with great respect by using his exalted titles like 'Ya Nabiyyallah! Ya Rasoolallah! Ya Habeeballah!' in a soft voice and in a humble accent.

(Tafseer Khaza'in-ul- 'Irfan, part 18, Surah Al-Noor, Taht-al-Ayah 63)

Imam-ul-Mufasssireen, Sayyiduna ‘Abdullah Bin ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has said: First the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was called was ‘Ya Muhammad’, ‘Ya Abal Qasim’ (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ), when Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ prohibited calling His Prophet in the normal manner then the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ would say ‘Ya Nabiyallah’, ‘Ya Rasoolallah’.

(Dalaail-un-Nubuwwah, pp. 19)

Dear Islamic brothers! Just ponder! How important is the matter of reverence for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ does not like anyone to call out to His Beloved (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) by name. The Islamic scholars have explained: To call out the Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ by name is Haraam. (Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 30, pp. 157)

Remember! The reverence for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was not only limited to his blessed apparent life but it is necessary for every Muslim to accept his glory and greatness until the world exists.

Sayyiduna ‘Allamah Isma‘eel Haqqi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: Greatness and respect for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was compulsory and necessary for the Ummah during the apparent life of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and is also compulsory and necessary after his apparent demise, because the more reverence for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ increases in the hearts the more the Noor of faith will keep increasing.

(Tafseer Ruh-ul-Bayan, vol. 7, pp. 216)

خاک ہو کر عشق میں آرام سے سونا ملا جان کی اِکسیر ہے اُلْفَتِ رَسولِ اللهُ كى

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Dear Islamic brothers! It has become obvious that love for the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and showing him great respect in every matter are the causes of increase in faith and the root of faith. Try to understand it in this way that if the roots of a tree are cut, the tree becomes dry and its fruits

and flowers decay and fall down. In the same way, reverence for the Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is like the root of the plant of faith. Without this, the plant of faith cannot flourish and its fruits and flowers (good deeds) are wasted. Therefore, in order to continue having good deeds and to increase the tree of faith, consider the respect of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ as compulsory. The blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ have mentioned such stories of the reverence for Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ whose examples are impossible to find. Let's listen to a few parables of devotion to Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ of these great lovers:

1. It has been narrated that the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ would knock on the door of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with their nails due to great respect and reverence. *(Sharh Shifa by Mulla 'Ali Qaari, vol. 2, pp. 71)*
2. Likewise, in the year of the Treaty of Hudaibiyah, the Quraysh sent Sayyiduna 'Urwah Bin Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ (who did not embrace Islam at that time) to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, he saw that when the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ performed Wudu, the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ would move forward so quickly to take the water of Wudu that it seemed as if they would start fighting with each other. When the Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ gargled and spat the water out or cleaned his blessed nose, the blessed companions would take them into their hands (as sacred relics) and would rub it on their faces and bodies. Whatever the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would order them to do they would immediately obey. When he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ spoke, they would remain silent before the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and as a token of respect they would not look at the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ by raising their eyes. Sayyiduna 'Urwah Bin Mas'ood رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ went back to the people of Makkah and said to them: O group of Quraysh! I have been to the courts of Caesar and Kisra and Najjashi, but by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I have never seen any king with such glory and dignity and significance among his nation as I have seen (Sayyiduna) Muhammad (Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) among his blessed companions.

(Shifa, vol. 2, pp. 38)

3. Once the uncle of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ Sayyiduna ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was asked: ‘أَنْتَ أَكْبَرُ أَمْ رَسُولُ اللهِ?’ *Are you elder or the Beloved Prophet (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ)*? He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ replied: ‘هُوَ أَكْبَرُ مِنِّي وَأَنَا كُنْتُ قَبْلَهُ’ *i.e. He (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) is elder, I was only born before him.*

(Kanz-ul-Ummal, vol. 13, pp. 224, Hadees 37344)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen! How great love and respect the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ had for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that despite being older, greatness was referred to Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. That’s why we too should not only light the candle of devotion to Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in our hearts but we must also relate the beautiful incidents of our pious predecessors’ devotion to the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to our children so that from their childhood they may also develop the love for the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in their hearts.

