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## Dua for reading this book

**R**ecite the following dua before you read a religious book or begin an Islamic lesson; you will remember whatever you study بِسْمِ اللَّهِ.

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَأَنْشُرْ  
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

**O Allah! Open the doors of knowledge and wisdom for us and have mercy on us! O He Who is the Most Glorious and Honourable! (Al-Mustaṭraf, vol. 1, p. 40)**

### Note:

Recite ṣalāt upon the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ once before and after.

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## 12 Madani Parables of Collective I'tikāf<sup>1</sup>

### Attar's prayer

O Lord of the Prophet! Whoever reads or listens to the 14-page booklet, *12 Madani Parables of Collective I'tikāf*; bestow upon them the blessings of Ramadan and grant them and their parents forgiveness without accountability.

اٰمِيْنُ بِجَاوِحَاتِهِمُ النَّبِيِّنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

### The excellences of reciting ṣalāt upon the Prophet ﷺ

The final Prophet of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ declared, “There will be no shade except that of the ‘Arsh of Allah on the Day of Judgement. Three people will be in it.”

It was asked, “O Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Who will they be?”

He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied, “He who alleviates the worry of somebody from my nation, he who revives my sunnah, and he who recites an abundance of ṣalāt upon me.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> All the Madani parables in this booklet have been extracted from *Blessings of Ramadan* pp. 362 - 373

<sup>2</sup> *Al-Budūr al-Sāfirah*, p. 131, *Hadith 366*

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## Dawat-e-Islami and the i'tikāf of Ramadan

I'tikāf is an ancient form of worship. It is mentioned in the noble Quran, and preceding nations also performed it.

Dawat-e-Islami is a movement centred on the sunnah, which works to spread Islam across the world. Over the last few years, this unique movement, has not only been organising i'tikāf of the final ten days of Ramadan, but also for the entire month.

الحمد لله Up until now, hundreds of thousands have gained the blessings of Dawat-e-Islami's collective i'tikāf. A huge number have experienced a revolution in their lives. Alcoholics have escaped from their addiction and immersed themselves in love of the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Habitual sinners have become those who act upon the sunnah. Those who would waste time in frivolities have changed into reciters of dhikr and ṣalāt. Those who once sang songs now recite poetry praising the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

In short, collective i'tikāf has transformed people's lives. 12 stories of such people are enclosed in this booklet, which you are wholeheartedly encouraged to read. Being around callers to the sunnah affected them so deeply, not only did they begin practicing the sunnah themselves, but they began calling others to this path also.

12 Madani Parables of Collective I'tikāf

It is a sincere counsel that you make intention to participate in collective i'tikāf for the entire month of Ramadan, at least once in your life.

اٰمِيْنُ بِجَاوِحَاتِهِمُ الْمُبِيْنِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

## 1. A Madani Centre and the virtue of i'tikāf

The trustees and some local Muslims of Masjid Azam in Chitra Durgah (Karnataka; India) had some misconceptions about Dawat-e-Islami. Due to this, many difficulties were faced in obtaining permission to perform collective i'tikāf there in Ramadan, yet the sons of two trustees also took part in this.

As per organisational parameters, sunnah-inspired study circles and speeches, melodious poetry in praise of the Greatest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, tearful duas, and efficient management of a large number of participants took place. This impressed the trustees greatly. On the final day of i'tikāf, they presented gifts and flowers to all participants.

Their misconceptions were uprooted, and they began to understand what Dawat-e-Islami is. They issued full permission for their masjid to be used for Dawat-e-Islami's Islamic Activities. الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ Masjid Azam became the Madani Centre for the city. الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ The sons of both trustees adorned their faces with beards and joined the Islamic environment of Dawat-e-Islami.



صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## 2. I'tikāf in England

In Ramadan 1410 AH (1990), an Islamic brother from England came to Sukkur (Sindh; Pakistan). Encouraged by Islamic brothers, a relative of his invited him to participate in collective i'tikāf. **أَحَدٌ لِلَّهِ** He agreed.

