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صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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

## Sayyiduna Ali's Devotion to Beloved Rasool ﷺ

*Along with Demands of Devotion to Beloved Rasool*

أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ  
وَعَلَى إِلَيْكَ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ  
أَلصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ  
وَعَلَى إِلَيْكَ وَأَصْحَبِكَ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْأَعْتِكَافِ

**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

The Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'O people! Undoubtedly, on the Judgement Day the person who will attain salvation from its terror and accountability amongst you will be the one who would have recited Salat upon me abundantly in the world.'

(Al-Firdaus-ul-Akhbar, vol. 2, pp. 471, Hadees 8210)

قَبْرٌ مِثْلُ حُوبِ كَامِ آتَى بِهِ      بِيَكْسُونَ كَى بِهِ يَارِ غَارِ دُرُودِ

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ      صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدِ

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, 'يَبِيَّةُ 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 صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, اذْكُرُوا اللهَ، صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ, 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.

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic brothers! **الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, the sacred month of Ramadan is going on. Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen [leader of the believers] Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada **كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ** was also martyred in this sacred month. With reference to it, today we are going to have the privilege to listen to some Madani pearls about a very beautiful attribute of him 'Devotion to Rasool'. Let's, first of all, listen to a parable:

### Neither has anyone's beauty been seen nor heard like yours

It has been narrated that once some non-Muslims came to leader of the believers, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** and said: Tell us the attributes of your Beloved Prophet (**صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**)! He **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** said: O people listen! I had been with the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** in Saur Cave as these two fingers of mine, whereas when I climbed on Hira Mountain with the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**, I was very close to him. Despite being so close it is very difficult for me to talk about the sacred appearance from head to foot of the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**. However, go to 'Ali Bin Abi Taalib **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ**, he will tell you.

Those people went to leader of the believers, Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada **كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ** and humbly said to him: O Abul Hasan! Tell us about the attributes of your cousin (i.e. the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**)! So he **رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ** said: Neither was the Beloved Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** very tall nor very short, he **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** was a little taller than the medium height. His blessed colour was white with the mixing of redness. His blessed hair was not very curly, but a little curved coming down to the blessed ears. His blessed forehead was wide, eyes filled with kohl, teeth gleaming, beautifully raised nose, neck as clear as a long-necked flask of silver. When he **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** walked, he **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** would set his step so firmly as if he **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** was coming down from a height. When he **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** paid attention to someone, he **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** would pay full attention. When he **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** would stand, he **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** would look taller than people and when he **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** would sit, he **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** would look prominent.

When he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would talk, people would remain quiet. When he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would give sermon, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would make the audience weep. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would be very kind and merciful to people, like affectionate father for the orphans, merciful and soft hearted for the widows, the bravest, the most generous and having the most gleaming face. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would wear Jubba (a long loose dress) and would eat the barley bread. The pillow of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was made of leather filled with the bark of date tree. The Charpa`ee (a light bedstead used nowadays in Indo-Pak, consisting of a web of rope or tape netting) was made of acacia wood woven with the ropes of the leaves of date tree. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had two 'Imamahs. The name of one 'Imamah was Sahaab and the other one was 'Uqaab. The things which the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ needed were entitled sword Zulfaqar, female camel 'Adba, mule Duldul, donkey Ya'foor, horse Bahr, goat Barakah, staff Mamshooq and flag 'لِوَاءُ الْحَمْدِ' [Liwa-ul-Hamd]. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ himself would tie and give fodder to the camel; he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would patch his clothes and would mend shoes himself.

Having given the description of the complete blessed appearance, leader of the believers, Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ stated: 'لَمْ أَرْ قَبْلَهُ وَلَا بَعْدَهُ مِثْلَهُ', I have never seen anyone like the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ before and after him. In another narration after describing the complete appearance Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ said: 'يَقُولُ نَاعِثُهُ لَمْ أَرْ قَبْلَهُ وَلَا بَعْدَهُ مِثْلَهُ', every admirer of the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ finally says this thing: There was no one like him before nor will there be anyone like him after.

