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أُخِذَ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَالسَّلَامِ عَلَى سَيِّدِ الْمُرْسَلِينَ
 أَمَا بَعْدُ فَأَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Parables of Those Who Celebrated the Month of Meelad

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

نَوَيْتُ سُنَّتَ الْإِعْتِكَافِ

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

Whenever you enter a Masjid, upon remembering, make the intention of 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 and drinking will also become permissible for you in the Masjid.

Excellence of Salat-'Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: When people who love each other for the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ meet together, shake hands [with each other] and recite Salat-'Alan-Nabi, the past and future sins of both of them are forgiven before they separate from each other.

(Musnad Abi Ya'la, vol. 3, pp. 95, Hadees 2951)

گرچہ میں بے حد فُصُور تم ہو عَفُو و عَفُور

بخش دو جُرم و خطا تم پہ کروڑوں دُرُود

Explanation of couplet: O my Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Though my sins are too many, you are the one who forgives unconditionally; forgive my sins and flaws as well; May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ descend billions of Salat and Salam upon you!

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

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

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

Two Madani pearls

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

Intentions of listening to the Bayan

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit as I sit in Tashahhud 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 and calm and avoid staring, snapping, and arguing with them.
5. When I hear تَوْبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، صَلُّوا عَلَى 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 Salam, shaking hands, and for making individual efforts upon them.

The family that used to celebrate Meelad

There was a true Muslim devotee, namely Ibraheem who resided in Madina-tul-Munawwarah. He would always earn Halal sustenance and would save half of his earnings for the celebration of the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ. When the month of Rabi'-ul-Awwal would arrive, he would celebrate Meelad enthusiastically, abiding by the commandments of Shari'ah. He would distribute food in large quantity among the people for the Isal-e-Sawab of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ and would spend money for righteous acts. His wife was also a great devotee of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ. She would also co-operate with her husband with heart and soul in these good deeds. After a few years, his wife passed away but he continued to celebrate Meelad.

One day, this true Muslim devotee, Ibraheem called his young son and made his will, 'Dear son! I will pass away tonight; I have 50 dirhams and 19 yards of cloth. Use the cloth for my shroud and if possible, spend the money for any righteous act.' Having said this, he recited Kalimah Tayyibah and departed this life. The son buried his father according to his will, but he was rather confused about spending the money his father had left for a righteous act. When he slept that night, he dreamt that it was the Judgement Day and everyone was worried only for his own self. Fortunate people were going towards the Paradise, whereas the sinners were being dragged to the Hell. He stood shivering with fear thinking about the decision that would be made for him! Meanwhile, a voice was heard from Ghayb [i.e. unseen], 'Let this young man enter the Paradise.'

Therefore, he entered the Paradise happily and started moving around. After visiting all the seven Paradise, when he moved towards the 8th Paradise, the keeper of Paradise, Sayyiduna Rizwaan عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام said: 'Only those who celebrated the birth of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ in the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal in the world are allowed to enter this Paradise.' Upon hearing this, he understood that his parents would be there. A voice was then heard, 'Let this young man enter [this Paradise]. His parents want to meet him.' Therefore, he went in and saw his deceased mother sitting near the stream of Kawsar. Nearby, there was a throne on which an honourable lady was sitting. There were also some other chairs on which many venerable ladies were

sitting. He asked an angel, 'Who are they?' The angel replied, 'The one sitting on the throne is Sayyidatuna Fatimah Zahra رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهَا and [those sitting] on the chairs are Sayyidatuna Khadija-tul-Kubra, Sayyidatuna 'Aishah Siddiqah, Sayyidatuna Maryam, Sayyidatuna Aasiyah, Sayyidatuna Saarah, Sayyidatuna Haajirah, Sayyidatuna Raabi'ah and Sayyidatuna Zubaydah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُنَّ.'