Initially, this brother was accustomed to a purely Western environment. Yet, he was Muslim, and when he performed i'tikāf, learnt the beautiful sunnahs of the Prophet **صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, gained knowledge of important Islamic rulings, and heard about matters of the grave and Hereafter; this touched his heart like nothing had before.

Due to collective i'tikāf, he repented from his sins and joined Dawat-e-Islami. He adorned his face with a beard and began to wear an 'imāmah. After learning how to deliver lessons from *Blessings of Sunnah*, he began to deliver speeches even during i'tikāf.

He made firm intention to spread Dawat-e-Islami's work back in England upon his return. **أَحَدٌ لِلَّهِ** At present, he is a preacher in England, responsible for implementing the 12 Islamic Activities. The mother of his children also joined Dawat-e-Islami and learnt how to recite the noble Quran correctly.

She now teaches fellow Islamic sisters in Madrassat al-Madinah for women and has organisational responsibility.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### 3. I am not going to leave Faizan-e-Madinah

An Islamic brother living in the Kamalia sub-district of Toba Tek (Punjab; Pakistan), had a particular circle of friends whilst in 9<sup>th</sup> grade. They used to skip school, roam aimlessly, play cricket till late night, waste time in internet cafes, and spend all day watching movies on cable. They fell asleep and woke up listening to music **مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ**. They all wore the latest trends and would tease girls, even taking immodest glances in the process **مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ ثُمَّ مَعَاذَ اللَّهِ**.

Whenever the mother of this Islamic brother tried to advise him, he would become furious and argue with her. His father would also order him to offer salah, but he did not. Sadly, there was no apparent hope for his reform.

May Allah bless his elder brother, who told him to perform i'tikāf in the last ten days of Ramadan. At this point, the Islamic brother did not know what i'tikāf meant, and refused outright. The elder brother, after much effort, convinced him to participate in Dawat-e-Islami's collective i'tikāf in Faisalabad's Faizan-e-Madinah. During the initial four or five days, he was averse to the experience and even tried to run away. Yet, he was unable to do so.

Slowly but surely, he began feeling inner peace. This increased to such an extent that on the night of Eid, he said, "I do not want to go back home. I want to spend tonight in Faizan-e-Madinah."

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

#### 4. Knee-pain disappeared

A student of Karachi's Jamiat al-Madinah took part in collective i'tikāf in the global Madani Centre Faizan-e-Madinah, during the last 10 days of Ramadan 1426 AH (2005). During this, he met an elderly person who explained, "I had been suffering from knee-pain for many years. الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ When I came here, my pain was relieved due to the blessings of i'tikāf."

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

#### 5. Following the sunnahs of the beard and 'imāmah

A modern-minded Islamic brother from Navsari (Gujarat; India) participated in collective i'tikāf during the last ten days of Ramadan 1423 AH (2002). His heart was won over by the experience, and being around those who love the Prophet brought untold blessings. He grew his beard, began to wear an 'imāmah, and up until now, he is actively spreading Islam in his city alongside fulfilling his organisational duties.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## 6. Disagreement ended

‘Abd al-Razzāq ‘Aṭṭārī, an Islamic brother from Hyderabad (Sindh; Pakistan), was in charge of the laboratory in Tando Jam Agricultural University. His two sons were affiliated with Dawat-e-Islami, but he himself was distant from salah and the sunnah. He had a completely worldly mindset.

In Ramadan, when he was invited to take part in collective i'tikāf, he said, “The mother of my children has fallen out with me and gone to her parent’s home. Will she come back if I do i'tikāf?” He was told she would come back, if Allah Almighty willed.

He took part in collective i'tikāf at Faizan-e-Madinah Hyderabad, during the last ten days of Ramadan in 1416 A.H (1995). The experience transformed his heart. He repented of his sins, made intention to offer salah, adorned his face with a beard, began wearing an ‘imāmah, and started reciting poetry in praise of the Beloved Prophet ﷺ.

During i'tikāf, the mother of his children also returned home and their domestic differences were settled. He also began to dress according to the sunnah and travel with Madani Qafilahs.