For achieve this, study the 274-page book published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, named *Sahabah Kiraam ka ‘Ishq-e-Rasool* will be highly effective. In addition to this, associating yourself with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, travel for at least three days every month with a Madani Qafilah of Dawat-e-Islami, practice on the Madani In’amaat and attend the Madani Muzakaraha and weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, by the blessing of all these acts the wealth of love for the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will be achieved.

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Dear Islamic brothers! It has been learnt that reverence for Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is extremely important for a Muslim as without it the claim to have faith is useless. Remember! How reverence for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is necessary, in the same way, reverence for the blessed companions, wives, family members, offspring and sacred relics which are related to the Beloved Prophet including the blessed Zikr of the Beloved

Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is also necessary. Usually, in all Islamic gatherings, the Zikr of Beloved Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is done, but especially in Ijtima-e-Milad, Zikr-e-Khayr of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is also done; the glory and dignity of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is mentioned; the amazing incidents of the blessed life history of our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ are told, therefore to celebrate Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi is also a form of reverence for Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (*Ruh-ul-Bayan, vol. 9, pp. 56*)

Imam Jalaluddin Suyuti Shaafi'i رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: Celebrating Milad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is showing reverence for the status of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. (*Al-Haawi lil-Fatawa, vol. 1, pp. 222*)

Similarly, Muhammad Bin Yusuf Saalihi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: Celebrating Milad brings about his love and reverence. (*Subul-ul-Huda, vol. 1, pp. 365*)

We are fortunate that very soon اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, we shall enter the blessed month of Rabi'-ul-Awwal. As this blessed month arrives, lovers of the Beloved Rasool rejoice and busy themselves in preparing for Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi. And why should it not be done, as upon the arrival of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ the whole universe felt pleased; the 'Arsh rejoiced; the Kursi also marched happily and jinns were stopped to go to the sky, they started saying to each other: Undoubtedly we had to take great pains in our way and angels started glorifications with extreme pleasure and awe; the winds began blowing in ecstasy and exposed the clouds; twigs in the orchards started bowing and the voice of 'اهْتَلَا وَ سَهَلًا مَرْحَبًا' started coming from every corner of the universe. (*Ar-Raud-ul-Faiiq, pp. 243*)

In short, the arrival of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the complete source of mercies and blessings. The incident of the death of the people who came on elephants (Ashaab-ul-Feel), the extinguishing of the fire in a moment burnt by the fire worshippers of Persia for 1000 years, the earthquake of the palace of Kisra and the demolition of its 14 spikes, the sudden drying up of Buhayra Saawah' (which was six miles long and six miles wide) in the middle

of 'Hamdaan' and 'Qum', the coming out of such Noor from the blessed body of the mother of the Beloved Prophet that illuminated till the palace of Basra. (Al-Mawahib, vol. 1, pp. 167) All these incidents gave the good news to the whole universe before the arrival of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that:

مُبَارَكٌ بُوَّ وَهُ شَهْ طِرْدَعَسْ سَبَا بِرْ أَنَعِ وَآلَا بِعِ
 كَدَائِي كُو زَمَانَه جَسْ كَعِ دَرِ طِرْ أَنَعِ وَآلَا بِعِ

Dear Islamic brothers! Remember! Celebrating Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi is a sacred act and those who celebrate it are blessed with countless Islamic and worldly mercies. It is stated in *Tafseer Ruh-ul-Bayan* that the blessings of a blessed gathering of Milad remains in the home throughout the year. (Ruh-ul-Bayan, vol. 9, pp. 57) Similarly, Sayyiduna Imam Qastalani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said, 'One of the proven blessings of celebrating Milad of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is that peace and tranquillity prevails throughout the year. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ have mercy on the one who celebrates the nights of the Milad month like Eid.' (Al-Mawahib-ul-Ladunniyyah, vol. 1, pp. 148)

One who celebrates Milad has been given the good news of Paradise in addition to worldly blessings. Shaykh-e-Muhaqqiq, Sayyiduna Shah 'Abdul Haq Muhaddis Dihlvi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: Those who celebrate in the night of the arrival of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ are rewarded as Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make them enter Jannat-ul-Na'eem by His grace and blessing.