He became very happy and moved forward. As he further moved forward, he saw a great throne on which the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was sitting and his luminous face was shining. Around the throne, there were four chairs on which the Khulafa-e-Rashideen (the first four righteous Caliphs رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ) were sitting. On the right side, there were golden chairs on which the blessed Ambiya عَلَيْهِمُ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ were sitting and on the left, the blessed Shuhada [i.e. martyrs] were sitting. In the meantime, the young man saw his deceased father [Ibraheem] among a crowd near the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Ibraheem happily embraced his son. The son asked, 'Dear father, how did you attain this status?' Ibraheem replied, 'الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I have been blessed with this status by virtue of celebrating the birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.'

The following morning, he sold his house at a low price and arranged a feast using all the money he had received by selling his house along with his deceased father's 50 dirhams. He invited Islamic scholars and pious Muslims and served them. As he was no longer interested in the worldly activities, he decided to serve a Masjid and spent the rest of his 30 years in it, worshipping Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. After his death, someone saw him in a dream and asked what had happened to him. He replied, 'By virtue of the blessings of celebrating Meelad [of Rasoolullah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], I have been sent to my deceased father in Paradise.' (*Subh-e-Baharan*, pp. 8-11)

بخش دے مجھ کو الہی! بہر میلاد النبی
نامہ اعمال عیباں سے مرا بھر پور ہے

(*Wasail-e-Bakhshish*, pp. 484)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! You have just listened to the faith-refreshing parable of a person who used to celebrate the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Certainly, celebrating the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ brings about the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and He عَزَّوَجَلَّ bestows His favours and blessings abundantly upon those who celebrate it. Undoubtedly, the celebration of the most auspicious occasion of Meelad brings about loads of rewards, and observe that how devotee of Rasool make this blessed event more and more reward earning. They decorate their homes, streets, localities even vehicles with Madani flags, sparkling small electric bulbs, colourful lights, make announcements of sighting Rabi-ul-Awwal Moon with congratulatory messages, repent of sins especially upon the arrival of this month, make a firm intention to lead a life as per the Madani method [i.e. Madani In'amaat] in order to attain the steadfastness in acting upon the Sunnahs and good deeds, in order to chant the slogan 'Marhaba Ya Mustafa' village to village, area to area travel with the Madani Qafilah with Islamic brothers, call people towards righteousness by distributing Madani booklets of Maktaba-tul-Madinah in the congregation of Meelad and the Meelad processions, for 12 days arrange Sunnah-inspiring congregations of celebrating Meelad in different Masajid, attend weekly Ijtima and Madani Muzakarah from beginning to end holding a Madani flag, perform Ghusl, wear a new dress and buy new articles of daily use, observe Sawm (fast) acting upon the Sunnah of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ on this blessed day, welcome Subh-e-Baharan (the earliest part of morning) by reciting Salat and Salam with tearful eyes raising Madani flags, after Fajr Salah meet each other warmly by saying Salam and wishing the sacred Eid Day, meet people with pleasant emotion and give them wishes of Eid of Meelad throughout the day, express excitement and delight, arrange Langer (act of serving food) of Meelad amongst the devotees of Rasool of Meelad Ijtima and Meelad Procession, recite Salat-'Alan-Nabi, Salam and Na'ats in the state of Wudu raising Madani flags in Meelad, chant slogan of 'Marhaba Ya Mustafa' keeping head lowered with the sense of having reverence for Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and they spend immense amount of money in charity acts.

جب تلک یہ چاند تارے جھلملاتے جائیں گے تب تلک جشنِ ولادت ہم مناتے جائیں گے
 اُن کے عاشق نور کی شمعیں جلاتے جائیں گے جبکہ حاسد دل جلاتے سٹپتاتے جائیں گے
 حشر تک جشنِ ولادت ہم مناتے جائیں گے مرحبا کی دھوم یارو! ہم مچاتے جائیں گے
 جھوم کر سارے کہو آقا کی آمد مرحبا حشر میں بھی ہم یہی نعرہ لگاتے جائیں گے

تم کرو جشنِ ولادت کی خوشی میں روشنی
 وہ تمہاری گور تیرہ جگمگاتے جائیں گے
 ذکرِ میلادِ مبارک کیسے چھوڑیں ہم بھلا
 جن کا کہاتے ہیں اُنہیں کے گیت گاتے جائیں گے