*(Izala-tul-Khifa, vol. 4, pp. 499; Tirmizi, vol. 5, pp. 364, Hadees 3657/3658)*

Regarding this blessed Hadees, a great thinker of Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنهُمُ has said: How could the blessed companions see anyone like the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has not created anyone like the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

*(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 8, pp. 58)*

حُسْن تیرا سا نہ دیکھا نہ سنا  
کہتے ہیں اگلے زمانے والے  
وہی دھوم ان کی ہے مَا شَاءَ اللهُ  
مٹ گئے آپ مٹانے والے

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## The one with most outstanding qualities!

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed! When the people asked leader of the believers, Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ about the attributes of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, so first of all he described the blessed appearance of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in detail. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ then described some blessed habits of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, then the things our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ used. Besides mentioning these things Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ also told their names. The answer to the questions of people had completed here, expressing his great love, affection and devotion to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ said that there is no one equal to him in his appearance, beauty and habits. 'لَمْ أَرِ قَبْلَهُ وَلَا بَعْدَهُ مِثْلَهُ', I have never seen anyone like him before nor have I ever seen anyone like him after. A'la Hadrat رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said:

لَمْ يَأْتِ تَطْبِيرَكَ فِي نَظَرٍ مِثْلٍ تُوْنَهُ شُدَّ بِيْدَا جَانَا  
جگ راج کو تاج تورے سَرسو بے تجھ کو شہِ دَوسرا جانا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Of course, there is no one similar to our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is unique and distinctive among all the creatures. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the best amongst all the creatures of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. It has been elucidated and clarified in many places in the Holy Quran and blessed Ahadees. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated in the Holy Quran:

## وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٧﴾

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** And We did not send you (O dear Prophet Muhammad) except as a mercy for the entire world. *(Part 17, Al-Anbiya, verse 107)*

It is the summary of whatever A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated regarding this blessed verse: Everything is called Aalam including Prophets and angels except Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, so certainly the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is mercy for all of them and is the blessing of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and all of them are benefited by him. *(Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 30, pp. 141)*

Regarding this blessed verse, Imam Fakhruddin Raazi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: When the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the mercy for all the worlds, so it is also compulsory that he صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ should be the best of all the worlds, only then will be declared mercy for them.

*(At-Tafseer-ul-Kabeer, vol. 2, pp. 521)*

Sayyiduna 'Abdullah Bin 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا has said:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فَضَّلَ مُحَمَّدًا (صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ) عَلَى الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَعَلَى أَهْلِ السَّمَاءِ

i.e. Undoubtedly Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has made Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ the most superior to all the Prophets and angels. *(Sunan Daarimi, vol. 1, pp. 38, Hadees 46)*

The chief of angels, Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ himself humbly said:

قَلَّبْتُ مَشَارِقَ الْأَرْضِ وَمَغَارِبَهَا فَلَمْ أَجِدْ رَجُلًا أَفْضَلَ مِنْ مُحَمَّدٍ

i.e. I have searched the easts and wests of the earth, but found no one more superior to Muhammad صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

*(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Awsat, vol. 4, pp. 373, Hadees 6258)*

Pointing towards the same thing A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said:

یہی بولے سدرہ والے چمنِ جہاں کے تھالے  
 سبھی میں نے چہان ڈالے ترے پایہ کا نہ پایا  
 تجھے یک نے یک بنایا

### Explanation of couplet

Sayyiduna Jibra'eel عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ said that he has searched the entire world, but has not seen the status and rank of anyone equal to the status and rank of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. The reason for this is that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has created His Beloved صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ the only and unique.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Blessed companions and devotion to Beloved Rasool

Dear Islamic brothers! Surely, all the blessed companions of our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ were in deep love with the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. These were those people who for the sake of the Beloved Prophet's love sacrificed their homes and household goods, wealth, friends, relatives and relations. These were those people who always preferred the pleasure of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to their own pleasure. These were those people who sacrificed their lives for the sake of Islam and waved the flag of Islam across the world.

### Sayyiduna Ali's devotion to Beloved Rasool

Amongst these fortunate people one is leader of the believers, Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was the cousin of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ spent his childhood and boyhood under the guardianship of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, that's why being highly impressed by his character, habits and manners he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ had great love and devotion to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ used to accept wholeheartedly everything that was said by the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. That's the reason when the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ presented him the invitation to Islam, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ accepted it and started offering Salah with the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ from his childhood and thus he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was regarded amongst the first who embraced Islam.