Muslims always celebrate the blessed birth of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ by cooking food, inviting guests and giving Sadaqah (charity) in abundance. They express their happiness, spend whole-heartedly, hold Zikr of the birth of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, decorate their houses and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ showers His blessings on them due to all these blessed deeds.' (Masabata min-As-Sunnah, pp. 74)

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you seen! How pleased Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is with those who celebrate the Milad of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and such people are also granted different kinds of gifts by Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, therefore decorate

your homes, Masajid, shops, vehicles and also your localities with green flags to rejoice the blessed birth of the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Illuminate your home with at least 12 bulbs. Attend the Ijtima'-e-Zikr-o-Na'at on the 12th night with the intention of gaining rewards, and at the time of dawn, welcome the dawn of blessings with tearful eyes, raising your flags whilst reciting Salat and Salam. If possible, observe a fast on the 12th of Rabi'-un-Noor because our Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would celebrate his birthday by observing fast on Mondays.

Sayyiduna Abu Qatadah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was asked as to why he fasted on Mondays. The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, 'I was born on this day and revelation descended upon me on the same day.' (Sahih Muslim, pp. 591, Hadees 1162)

Remember! The commandment of celebrating the birthday of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has been proven by the Holy Quran. It has been stated in the Holy Quran, part 11, Surah Yunus, verse 58:

قُلْ بِفَضْلِ اللَّهِ وَبِرَحْمَتِهِ فَبِذَلِكَ فَلْيَفْرَحُوا ۖ هُوَ خَيْرٌ مِمَّا يَجْمَعُونَ ﴿٥٨﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Please declare, 'Only Allah's grace and only His mercy. And on it let them rejoice. That is better than all their wealth.'

(Part 11, Surah Yunus, verse 58)

Regarding this blessed verse, Hakeem-ul-Ummat, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: O Beloved! After giving this good news to people, also command them to rejoice a lot upon receiving the grace and mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Generally, rejoice all the time, but special celebration should be made on those dates when these blessings were granted i.e. Ramadan, in particular, Shab-e-Qadr and Rabi'-ul-Awwal, in particular, the 12 Rabi-ul-Awwal. As the grace of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ i.e. the Holy Quran descended in Ramadan and the mercy for the whole universe in Rabi'-ul-Awwal i.e. the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born.

To celebrate this grace and mercy is better than worldly accumulated possessions, money, home, property, animals, agriculture and even children etc. because the profit of this pleasure is not personal but national, not temporary but forever, not only in this world but also in the Hereafter as well, not only physical but also spiritual. It has no destruction but Sawab (reward).
(*Tafseer Na'eemi, vol. 11, pp. 369*)

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سبز پیارا عَلم، تاجدارِ حرم

Belief of the Ahl-e-Sunnat

According to the beliefs of the Ahl-e-Sunnat, the blessed gathering of Milad is one of the most excellent acts of Mustahabbat [commendable] and one of the most superior of virtuous acts. (*Al-Haq-ul-Mubeen, pp. 100*)

Sadr-ush-Shari'ah, Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: The blessed Milad, that is to say, the Bayan of the blessed birth of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is permissible. The narrations (miracles and excellence etc. of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) are also mentioned in Ahadees and the Holy Quran. If the Muslims deliver these narrations in their congregations or if they particularly hold a congregation to deliver such narrations, there is no reason to declare these congregations impermissible. Inviting people to attend such congregations is inviting them towards goodness. The way announcements are made for speeches and congregations, advertisements are published and distributed, articles are published in newspapers, and the speeches and congregations are not declared to be impermissible for these reasons, in the same way, this Majlis [i.e. the celebration of the Blessed Birth of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ] of blessed Zikr cannot be declared impermissible and as an innovation in religion if invitations are sent out for it. (*Bahar-e-Shari'at, vo. 3, pp. 644*)

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Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi and Dawat-e-Islami

Dear Islamic brothers! Which day could be more a 'Day of Gift' than the birthday of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ? All the beauties and elegances and blessings of the universe are bestowed upon us by virtue of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. This day is even greater than the Eids as both the Eids have been bestowed upon us by its sake. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, under the management of Dawat-e-Islami, a non-political movement of preaching the Holy Quran and Sunnah, Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi is celebrated in different parts of the world including Pakistan in a dignified manner. On the night of 12 Rabi'-ul-Awwal, a great Ijtima'-e-Milad is held and on the Eid day (12 Rabi-ul-Awwal) countless Milad processions are produced resounding with chants 'Marhaba Ya Mustafa', attended by millions of lovers of the Beloved Rasool.