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the mercy of Allah ﷻ and he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is the mercy, not only for one nation or country, but rather for all the worlds. In the Glorious Quran, Allah ﷻ has stated in Ayah 107 of Surah Al-Ambiya, part 17:

وَمَا أَرْسَلْنَاكَ إِلَّا رَحْمَةً لِّلْعَالَمِينَ ﴿١٠٧﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And We have not sent you, but as a Mercy for all the worlds. (Part 17, Al-Ambiya, Ayah 107)

Allah ﷻ has Himself commanded us to rejoice upon receiving His mercy, as Allah ﷻ has stated in the Holy Quran, part 11, Surah Yunus, Ayah 58:

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

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Say O Beloved, 'Only upon Allah's benevolence and upon His mercy, and on it they (people) should rejoice'; that is better than all their wealth. (Part 11, Surah Yunus, Ayah 58)

Regarding this blessed Ayah, a great thinker of Ummah, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: O Beloved! After giving this good news to the people, also command them to rejoice greatly upon receiving the benevolence 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 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal. It is because the benevolence of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, i.e. the Holy Quran was sent down in Ramadan and the mercy for all the worlds was granted in Rabi'-ul-Awwal, i.e. the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born.

The act of making celebrations upon receiving this grace and mercy is better than your worldly accumulated possessions, money, home, property, animals, agriculture and even children etc. because the benefit gained from these celebrations is not confined to a person but the whole nation benefits from it; its benefit is not temporary but everlasting, not only in this world but also in the Hereafter, not only physical but also heartfelt and spiritual. It has no harm, but Sawab [i.e. reward]. (*Tafseer Na'eemi, vol. 11, pp. 369*)

خوشیاں مناؤ بھائیو! سرکار آگئے
سب جھوم جھوم کر کہو سرکار آگئے
سرکار آگئے، شہ ابرار آگئے
دونوں جہاں کے مالک و مختار آگئے
عیدوں کی عید آگئی سرکار آگئے
خوشیوں کے لمحات آگئے دیوانے جھوم اٹھے

سرکار کی آمد... مرحبا سردار کی آمد... مرحبا آمنہ کے پھول کی آمد... مرحبا
رسولِ مقبول کی آمد... مرحبا پیارے کی آمد... مرحبا اچھے کی آمد... مرحبا
سچے کی آمد... مرحبا سوہنے کی آمد... مرحبا موہنے کی آمد... مرحبا
مختار کی آمد... مرحبا

مرحبا یا مصطفیٰ مرحبا یا مصطفیٰ مرحبا یا مصطفیٰ مرحبا یا مصطفیٰ

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! To celebrate the blessed Meelad [i.e. the birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ] is the commandment of Quran and

celebrating it pleases the Beloved Rasool ﷺ. Every year, the month of Rabi'ul Awwal arrives with all its greatness, mercy and blessings and fortunate devotees of Rasool express their joy by decorating their homes, shops, vehicles, streets, Mahallahs and cities with Madani flags and colourful lights as per their financial capacity and capability. Besides celebrating Meelad, we should also know: At what time and on which day was the Beloved Rasool ﷺ born and what was the date? Let's listen to this information.

The most Revered and Renowned Rasool ﷺ was born as a beacon of guidance for the entire world after 55 days of the event of Ashaab-ul-Feel [i.e. people of the elephant], on 12th of Rabi'ul-Awwal, Monday, 20th April 571 at the break of dawn when some stars were visibly twinkling in the sky.