After embracing Islam the relationship of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ with the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ became further deeper. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ continued to fulfil every demand of devotion and love in a good manner. We can find many incidents of great love and devotion of Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ with the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

صاحبِ لُطْفِ و عَطَا مَوْلَى عَلِيٍّ مُشْكِلِ كُشَا  
 بين شهيدِ باوفا مولى على مُشْكِلِ كُشَا  
 بيكرِ خوفِ خدا اے عاشقِ حَبِيبِ الْوَزَى  
 تم سے راضی کیریا مولى على مُشْكِلِ كُشَا

## Passion for satisfying hunger of Beloved

Once, in order to arrange food for the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ went to the orchard of a non-Muslim and drew 17 leathern bucket of water from the well as one date was settled for every leathern bucket of water. That non-Muslim placed all types of dates that he had in front of Sayyiduna Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمُ, so that whatever dates he wanted, he could pick. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ picked 17 'Ajwah dates and presented them to the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked: O Abul Hasan! From where have you got these dates? He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ humbly replied: Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! I heard the news of your severe starvation, so I went out to look for a job so that I could get something for you to eat. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Have you done all this for the love of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool? It was humbly replied: Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! 'Yes'. So the Greatest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: The person who loves Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ), poverty and hunger come to him as quickly as the flood of water falls downwards, so the one who loves Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool

(صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ), he should keep a shield ready (in the form of patience for poverty and hunger). (*Sunan-ul-Kubra, vol. 6, pp. 197, Hadees 11649*)

قَرَّارٍ پائے نہ دِلِ کبھی بھی	لگاؤ سینے میں آگ ایسی
نَبِيِّ رَحْمَتِ شَفِيعِ أُمَّتِ	رُلائے دِنِ رات تیری اُلْفَتِ
میں عِشْقِ میں تیرے سَرِ کٹاؤں	میں نام پر تیرے واری جاؤں
نَبِيِّ رَحْمَتِ شَفِيعِ أُمَّتِ	دو ایسا جَذبہ دو ایسی بِمَتِ
فُضُولِ گوئی سے دیدو نَفَرَتِ	قلیل روزی پہ دو قَنَاعَتِ
نَبِيِّ رَحْمَتِ شَفِيعِ أُمَّتِ	دُرُودِ پڑھتا رہوں بکثرتِ

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ      صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

### Excellence of poverty!

Dear Islamic brothers! Not only has it been learnt from this incident that being in devotion to Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ did not like it at all that in his presence the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had any inconvenience, it has also been learnt that those who love Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ may face shortage of sustenance and shortage of wealth.

Usually in our society poverty is considered to be a very big disaster and utterly disgraceful. However, in fact, poverty is the blessing of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, the wish of the Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and a harbinger of many virtues and countless benefits. The poor and Masakeen will be enjoying in the Hereafter as they will not be questioned about monetary acts of worship such as Zakah, Fitrah, Hajj etc. because these acts are obligatory only for the rich Muslims who have a particular amount of wealth fixed by Shari'ah. When the wealthy are held accountable in the court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ for their wealth on the Day of Resurrection, the destitute Muslims will be entering Paradise by the grace and will of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Hence the poor and destitute will enter

Paradise before the rich. Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The destitute Muslims will enter Paradise half a day before the rich, and that (half a day) will be (equivalent to) 500 years.'

*(Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, Kitab-uz-Zuhd, vol. 4, pp. 158, Hadees 2361)*

## Introduction to 'Excellence of Poverty'

Dear Islamic brothers! Whatever we have just heard about the excellence of poverty has been derived from the published booklet of Maktaba-tul-Madinah namely, 'Ghareeb Fa`iday mayn Hay' [Excellence of Poverty]. Is poverty a cause of mercy or a very big curse? Is poverty the cause of increasing the troubles of the world or decreasing the troubles of the Hereafter? Did our pious predecessors use to prefer to live in poverty or want to have abundant wealth? In order to get all these pieces of information buy this booklet today from Maktaba-tul-Madinah the publishing department of Dawat-e-Islami and not only study it yourself, but also persuade other Islamic brothers to study it.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Sacred passion for obedience to Beloved Rasool

Dear Islamic brothers! We are listening to Sayyiduna Ali's devotion to Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. His entire life is full of the faith-refreshing parables of devotion to the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. It was Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيم who had the privilege to lie in the bed of Beloved Prophet after he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had gone in the night of migration. Just ponder, if somebody is taking rest at his home at night and receives this news that enemies are outside and want to take his life, so he will lose his sleep, he will not be at peace. However, he knows that there is a very good system of security outside, even then he will not be satisfied. His family members may also become restless and scared. But may I be sacrificed upon Sayyiduna Ali's un-exemplary courage and perfect passion of love! Despite knowing this that the enemies were taking their position outside and could attack anytime and

take any kind of action in irritation if they did not find their required person, Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ did not care for all these things at all.