عیدِ میلادُ النَّبِیِّ تو عید کی بھی عید ہے بالیقین ہے عیدِ عیدان عیدِ میلادِ النَّبِیِّ

صَلُّوا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَی مُحَمَّد

Attar's letter about celebrating Milad

Dear Islamic brothers! For every important work there are some necessary manners, hence there are some manners for celebrating Milad as well. All the non-Shar'i activities should be avoided, such as to decorate the streets or the roads in a way that causes inconvenience to drivers and pedestrians is impermissible. The act of women leaving their homes to see the illuminations by moving among strange men without any purdah and even the intermingling of women in purdah with men in a usual manner is absolutely unacceptable. Furthermore, the theft of electricity is also impermissible, therefore power supply companies should be contacted for this purpose and illuminations should be done in a permissible way. Remain in Wudu for as long as possible during the Milad procession and take special care of Salah with Jama'at.

Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyae دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه has given us some important Madani pearls about celebrating Milad in a letter. Let's attentively listen to this letter of Attar:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Sag-e-Madinah Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi عَفَى عَنْهُ says Salam from the core of his heart to all the lovers of the Holy Prophet on the delightful festival of Milad celebration.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ عَلَى كُلِّ حَالٍ

تم بھی کر کے اُن کا چرچا اپنے دل چمکاؤ
اُنچے میں اُنچا نبی کا جھنڈا گھر گھر میں لہراؤ

*Brighten your heart praising the Most Beloved Prophet
And wave the Prophet's flag at every home*

1. On the first night of Rabi'-un-Noor, make this announcement three times in all the Masajid:

'Congratulations to all Islamic brothers and sisters! The moon of Rabi'-un-Noor has been sighted.'

ربیع النور اُمیدوں کی دُنیا ساتھ لے آیا
دُعاؤں کی قَبولیت کو ہاتھوں ہاتھ لے آیا

*The season of hopefulness has come in Rabi'-un-Noor
All the prayers will be answered very soon*

2. Men's shaving their beard or trimming it less than a fist-length – both these acts are Haraam. For Islamic sisters not to observe Shar'i veiling is a Haraam act. By virtue of the auspicious occasion of Rabi'-un-Noor,

Islamic brothers are requested to make an intention to grow a fistful beard permanently and Islamic sisters are requested to make the intention of observing Shar'i Pardah, preferably wearing a Madani Burqa'. (Man's shaving his beard or trimming it less than a fist-length and woman's non-observance of Shar'i veiling is Haraam. It is Wajib to immediately repent of these sins and refrain from them).

جُھک گیا کعبہ سبھی بُتِ منہ کے بل اوندھے گرے
دببہ آمد کا تھا، اہلاً و سہلاً مرحبا

*The Ka'bah tilted, all the idols fell down upon your arrival, Marhaba!
Marhaba!*

(Wasail-e-Bakhshish, pp. 257)

3. A great Madani method to acquire steadfastness in practising the Sunnah and other good deeds is that all devotees (Islamic brothers & Islamic sisters) of the Holy Prophet should make an intention to daily practice on Fikr-e-Madinah, filling in the booklets of Madani In'amaat and should submit it on the 1st of every month. Invoke 'إِنَّ هَذَا لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ' raising your hand.

بدلیاں رَحمت کی چھائیں بوندیاں رَحمت کی آئیں
اب مُرادیں دل کی پائیں آمدِ شاہِ عَرَبِ بے

*The clouds and drizzle of blessing are at onset
Wishes will be fulfilled now, Marhaba Marhaba*

(Qabalah-e-Bakhshish, pp. 184)

4. All lovers of the Beloved Prophet including the Nigran and Zimmahdar should travel with a Madani Qafilah for at least three days particularly in this blessed month. Islamic sisters should deliver Dars from *Faizan-e-*

Sunnat for at least thirty days in their homes (only to the ladies and Maharim) and then make the intention to continue it after Rabi'-un-Noor as well.