Shining with the most luminous face, the Beloved Rasool ﷺ arrived in this world having placed his both blessed hands on the floor and having raised his blessed head towards the sky. He was full of Musk fragrance, kohl-eyed, circumcised, miraculously pure and clean, having no umbilical (navel) cord, and having the blessed seal of Nubuwwat radiating between the blessed shoulders. *(Al-Mawahib-ul-Ladunniyyah, vol. 1, pp. 66-75)*

چاند سا چمکاتے چہرہ نور برساتے ہوئے
 آگئے بدرالدجی اہلاً و سہلاً مرحبا
 آمنہ کے گھر میں آقا کی ولادت ہوگئی
 مرحبا صلّ علی اہلاً و سہلاً مرحبا
 سوئی قسمت جاگ اُٹھی اور سب کی بگڑی بن گئی
 بابِ رحمت وا ہوا اہلاً و سہلاً مرحبا

Shaykh 'Abdul Haq Muhaddis Dihlvi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: The people of Makkah also pay a visit to the blessed house of Rasoolullah and hold gathering or congregation of blessed Meelad-un-Nabi over there on the very date of 12th of Rabi'ul-Awwal. *(Madarij-un-Nubuwwah, vol. 2, pp. 14)*

کرم کا چشمہ جاری ہے بارہویں تاریخ
 عدو کے دل کو گٹاری ہے بارہویں تاریخ
 خوشی دلوں پہ وہ طاری ہے بارہویں تاریخ
 جلے جو تجھ سے وہ ناری ہے بارہویں تاریخ
 میرے خدا کو بھی پیاری ہے بارہویں تاریخ

سحابِ رحمتِ باری ہے بارہویں تاریخ
 ہمیں توجان سے پیاری ہے بارہویں تاریخ
 ہزار عیدہوں ایک ایک لحظہ پرفراں
 ہمیشہ تونے غلاموں کے دل کیے ٹھنڈے
 حسنِ ولادتِ سرکار سے ہوا روشن

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Night superior to Shab-e-Qadr

Dear Islamic brothers! Surely, the date of 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal has great significance. On this very date [i.e. 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal], all the darkness of Kufr [i.e. unbelief] and Shirk [i.e. polytheism] lifted; on the same date, light shone everywhere; on the same date, feelings of joy pervaded everywhere; on the same date, Sayyiduna Jibra'eel Ameen عَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ planted a flag on the roof of sacred Ka'bah; and it is this very date [i.e. 12th of Rabi-ul-Awwal] which is even superior to Shab-e-Qadr.

Sayyiduna Shaykh 'Abdul Haq Muhaddis Dihli عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْقَوِي has stated, 'Indeed, the night of the birth of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is superior even to Shab-e-Qadr, because the night of his blessed birth is the night when the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived in this world, whereas 'لَيْلَةُ الْقَدْرِ' is the night which has been bestowed upon him. In fact, the night whose greatness lies in the advent of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is more sacred than the night whose greatness lies in the advent of the angels.'

(Masabata bis-Sunnah, pp. 153)

Greatest Eid of all the Eids

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! For the Muslims, the 12th of Rabi'-ul-Awwal is the greatest Eid of all the Eids. Indeed, if the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had not arrived in this world, there would have been no Eid and no Layla-tul-Bara'at. In fact, all the

glory and greatness of the universe are by virtue of the blessed advent of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ.

وہ جو نہ تھے تو کچھ نہ تھا وہ جو نہ ہوں تو کچھ نہ ہو
جان ہیں وہ جہان کی جان ہے تو جہان ہے

سرکار کی آمد... مرحبا سردار کی آمد... مرحبا آمنہ کے پھول کی آمد... مرحبا
رسول مقبول کی آمد... مرحبا پیارے کی آمد... مرحبا اچھے کی آمد... مرحبا
سچے کی آمد... مرحبا سوہنے کی آمد... مرحبا موہنے کی آمد... مرحبا مختار کی آمد... مرحبا
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صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! It has become clear that the blessed day of the birth of our Beloved Rasool ﷺ is most superior to all days. Therefore, we should also celebrate this day with great enthusiasm, in conformity with Shari'ah. We should hold Ijtima of Meelad, raise Madani flags and join the procession of Meelad. We should develop the habit of giving Sadaqah and charity in large quantities on this day. *إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, many blessings will be received.