As the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ called Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ and said: I have been commanded to migrate by Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ, therefore, I will set out for Madinah today. You lie in my bed with my green chador on! Hand over all the trusts of Quraysh which they have entrusted with me to them and then come to Madinah. Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ started handing over the trusts of people to their owners and stayed in Makkah for three days. Having handed over the trusts he رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ went to Madinah and reached blessed Quba. The Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was present in the house of Sayyidatuna Kulsoom Bin Hidm رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. He رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ also stayed there. (*Asad-ul-Ghaabah, vol. 4, pp. 104; Ar-Riyad-un-Nadarah, vol. 2, pp. 113*)

لے کے کشکول آگیا مولیٰ علیٰ مُشکلِ کُشا

بھیک لینے کے لئے دربار میں منگتا ترا

اپنا دیوانہ بنا مولیٰ علیٰ مشکلِ کُشا

ایک ذرہ اپنی اُلفت کا عنایت کر مجھے

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! From this incident it has been learnt that Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمَ loved the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ a lot. The love of Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was so much in him that nothing was more beloved to him than the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. He رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ loved the Noblest Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ more than his life and wealth, parents and children. He رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ himself has stated:

كَانَ وَاللَّهِ أَحَبَّ إِلَيْنَا مِنْ أَمْوَالِنَا وَأَوْلَادِنَا وَأَبَائِنَا وَأُمَّهَاتِنَا وَمِنْ الْمَاءِ الْبَارِدِ عَلَى الظَّمَاءِ

By Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ! The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is more beloved to us than our wealth, our children, our father, our mother and the cold water at the time of intense thirst. (*Ash-Shifa, pp. 22*)

His outstanding devotion to Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ can be judged by this incident of Hudaibiyah Treaty that when the Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ commanded Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ to write the treaty. After getting him to write the conditions of the treaty, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: Write 'هَذَا مَا قَالَى عَلَيْهِ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ' i.e. these are the conditions upon which Muhammad (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ) - the Prophet of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ decided to make reconciliation with Quraysh.

Having heard this, one of the polytheists namely, Suhayl Bin 'Amr said: If we had accepted you as the Rasool of Allah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ), we would not have stopped you from Baytullah, nor would we have fought a battle, therefore, instead of writing 'مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ', write 'مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللهِ'. The Prophet of Rahmah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: I am Muhammad Bin 'Abdullah and also 'مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ'. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then commanded Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ: Erase (the word) 'مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُوْلُ اللهِ' and write 'مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللهِ' in place of it.

Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ humbly said: Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! I cannot erase your blessed name, so the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ took that treaty and wrote himself 'مُحَمَّدُ بْنُ عَبْدِ اللهِ' on it (after erasing the word 'رَسُوْلُ اللهِ'). (*Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 212, Hadees 2599*)

میں گناہوں کا مریض اور آپ ہیں میرے طیب  
دیجئے مجھ کو شفا مولى على مُشکل کُشا  
دِل سے دُنیا کی مَحَبَّت دُور کر کے یا علی!  
دیدو عشقی مُصطَفَى مولى على مُشکل کُشا

صَلُّوْا عَلَی الْحَبِیْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَی مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Have you noticed! How deeply Sayyiduna 'Ali-ul-Murtada صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ love our Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ that he did not like to erase the blessed name of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

A great thinker of Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: In the hand of Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ the pen did not write on the word 'رَسُولُ اللهِ', so it was not disobedience, but rather exuberance of faith and passion for devotion to Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 5, pp. 623)

Dear Islamic brothers! A true lover carries out every command of his beloved, or rather he considers it a privilege to perform every deed which is performed by his beloved. Sayyiduna Abu Bakarah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has said: I went for Fajr Salah with the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, so whoever person he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ passed by if found sleeping, so he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would call him for Salah or would shake him with his blessed foot.

(Abu Dawood, vol. 2, pp. 33, Hadees 1264)

Since Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ was a true devotee of Beloved Rasool, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ also acted upon this deed and was martyred while performing the same act.