لُوٹنے رَحمتیں قافلے میں چلو سیکھنے سُنّتیں قافلے میں چلو

For receiving blessings, travel with the Qafilah
For learning the Sunnah, travel with the Qafilah

5. Display 12 flags or at least one flag in your Masjid, home, shop, workplace etc. since the moon sighting for the whole month. Buy some flags and display them on buses, wagons, trucks, trolleys, taxis, rickshaws, horse carriages etc. Hoist flags on your cycle, scooter and car. *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, the whole city will blossom with smiling waving green flags. Usually big pictures of living beings or nasty couplets are printed on the back of big trucks.

It is my wish that the slogan '*I love Dawat-e-Islami*' be printed in bold letters at the back of trucks, buses, wagons, rickshaws, taxis and cars etc. Make efforts in this regard by meeting and persuading the transporters and bus/truck owners and win my hearty supplications.

Caution

If the flag bears letters or an image of the blessed Na'layn (image of the Blessed Shoe-sole of the Holy Prophet *صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ*), make sure that the flag neither tears nor falls onto the ground. Further, as soon as the month of Rabi'-un-Noor ends, remove the flags immediately. If there is a risk of disrespect, use simple green flags i.e. without that sacred image/letters.

(Sag-e-Madinah displays only simple green flags at his home named Bayt-ul-Fanah [the home annihilation]).

نبی کا جھنڈا لیکر نکلو دُنیا پر چھا جاؤ

نبی کا جھنڈا اَمَن کا جھنڈا گھر گھر میں لہراؤ

*Lead the whole world bearing the Prophet's flag
It's peace flag; so at every home wave this great flag*

6. Illuminate your home with 12 lighting strings or at least 12 bulbs; further, install decorative lightings in your area and Masjid (remember, using electricity illegally for this purpose is Haraam, therefore, use electricity legally by contacting the electric company). Decorate your whole area with green flags, buntings and bright lights. Display big flags (12 metres long or as suited) on the roof of your home and Masjid and on main squares etc. such that they may not hinder pedestrians/traffic in anyway and also make sure that public rights are not violated. Don't hoist flags in the middle of the road as this will obstruct the traffic. Do not decorate streets etc. in a way which result in narrowing the passage resulting in a violation of public rights.

مشرق و مغرب میں ایک ایک بام کعبہ پر بھی ایک
نصب پرچم ہوگیا، اہلاً و سہلاً مرحبا

Flags were hoisted one in the East, one in the West and one on the roof of the Ka'bah to welcome the arrival of the Beloved Prophet.

(Wasail-e-Bakhshish, pp. 453)

7. Every Islamic brother should distribute as many booklets as possible or different pamphlets published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah or at least amounting to 12 PKR among the participants of the Milad procession; Islamic sisters should also get the booklets distributed.

Similarly, make your contribution to calling towards righteousness by keeping booklets in your shops etc. for free distribution throughout the year. Also make efforts for such distributions on occasions of weddings, funerals etc. and for conveying Sawab to the deceased. Also persuade other Muslims to do the same.

بانٹ کر مَدَنی رسائل دین کو پھیلائیے
 کر کے راضی حق کو حقدارِ جناب بن جائیے

*Spread the Sunnah by distributing Madani booklets
 Be deserving of Heaven by pleasing Allah*

8. If possible, buy 12 booklets titled ‘*The Dawn of Blessings*’ and 112 pamphlets or at least 12 pamphlets titled ‘12 Madani pearls for celebrating the Milad of the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ’ from Maktaba-tul-Madinah and gift them especially to the leaders of the organizations that arrange Milad gatherings. During the month of Rabi’-un-Noor, donate 1200 PKR or, if not possible, 112 PKR or at least 12 PKR to some Sunni scholar (only adults should do so). You may also donate this money to the Imam, Muazzin or caretaker of your Masjid; rather make an intention to continue this good service on a monthly basis.

It is better to donate the money on a Friday because the reward of every good deed increases by 70 times on a Friday. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! The cassettes of Bayanaat (Sunnah-inspiring speeches) released by Maktaba-tul-Madinah have played a vital role in reforming the lives of several people. Some of you may have also joined Dawat-e-Islami by virtue of listening to some Bayan cassette. Distributing these cassettes and VCDs/DVDs to people is a great service to Islam and is a means of earning enormous rewards. Therefore, if possible, sell out 12 cassettes or VCDs/DVDs of Sunnah-inspiring speeches every week or at least every month. Wealthy Islamic brothers may do this service for free. By virtue of the festivity of Milad, distribute as many Bayan cassettes and VCDs/DVDs as you can and thus take part in propagation of the Sunnah.