Sayyiduna Imam 'Abdur Rahman Ibn Jawzi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated, 'For the one who expresses his joy and delight on the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ, this happiness will become a shield, protecting him from Hell. O Ummah of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ! May this be good news for you that you have been declared to be deserving of abundance of blessings in the world and the Hereafter. The one celebrating the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ will be granted respect, blessing, goodness and glory; he will enter the Paradise wearing an 'Imamah [i.e. Islamic turban] of pearls and a green attire of Paradise; he will be granted countless palaces and there will be a Hoor in each palace. Recite Salat-'Alan-Nabi in abundance and celebrate the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ, making it known widely. (*Majmu' Lateef-un-Nabi, pp. 281*)

Hafiz-ul-Hadees Imam Abul Khayr Muhammad Bin ‘Abdur Rahman Sakhaawi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated, ‘Great benevolence is shown to the people who celebrate the blessed birth [of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], by virtue of the blessings of this [reward-earning] act.’ (Subul-ul-Huda, vol. 1, pp. 362)

Sayyiduna Imam Ahmad Bin Muhammad Qastalani رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated, ‘Among the benefits of arranging the gathering of Meelad in the month of the blessed birth of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, it is proven that the year turns out to be peaceful. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ have mercy upon the one who celebrates the nights of the blessed birth-month of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ like Eid.’ (Mawahib-ul-Ladunniyyah, vol. 1, pp. 78)

عِيدِ مِيلَادُ النَّبِيِّ تُو عِيدِ كِي بِيهِ عِيدِ بِي

بِالْيَقِينِ بِي عِيدِ عِيدَانِ عِيدِ مِيلَادُ النَّبِيِّ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Besides adopting different ways to celebrate the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, if possible, observe Sawm [i.e. fast] on the 12th of Rabi’-ul-Awwal, and in particular, on every Monday because our Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has also celebrated his birthday by observing Sawm on Mondays.

The Beloved Rasool ﷺ celebrated his birthday himself!

Sayyiduna Abu Qatadah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated: The Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was asked as to why he observed Sawm on Mondays. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ responded, ‘I was born on this day and the Holy Quran was sent down to me on the same day (i.e. on this day, first revelation was sent down).’ (Mishkat-ul-Masabih, vol.1, pp. 563, Hadees 2045)

Listen to another narration in which mentioning about his own blessed birth, the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ told the blessed Sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ: I will now tell you what my beginning is. The Du’a of Sayyiduna Ibrahim, the

good news of Sayyiduna Isa عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and the dream of my mother that she saw at the time of my birth; at the time of my birth, for my mother, a Noor [i.e. light] appeared which illuminated the palaces of Syria before her.

(Masabata bis-Sunnah, pp. 137)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The Blessed Sahabah also celebrated the birthday

Dear Islamic brothers! The way Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has mentioned the advent and the excellence of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in the Holy Quran and then the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ himself has mentioned his blessed birth, similarly, the blessed Sahabah would also repeatedly mention the birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in their own gatherings.

Sayyiduna Abu Sa'eed رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that Sayyiduna Mu'awiyah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has said: Once the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ came near the Halqah [i.e. gathering] of Sahabah and asked: 'What is impelling you to sit here?' The Sahabah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ humbly replied: 'We are sitting here to do the Zikr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, and giving thanks [to Him] as He has blessed us with the guidance of Islam and did us a great favour by you.' He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then said: 'By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Has only this thing impelled you to sit here?' It was humbly replied: 'By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Nothing is impelling us to sit here except this.' The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ then said: '[Sayyiduna] Jibra'eel [عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام] approached me and informed me that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is proud of you before the Angels.' (Sunan Nasa'ee, pp. 861, Hadees 5436)

Dear Islamic brothers! After the abovementioned blessed Hadees, Mufti Ahmad Yar Khan رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: It became clear that it is Sunnah [i.e. way] of blessed Sahabah to hold gatherings and sit in the form of Halqahs to express thanks for Islam and for the blessed advent of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. This blessed Hadees is the proof of the gathering of blessed Meelad. (Mirat, vol. 3, pp. 321)