It has been narrated that when Muazzin came and informed leader of the believers, Sayyiduna Maula 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ of Salah, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ left his home for Fajr Salah. On the way, he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ woke people by calling them for Salah, that suddenly the unfortunate Ibn-e-Muljam attacked him with his sword, causing him serious injuries and later on he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ suffered martyrdom. (Tareekh-ul-Khulafa, pp. 139)

آپ کو رُتبهِ مِلا مَوْلَى عَلِيٍّ مُشْكِلِ كُشَا  
میں فقط منگتا تِرا مَوْلَى عَلِيٍّ مُشْكِلِ كُشَا

بعدِ خُلَفائے ثَلَاثه سَبِّ صَحَابِه سے بڑا  
کیوں پھروں دَر دَر بھلا خَیْرَات لینے کے لیے

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## Demands of devotion to Beloved Rasool

Dear Islamic brothers! Surely, every Muslim claims to love the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, but this claim can be considered perfectly right in that case when the demands of devotion to Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ are acted upon. Therefore, besides claiming to have devotion to Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ we should ponder over it whether we are fulfilling the demands of devotion to Noble Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ or our devotion is only confined to our claims. What things does devotion to Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ demand? Let's listen to some of the Madani pearls out of them:

### Obedience

The first and foremost demand for love and devotion is to obey the beloved. Therefore, it is compulsory for every Ummati that the things for which the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has commanded should be acted upon. They should not even imagine any disagreement equal to even a particle. The demand for obeying Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is this that every Muslim should spend his life by acting upon Sunnahs.

اَلْحَفْظُ لِرَبِّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Currently, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat's great passion for the obedience to Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and for the revival of Sunnah is unique. Countless people have been impressed by his luminous personality that is the embodiment of obedience to Sunnah. They have started wearing 'Imamah (turban), having a beard and started wearing Sunnah-conforming dress. By doing these things they not only have become devotees of Beloved Rasool, but they have also started offering Salah, observing fasts and acting upon Shar'i rulings regularly.

It is stated on page 38 of a book namely, '*Introduction to Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat*', published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah: With the intention of acting upon Sunnah he sometimes lies on the floor, and sometimes on a palm leaf mat. He دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ neither has any kind of thick padded bedding in his house for sleeping on, nor any bed. In short, we can see the obedience to Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the everyday practices of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ which is indeed the evidence of deep love and devotion to our

Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ enable us to have the same true love and perfect obedience to the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ for his sake!

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

سدا سُنْتوں پر چلا یا الہی!	مُطیع اپنا مُجھ کو بنا یا الہی!
تُو دیوانہ ایسا بنا یا الہی!	میں عِشقی نبی میں رہوں گم ہمیشہ
مجھے سُنْتوں پر چلا یا الہی!	تُو انگریزی فیشن سے ہر دم بچا کر
بنا عاشقِ مُصْطَفَے یا الہی!	تجھے واسطہ سَیِّدہ آمَنہ کا

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

## Honour and reverence

Another demand for devotion to Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is this as well that the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ should be honoured and revered to an extreme level. The person, who loves someone, himself reveres him and expects it from others as well. If someone insults his beloved a bit, he loses his temper. It is a case of an ordinary beloved, whereas the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the beloved of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ besides the whole universe. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ Himself has commanded to honour and revere him. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has stated:

وَتُعَزَّرُوهُ وَتُقَرَّبُوهُ ط

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** And honour and revere the Noble Messenger. (Part 26, Surah Al-Fath, verse 9)

## Abundance of Zikr

It is also amongst the demands of love and devotion that the person who is claimed to be loved should be mentioned abundantly because a true lover

gets pleasure from the Zikr of his beloved. The centre of our love and devotion is the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, therefore, we should abundantly do his Zikr. Zikr of Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the blessed incantation that contains satisfaction for the hearts of devotees, expression of love and the treasure of virtues. The best way of doing it is to recite blessed Salat-'Alan-Nabi and Salaam upon the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ more and more. If we are able to act upon the Madani In'amaat, then we will have the privilege to recite blessed Salat-'Alan-Nabi at least 313 times. Madani In'aam no. 5 says: Today have you recited some Awrad from your Shajarah and recited at least 313 times Salat-'Alan-Nabi?