On the occasion of weddings, gift a booklet or a Bayan cassette/VCD/DVD along with the wedding card. Discard the tradition of Eid cards and instil the tradition of the distribution of booklets etc. in its place so that the money being spent can also help in propagation of the Sunnah. People send me expensive Eid cards, which saddens my heart instead of

making it happy. If only people spent their hard-earned money in the promotion of religion instead of Eid cards! Furthermore, the glittering powder on these cards also causes severe nuisance.

اُنکے در پے پلنے والا اپنا آپ جواب
کوئی غریب نواز تو کوئی داتا لگتا ہے

*Those blessed by the Prophet are matchless
Someone becomes Ghareeb Nawaz and someone Daata.*

9. In big cities, every 'Alaqa'ee [regional] Nigran should hold glorious Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima'aat at different Masajid for the first 12 days of Rabi'-un-Noor (responsible Islamic sisters should hold Ijtima'aat in their homes). If possible, everyone should attend the Ijtima' whilst waving green flags in Rabi'-un-Noor.

لب پر نعتِ رسولِ اکرم ہاتھوں میں پرچم
دیوانہ سرکار کا کتنا پیارا لگتا ہے

*The devotee of the Prophet reciting Na'ats and holding flags looks so
beautiful.*

1. Take a bath in the evening of the 11th or on the 12th night of Rabi'-un-Noor. If possible, buy everything new, for example, white clothes, a turban, bandana, cap, shawl, Miswak, handkerchief, slippers, rosary, 'Itr (perfume), wrist watch, pen, Qafilah pad etc. in order to celebrate this Eid of Eids. (Islamic sisters should also buy new things according to their needs).

آئی نئی حکومت سگہ نیا چلے گا
عالم نے رنگ بدلا صبحِ شبِ ولادت

*New currency will be launched as a new regime has evolved
With the onset of the Dawn of Blessings, a new era has begun*

(Zauq-e-Na'at, pp. 67)

10. Spend the 12th night in Ijtima'-e-Zikr-o-Na'at and welcome the 'The Dawn of Blessings' with tearful eyes at the time of the break of dawn, raising your flags and reciting Salat and Salam. After Salat-ul-Fajr, say Salam and congratulate each other warmly on this grand occasion of Eid and continue to do so for the rest of the day.

Beyond all doubt, Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi is the Eid of all Eids.

(Wasail-e-Bakhshish, pp. 465)

Summary of Bayaan

Dear Islamic brothers! **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, in today's Bayan we have heard that:

- Reverence for the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** is a part of faith. The reverence for Beloved Mustafa **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** became the cause of forgiveness for a 200 year old sinner.
- The companions **رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ** had great enthusiasm for the reverence of Beloved Mustafa **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.
- Reverence for the Prophet of Rahmah **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** was not only compulsory in the blessed life of the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** but it is also compulsory for every Muslim until the world exists.
- Love of Beloved Mustafa **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** and extreme reverence for him **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** in every matter are the causes of the increase in faith and are the roots of faith.
- Such a glory and honour and respect of a king has never been seen among his tribe, as has been seen of the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** among his blessed companions.

- Reverence is must be shown for the blessed family, blessed companions and wives of the Beloved Prophet, offspring, sacred relics and also of the sacred discussion of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ .
- It is a matter of reverence for the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that every blessed thing that is related to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ must also be revered.
- Lovers of the Beloved Rasool celebrate the Eid-e-Milad-un-Nabi with great zeal and enthusiasm because this day in relation to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is very magnificent.
- We should also celebrate the blessed day of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and get the pleasure of Allah إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ . عَزَّوَجَلَّ . We will receive countless mercies and lots of blessings.

Majlis-e-Tarajim

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ 'Majlis-e-Tarajim' is also one of the departments spreading the thoughts of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه around the world which is carrying out the services of translating books and booklets authored by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه into various languages so that people all over the world may also take advantage of these books along with Urdu readers and they develop the mindset of: 'I must strive to reform myself and people of the entire world, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ . 'Therefore, until now, in a very short span of time, many books of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه have been translated into various languages.