Remember, according to the beliefs of Ahl-us-Sunnah, the blessed gathering of Meelad is one of the most excellent acts of Mustahabbat [i.e. desirable deeds] 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 Meelad, that is, the speech about the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is permissible. In the blessed Meelad, the descriptions of the Beloved Rasool's miracles, virtues, habits, life history, biography, days spent with his foster-mother and declaration of Nubuwwat are mentioned. These descriptions have also been mentioned in the Holy Quran and blessed Ahadees. 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 as impermissible. Inviting people to attend such congregations is inviting them towards goodness. The way announcements are made for speeches and processions, advertisements are published and distributed, articles about them are published in newspapers, and these 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 Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ] of his blessed Zikr [i.e. remembrance] cannot be declared impermissible and as an innovation in religion if invitations are sent out for it. *(Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 3, pp. 644-645)*

ربیع پاک تجھ پر آہلستت کیوں نہ قرباں ہوں

کہ تیری بارہویں تاریخ وہ جانِ قمر آیا

Dear Islamic brothers! It became clear that the act of holding an Ijtima of Zikr and Na'at in which the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, his blessed Raza'at [i.e. time spent with his foster-mother] and the parables of his sacred childhood are mentioned; the act of gathering people for speeches which are delivered in it, and out of happiness of the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the act of serving food amongst the people, are all permissible.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Muslims celebrate the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in this sacred month. They display Madani flags in Masajid, houses, shops, on vehicles and in the streets; people illuminate their houses and localities with lots of colourful and beautiful lights; they attend the Ijtimaa of Zikr and Na'at on the 12th night of Rabi'-ul-Awwal with the intention of attaining Sawab [i.e. reward] and at dawn they welcome Subh-e-Baharan with tearful eyes while reciting Salat Alan Nabi and Salam, and raising Madani flags. On the day of 12 Rabi'-ul-Awwal, while observing Sawm [i.e. fast], they join the procession of Meelad. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ becomes pleased with such devotees of Rasool who celebrate the blessed Meelad.

I also become pleased with him

A pious saint has stated: اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I had the privilege to see the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in my dream. I humbly asked the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: 'Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! Do you like the deed of Muslims of celebrating your blessed birth every year?' The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ responded: 'The one who celebrates my birth and becomes pleased with me, I also become pleased with him.' (*Tazkira-tul-Wa'izeen, pp. 600*)

خدا کی رضا چاہتے ہیں دو عالم

خدا چاہتا ہے رضائے محمد

Explanation of couplet: Both the worlds have deep eagerness of the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ wants the pleasure of His Beloved صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. On the Day of Judgment, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will gather all the people, and will say to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: 'كُلُّهُمْ يَطْلُبُونَ رِضَائِي وَأَنَا أَطْلُبُ رِضَاكَ يَا مُحَمَّدُ', all of them want My pleasure and O Beloved صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! I want your pleasure.

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Reward of celebrating Meelad

Sayyiduna Shaykh 'Abdul Haq Muhaddis Dihlvi عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ اللهِ الْعَظِيمِ has stated: The reward for those who celebrate the night of the blessed birth of the Beloved

Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ will make them enter Jannat-un-Na'eem by His blessing and mercy. Muslims have always been holding Meelad gatherings, and out of happiness of the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, they have been holding feasts and have been giving Sadaqah and charity in abundance. Expressing their sheer joy, Muslims go to great expense, decorate their homes and hold gatherings to do the Zikr of the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. By virtue of all these good and virtuous deeds, the blessings of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ are showered upon them. *(Masabata bis-Sunnah, pp. 155)*

سرکار کی آمد... مرجبا سردار کی آمد... مرجبا آمنہ کے پھول کی آمد... مرجبا
رسولِ مقبول کی آمد... مرجبا پیارے کی آمد... مرجبا اچھے کی آمد... مرجبا
سچے کی آمد... مرجبا سوہنے کی آمد... مرجبا موہنے کی آمد... مرجبا مُختار کی آمد... مرجبا
مرحبا یا مصطفیٰ مرحبا یا مصطفیٰ مرحبا یا مصطفیٰ مرحبا یا مصطفیٰ

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Let's now listen to the unique styles adopted by devotees of the Beloved Rasool to celebrate Meelad in the month of Rabi'-ul-Awwal. People celebrate the month of Meelad with great enthusiasm and dedication.