نہ غرض کسی سے نہ واسطہ، مجھے کام اپنے ہی کام سے  
تیرے ذکر سے تری فکر سے تیری یاد سے تیرے نام سے

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

## Friendship with friends, enmity with enemies

Dear Islamic brothers! One of the most important things amongst the demands of devotion is this as well that the way a true devotee loves every that thing which belongs to his beloved such as his friends and relatives, similarly, to bear malice against his enemies, to break ties with them are also the demands of devotion. It is not possible that a person claims to have true love for someone and develops friendship with his enemies.

'Allamah Maulana Sayyid Muhammad Na'eemuddin Muradabadi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: True believers cannot do it and this is not their status and Iman (faith) does not accept it that they befriend the enemy of Allah and His Rasool. (*Khaza'in-ul-'Irfan, part 28, Taht-al-Ayah: 22*)

Remember! This is not enough for the devotees of Rasool to consider the enemies of the Beloved Prophet to be enemies, but rather besides their enmity they must also abstain from their culture and customs. But alas! What

has happened to the Muslims of these days that **صَعَادَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** they feel proud of acting upon the manners of the enemies of the Holy Prophet.

Alas! With the passage of time we are fond of western culture and their lifestyle. With the result that today women have become shameless. The youth of Muslims have no shame in their eyes. Those who call themselves to be the slaves of Beloved Mustafa now instead of adopting the blessed character of Beloved Mustafa **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** are acting upon the manners of the enemies of Mustafa.

آہ! فیشن کی بے یلغار رسولِ عربی!	دُور سُنَّت سے مُسلمان ہوئے جاتے ہیں
دُور فیشن کی ہو بھرمار رسولِ عربی!	سُنَّتوں کا ہو عَطَا دَرَد مُسلمانوں کو
سُنَّتوں کا کروں پرچار رسولِ عربی!	میرا سینہ تری سُنَّت کا مدینہ بن جائے

Dear Islamic brothers! We still have time. We should control ourselves and instead of becoming the person who only talks and does nothing we should become the man of character. Get rid of the love of enemies and develop love for the one whose Noor (luminosity) has illuminated the darkness of this world. We should show great devotion to the Beloved and Blessed Prophet **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ**.

مجھے اپنی رحمت سے تُو اپنا ہی کر لے  
سوا تیرے سب سے کنارا کروں میں

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

Dear Islamic brothers! There are many lovers who have one-sided love, who express their love for their beloved all the time, but it will be excellent if the beloved also expresses his love to his lover. Sayyiduna Maula 'Ali **كَرَّمَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ** is the fortunate person whose claim to have devotion to Beloved Rasool **صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ** has been verified by our Beloved Prophet

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ himself and the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has expressed his great relation himself to him as well.

## Evidence of love

On the occasion of Battle of Khayber, the Prophet of Rahmah, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'الرُّعْطَيْنِ الرَّأِيَةَ غَدًا رَجُلًا', i.e. Tomorrow I will give a flag to the man 'يُحِبُّهُ اللهُ وَرَسُولُهُ وَيُحِبُّ اللهُ وَرَسُولَهُ', who Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool love and he also loves Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool. Next day, the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then gave Sayyiduna 'Ali كَرَّمَ اللهُ تَعَالَى وَجْهَهُ الْكَرِيمِ a flag.

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 2, pp. 535, Hadees 3702)

میں تو کہا ہی چاہوں کہ بندہ ہوں شاہ کا  
پر لطف جب بے کہدیں اگر وہ جناب "ہوں"

## Explanation of couplet

Who am I and what is my reality? I always say and consider myself to be the slave of the Beloved Prophet, but it will be excellent when the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ himself says that "you are my slave".

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! اَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, admissions are being granted in Jami'a-tul-Madinah for Islamic brothers and Jami'a-tul-Madinah for Islamic sisters. Admissions will continue to be granted until 10<sup>th</sup> of Shawwal-ul-Mukarram, 1437 AH (expected July 16<sup>th</sup>, 2016).

You also enrol your children in Jami'a-tul-Madinah for the better upbringing, for making them habitual of offering Salah and observing fasts, for teaching them the Shar'i rulings of Faraaid and Wajibat, Halal and Haraam, sell and purchase

and rights of people etc. so that they may impart Islamic knowledge to others after acquiring it and may become the cause of your Hereafter salvation.