We should not only read the books and booklets of Maktaba-tul-Madinah ourselves, but also persuade and motivate others to do the same; if possible present them to others as a gift. Instead of wasting time in worldly fun & amusements, continue to perform good deeds to seek the will and pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ .

Madani parable

According to the summary of a statement made by an Islamic brother from Hyderabad: There was a person who used to break his fast with Kebab and Samosas and reach the Masjid exactly at the time of Jama'at (congregation). One day in Ramadan (1429 A.H.), I saw that he had reached the Masjid before the Jama'at started. When I asked him the reason of reaching the Masjid early, he replied, I listened to the Madani Muzakarah (a session of Islamic question and answers) in which Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَاعَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ** said, 'Though it is a Sunnah to breakfast with a date, other things can also be eaten; one should clean his mouth completely before Salah. No one should lose the Jama'at of the Salah. The people who do not have ample time to clean their mouths properly should break their fast with water, which is not only a Sunnah, but also a way of performing their Salah on time with Jama'at because they would not need to waste time in cleaning their mouth. I liked what Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat **دَاعَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ** had said. Therefore, I have also broken my fast with only water and have come to the Masjid. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, I will keep doing so throughout the month of Ramadan.

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 اللَّهُ 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

Madani pearls pertaining to Miswak

- On page 288 of the first volume of *Bahar-e-Shari'at*, published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah, the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami **عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْقَوِي** has stated, 'The honourable scholars say that whoever uses the Miswak regularly, will be blessed with the good fortune of reciting the Kalimah

(fundamental article of faith) at the time of death, and whoever consumes opium will not be able to recite the Kalimah at the time of death.'

- It is narrated from Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that there are 10 qualities in the Miswak: It cleans the mouth, strengthens the gums, strengthens the eyesight, eliminates phlegm, eliminates bad smells of the mouth, it is in accordance with the Sunnah, the angels become happy, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is pleased, it increases good deeds and rectifies the stomach. *(Jam'-ul-Jawami' li-Suyuti, vol. 5, pp. 249, Hadees 14867)*
- Miswak should be from Zaytoon, or Neem, or similar trees/plants having a bitter taste.
- Thickness of the Miswak should be equal to the little finger.
- Miswak should not be longer than one's hand span as Satan sits on it.
- The strands of the Miswak should be soft; otherwise, they might cause spaces between the teeth and gums.
- If a Miswak is fresh then it is excellent; otherwise soak it in a glass of water until it becomes soft.
- Trim the strands of the Miswak every day as they are beneficial only as long as they have some bitterness.
- Brush your teeth horizontally with the Miswak.
- Always brush your teeth with a Miswak in three cycles.
- And rinse it after each cycle.
- Hold the Miswak in the right hand in such a manner that the little finger remains beneath it and the middle three fingers remain over it while the thumb is also beneath pointing upwards (near the soft strands that are used to brush the teeth).
- First brush (with Miswak) the top right row of the teeth then top left row. Then clean the bottom right row and then the bottom left row of the teeth.

- Using the Miswak by gripping it in the form of a closed fist poses the risk of piles.
- Miswak is a pre- Wudu Sunnah but if one has foul breath, using the Miswak becomes Sunnat-ul-Muakkadah. (*Fatawa Razawiyah, vol. 1, pp. 623*)
- Do not throw away a used Miswak or its strands as it is used to act upon a Sunnah. Rather, keep it somewhere respectfully, bury it or put it into the sea.

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 سُنْتُوْں کی تَرْبِیَّت کے قافلے میں بار بار

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْب صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَی مُحَمَّد

The 6 Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi and 2 Du'as that are recited in the Sunnah-Inspiring weekly Ijtimā' (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

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 اللهِ صَلَاةً دَائِمَةً بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ 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 Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. The respected companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ 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 الْبَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ 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.

(Attargheeb Wattarheeb, vol. 2, pp. 329, Hadees 31)

1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللَّهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا 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 'حَلِيم' and 'كَرِيم'. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is 'سُبْحَانَ', Rab of the seven skies and the magnificent 'Arsh.