King's yearning for Meelad

The king of Arbal, Abu Sa'eed Muzaffar would celebrate Meelad every year with great enthusiasm in the month of Rabi-ul-Awwal. He would arrange a very large gathering of Meelad. A person who had attended these gatherings, has said: I saw 5000 heads of roasted goats, 10,000 hens, 100,000 bowls of Firni [i.e. a sweet dish] and 30,000 trays of halvah [i.e. also a sweet dish]. Many Islamic scholars and Sufis would attend the Meelad. The king would present them with expensive clothing and gifts. He would spend 300 thousand dinars on the gathering of Meelad every year. There would be guest houses for the guests on which he would spend 100 thousand dinars every year. He would spend 30,000 dinars on repairing the routes to the Haramayn

Sharifayn. These all Sadaqat were in addition to the Sadaqat which were given secretly. (*Subul-ul-Huda, pp. 362*)

Celebration of Meelad in Makkah Mukarramah

On page 72 of his book titled, ‘Seerat-e-Mustafa’, ‘Allamah Abdul Mustafa A’zami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has mentioned: In the Islamic history, the blessed home in which the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ was born, is termed ‘Mawlid-un-Nabi’ (i.e. the birth place of the Beloved Nabi صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ). Indeed, this is a very sacred and blessed place at which Muslim rulers and kings would arrange the gatherings of Meelad. They built a marvellous structure where the inhabitants of sacred Haramayn and Muslims from all over the world would constantly hold the gatherings of Meelad and abundantly recite Salat and Salam and would present the gift of all these blessed acts in the court of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

Anwaar of the angels

In his book *Fuyooz-ul-Haramayn*, a renowned Muhaddis, Sayyiduna Shah Waliyyullah Muhaddis Dihlvi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has mentioned: I once attended a gathering of Meelad held by the people of Makkah on the 12th of Rabi’-ul-Awwal at Mawlid-un-Nabi (i.e. the birthplace of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ). While the Zikr of the blessed birth was being done, I noticed some anwaar [i.e. spiritual lights] rising from the gathering. After paying full attention to them, I understood that they were the mercy of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and anwaar of those angels who are present in such gatherings. (*Seerat-e-Mustafa, pp. 72-73*)

Introduction to Madani Tarbiyyat Gah

إِنَّ الْعَمَلُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Dawat-e-Islami, a global, non-political movement for the propagation of Quran and Sunnah has been serving Islam propagating call towards righteousness through approximately 103 departments. The Madani Tarbiyyat Gah is also one of these departments. Under this Majlis, Islamic brothers coming from different countries, cities and villages are provided Madani Tarbiyyat. After gaining Islamic knowledge and learning Sunnah these

Islamic brothers go back to their areas and localities and call Muslims towards righteousness. Therefore, for Madani Tarbiyyat, we should also visit Madani Tarbiyyat Gah of Dawat-e-Islami from time to time. Whatever we learn, we should impart it to others. Furthermore, those Islamic brothers who cannot manage to travel with Madani Qafilah, through individual efforts, keep sending them to Madani Tarbiyyat Gahs [centres] for some days from time to time. By virtue of the blessings of this noble act, numerous devotees of Rasool will associate with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami practically and will participate in Madani activities enthusiastically, *إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*.