As soon as this positive change occurred in his life, he passed away the same year on Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> of Rabī‘ al-Awwal.

إِنَّا لِلّٰهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## An admonitory account relating to the final year of life

Dear Islamic brothers! This story contains many lessons. The late ‘Abd al-Razzāq ‘Aṭṭārī was fortunate to have become religious just a short while before his death. With any shadow of doubt, fortunate is he who repents before his death, becomes pious, and follows the sunnah. On the contrary, unfortunate is he who leaves goodness, falls into sin, and leaves the world in this manner.

Whenever Satan tries to make you drift away from Dawat-e-Islami’s Islamic environment, by making you fight with an Islamic brother, causing you to fall into heedlessness, entrapping you with thoughts of worldly business, or coercing you to change due to marriage etc; take the following hadith into mind at that time.

Lady ‘Āishah al-Ṣiddīqah رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهَا narrates of how Allah’s Messenger صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ declared:

When Allah wills goodness for somebody, He sends an angel to them a year before their death, who consistently guides them to good until they die. The people then say, “So-and-so died in a good way.” When such a person dies, his soul hastens to exit. At that time, he loves to meet Allah, and Allah likes to meet him.

When Allah wills evil for somebody, He appoints a devil

upon them a year before their death, who consistently misguides them until their death.

They eventually die in their worst moments. When death comes to them, their soul exits falteringly. At that time, they would not like to meet Allah and Allah detests meeting them.<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## 7. Family members would expel him from the home

An Islamic brother from Muzaffargarh, (Punjab; Pakistan) was once a lost young man. At night, he would listen to three or four music cassettes before going to sleep. His nights were spent loitering and committing sins. He would quarrel with his family over trivial matters, and they used to turn him out of the house due to his misbehaviour. He would stay here and there for one or two days, the situation would settle down, and he would return home. In short, the days of his life were being ruined in terrible fashion.

His cousin was a Dawat-e-Islami head of the area, and he persuaded this brother to take part in collective i'tikāf during the last ten days of Ramadan 1425 AH (2004), in the Adde Wali Masjid of Muzaffargarh. Impressed by the sincere and sound

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<sup>1</sup> Mawsū'ah li Ibn Abi al-Dunya, vol. 5, p. 443, hadith 157 summarized

character of a preacher from Karachi, he repented from his previous sins and adorned his head with an 'imāmah.

On the 27th night, the tearful dua after the sunnah-inspired speech had an immense effect on him, and he cried until the morning.

On the second day of Eid, at the time of Fajr, his eyes had not opened. Whilst still asleep, he dreamt of a pious person who called him by his name and said, "It's time for Fajr, and you are still asleep!" Whilst asleep, he instantly folded his hands as though he was offering salah and then woke up. His hands were folded in the same state. This had a profound effect upon him and he went to the masjid to offer fajr salah in congregation.

He also began consistently attended the weekly gathering in his city. By the grace of Allah, he began studies to become an Islamic scholar in Jamiat al-Madinah, Karachi. He also became organisationally responsible for the Pious Deeds booklet. He was also blessed with ability to practise all the 92 Pious Deeds for students.

May Allah Almighty grant him steadfastness!

امِينُ بِجَاوَاهِرِ النَّبِيِّ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## 8. Appointed speaker at a masjid

An Islamic brother from Saeedabad (Baldiyah Town; Karachi) learnt to recite the noble Quran in Dawat-e-Islami's Madrassat al-Madinah. Regretfully, he still did not become punctual in salah. **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** He performed collective i'tikāf by Dawat-e-Islami during the last ten days of Ramadan. This awoke him from heedlessness, truly opened his eyes, and he became punctual in his salah. He also set his sights on travelling in Madani Qafilahs. He had also previously been unemployed. The day he made intention for Madani Qafilah, a responsible Islamic brother said to him, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ** "Your problem will be solved."

The Madani Qafilah travelled to a masjid, and the management of liked the style of his speeches and the way he made dua. They appointed him imam and speaker at the very same masjid, thus solving his employment issue.