The virtues of Islamic knowledge are outstanding! 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: Knowledge is not something whose excellence and qualities are to be mentioned. Everyone knows that knowledge is a much better thing and its acquisition is a sign of high rank. It is the thing by which human life becomes pleasant and successful. It is the thing by which our world and the Hereafter both get better. This knowledge means the knowledge which is obtained by the Quran and Hadees. It is the knowledge that makes the world and the Hereafter both better. It is the knowledge that brings about salvation. It is this knowledge that is praised in the Quran and Hadees and for the same education our attention has been drawn. (*Bahar-e-Shari'at*, vol. 3, pp. 618)

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! In Jami'a-tul-Madinah, not only are students provided with knowledge, but they are also persuaded as to how to avoid sins and perform good deeds. Furthermore, the students of Jami'a-tul-Madinah also become travellers of Madani Qafilahs with the devotees of Rasool as per the schedule in the way of Allah. Some fortunate students have the privilege to travel with the 12-month Madani Qafilahs.

Acting upon the 92 Madani In'amaat given by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ they fill out the Madani In'amaat booklet daily and submit it to the responsible Islamic brother of Zayli Mushawarat of their class on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every Madani month. You also enrol your children in Jami'a-tul-Madinah. Moreover, make individual efforts upon your brothers, friends and other relatives and give them the mind-set of enrolling their children in Jami'a-tul-Madinah. It will spread knowledge everywhere and overcome ignorance. It will also become a Sadaqah that will be a permanent source of Divine reward for you.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! In conclusion, I would like to seize the 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, 'Whoever loves my Sunnah, loves me, and whoever loves me will be with me in Jannah.' (*Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol. 1, pp. 97, Hadees 175*)

جنت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

سینہ تری سنت کا مدینہ بنے آقا

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

## Sunan and manners of walking

Let's listen to the Sunan and manners of walking with the intention of acting upon Sunnahs:

1. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said in Surah Bani Israel, part 15, verse 37:

وَلَا تَمْشِ فِي الْأَرْضِ مَرَحًا  
إِنَّكَ لَنْ تَخْرِقَ الْأَرْضَ وَلَنْ تَبْلُغَ الْجِبَالَ طُولًا

**Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman:** And do not walk arrogantly on the earth; undoubtedly, you cannot tear the earth and nor can you reach height of the mountains. (*Part 15, Bani Israel, verse 37*)

2. The Beloved and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'A man wearing two shawls was strutting [i.e. walking arrogantly]. He was sunk into the ground and he will continue to sink until the Day of Judgement. (*Sahih Muslim, pp. 1156, Hadees 2088*)
3. When the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ walked, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ would lean a little bit forward as though he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was descending from a height. (*Shumaail-ut-Tirmizi, pp. 87, Hadees 118*)

4. If there is no hindrance, walk on the side of the pathway at a medium pace. Neither walk so fast that people start looking at you in surprise, nor walk too slowly that people consider you to be ill.
5. It is not Sunnah to look here and there (unnecessarily) while walking. Walk in a dignified manner with your gaze lowered.
6. While walking or coming up or down the stairs, make sure that your shoes do not make noise.
7. If two women are standing or walking on the way, do not pass them by walking in between them. It is prohibited in a blessed Hadees to do so.
8. Some people are habitual of kicking whatever comes in their way. It is absolutely an uncivilized manner that may also cause injury to their foot. Furthermore, kicking newspapers or boxes, packets and empty bottles of mineral water with inscriptions on them is also an act of disrespect.

To learn various Sunan, get 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.

سُنَّتوں کی تَرْبِیَّت کے قافلے میں بار بار

مَجْه کو جَذْبہ دے سفر کرتا رہوں پَروردِگار

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

The Salawaat-‘Alan-Nabi and Du’as 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

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 وَسَلِّمْ

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 اللَّهُ 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 بَدَوَامِ مُلْكِ اللَّهِ

Shaykh Ahmad Saawi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ الْوَّاهِي 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 صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 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 صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 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 وَ أَنْزِلْهُ الْبَقْعَدَ الْمُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest and Holiest Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ 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)

### 1. Good deeds for 1000 days

جَزَى اللهُ عَنَّا مُحَمَّدًا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ

It is narrated by Sayyiduna Ibn 'Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble and Blessed Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ 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 اللهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ  
سُبْحَانَ اللهِ 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.