May Allah Almighty grant him steadfastness in Dawat-e-Islami's Islamic environment.

**صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ**      **صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ**

## 9. Life passing in heedlessness

An Islamic brother from Modasa (Gujarat; India) was wasting his life in heedlessness and sins. Fortunately, in the last 10 days of Ramadan, 1423 AH (2002), he was blessed with the privilege



of taking part in the collective i'tikāf. What he saw, heard, and felt there changed his life.

He began delivering lessons and speeches during the i'tikāf itself, such was the passion that developed within him. He made intention to grow his beard and wear an 'imāmah.

When taking part in a thirty-day Madani Qafilah, his capabilities came to the fore, and he was appointed Qafilah leader by other Islamic brothers.

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

## 10. Beginning to offer tahajjud salah

An elderly Islamic brother from Sukkur (Sindh; Pakistan) took part in collective i'tikāf in the last ten days of Ramadan 1425 A.H (2004) – as organised by Dawat-e-Islami. There was a prearranged, organised schedule for study circles. He learnt the rulings of salah and many other sunnahs relating to daily life. He learnt in these ten days what he had not his entire life.

The sunnah-inspired speeches and company of those who love the Prophet made him reflect about the Hereafter. He began acting upon the 72 Pious Deeds booklet. **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** In particular, he grasped onto Pious Deed number 2, and with its blessings, he developed the habit of offering all five daily salah in the first row of the masjid, with the congregation, from the first takbir! **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** He also became steadfast in offering tahajjud.

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In addition, he gained the blessing of completing the Pious Deeds booklet, and handing it in to the relevant responsible Islamic brother every month, and participating in the weekly gatherings.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### 11. O Messenger of Allah! Allow me to see you!

An Islamic brother from Kharian, (Gujrat, Pakistan) once spent his time watching films and being involved in the same things as others of his age. Fortunately, in the last ten days of Ramadan, he was blessed with taking part in collective i'tikāf.

Being around those who love the Prophet changed his life! It was the first time he saw such a religious atmosphere and he developed an overwhelming love for Dawat-e-Islami.

He had deep longing to see the final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. During the i'tikāf, he prayed day and night for this. On the 27<sup>th</sup> night, a gathering a dhikr overwhelmed him spiritually, and when time came for dua he continued repeating one thing; "O my master! Allow me to see you!" Suddenly, there was a bright flash of light in his eyes, and he saw a luminous face. He was certain this was the sacred face of the final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, which then disappeared from his sight.

اَلْحَبِيبُ لِلّٰهِ He repented from his sins, began to grow his beard, and made intention to wear an 'imāmah. اَلْحَبِيبُ لِلّٰهِ On Eid, he became a

participant in a three-day Madani Qafilah. He then came to Karachi, he enrolled in Jamiat al-Madinah's scholar course, and completed a Spiritual Cure course. He also took the responsibility of managing a Spiritual Cure stall, and is currently supervisor of Madani Qafilahs for his Jamiat al-Madinah year group.

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَيِّبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

## 12. Comedian became a preacher

There was a young comedian in Balasinor (Gujarat, India). Entertaining people with bizarre jokes and amusing stories was his pastime. People used to call him to weddings to entertain guests with his impersonations. This all changed when he took part in collective i'tikāf for Ramadan's last ten days.

Prior to this, he had an obsession for earning money, but the atmosphere of the i'tikāf led to him contemplating the Hereafter instead. He repented from his sins and began to preach the sunnah. He devoted himself to Dawat-e-Islami, and at present, works to spread Islam as the head of a consultation division. He is sincere, determined, and self-sacrificing, to the extent he gives twenty-five days of every month to this cause.

## Gift this booklet to another person after reading it

Earn reward by distributing booklets and pamphlets of Maktabat al-Madinah at occasions such as weddings, death anniversaries of saints, Mawlid gatherings etc.

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Shopkeepers should also keep copies on their business premises with the intention of gifting them to customers. Arrange for at least one booklet to be distributed in every house in your locality each month, to spread the call to righteousness and earn reward.

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