Mahfil-e-Meelad everyday in Madinah Munawwarah

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat *دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه* has said: (My spiritual guide) Sayyidi Qutb-e-Madinah (Maulana Ziyauddin *رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ*) had a deep love of the Beloved Rasool *صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ*. Here it would not be wrong to say that he *رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ* was an ardent lover of the Beloved Rasool *صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ*. He would do Zikr of Rasool *صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ* day and night. He *رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ* would frequently ask the visitors [of the blessed Raudah] a question, ‘Do you recite Na’at?’ If the answer would be ‘yes’, he would then listen to his Na’at and would be greatly pleased. Many times, tears would stream down on his face as he would become emotional. The Meelad gathering would be held at his blessed residence daily, throughout the year. People from Madinah, Turkey, Pakistan, India, Syria, Egypt, Africa, Sudan, in fact, people from all over the world would attend it.

Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat *دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه* has said: *أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ* I also had the privilege to recite Na’at in this sacred Mahfil [i.e. gathering] many times.

One thing that I observed in the Mahfil of Qutb-e-Madinah is that, out of his humbleness, he *رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ* would not make Du’a at the end of the Mahfil; rather, he would ask any of the attendees to make Du’a. Blessed Langer [i.e. food served for Isal-e-Sawab] was arranged daily after the Du’a.

(Sharh Shajarah Qadiriyyah, pp. 131-132)

Dear Islamic brothers! No matter which country Muslims belong to; whether they are from Makkah Mukarramah or Madinah Munawwarah or from any

other country, they have the sign of Iman [faith] i.e. the love of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ in their hearts and they hold the gatherings of Meelad to express their love for him, and they will continue to do so. We should keep in mind the manners of Meelad gatherings. Whenever we are privileged to attend the gathering of Meelad, so, first of all, we should perform Ghusl [i.e. ritual bath] in a proper way, then wear neat and clean clothes and if possible, we should wear a good perfume. We should then go to the place of gathering and sit wherever we find a space. Lowering our eyes in an extremely respectful manner, we should listen (to the speeches, Na'ats, etc.) silently. At the end of the Ijtima' [i.e. congregation] of Meelad, we should recite Salat and Salam while standing with the intention of showing reverence for the Zikr of the Beloved Rasool إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, we will receive many blessings.

From his respectable father [Sayyid 'Abbas Maaliki رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ], the Islamic scholar of Hijaz, Shaykh Sayyid 'Alawee Bin 'Abbas Maaliki Makki رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has narrated a parable of a person who used to listen to the whole gathering of Meelad while standing. The father of Shaykh Sayyid 'Alawee رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: I was attending a gathering of Meelad on the night of 12 Rabi'-ul-Awwal in Bait-ul-Muqaddas. I saw an old man present in the Meelad gathering, standing in an extremely respectful manner from beginning to end. Someone asked him about the reason for listening to the whole Meelad gathering while standing. In response, he shared his account: [There was a time when] I didn't consider it good to listen to the Zikr of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ while standing out of reverence. One day, I dreamt that I was present in a very large Ijtima [congregation] and people were standing to welcome the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. When the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arrived, all the people welcomed him in an extremely respectful manner, but I did not stand up. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: 'Now you will not be able to stand.' When I woke up, I saw that I was still sitting. In this state of anxiety, a whole year had passed and I was not able to stand [on my feet]. Finally, I made this vow: 'If Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ cures me of this ailment, I will listen to Meelad gathering from beginning to end while standing.' By virtue of the blessing of this vow, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ healed me. Now it has become my routine to listen to the whole Mahfil [i.e. Meelad gathering] while standing.

تیرا نام لیوا ہے پیارا خدا کا تیرا نام لے کر جو مانگے وہ پائے
تیرے رُتَبہ میں جس نے چون و چرا کی نہ سمجھا وہ بد بخت رُتَبہ خدا کا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Introduction to the booklet ‘Subh-e-Baharan’ [The Dawn of Blessings]

Dear Islamic brothers! In order to develop the love for the celebration of Meelad-un-Nabi, obtain and study the booklet titled ‘Subh-e-Baharan [The Dawn of blessings]’ written by Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi Ziyaae دَاوَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه and distribute as many as possible.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! This booklet contains evidences of celebrating the month of Meelad in the light of Quran and Hadees. This booklet also contains the method of taking out and joining the Juloos-e-Meelad [i.e. procession] in the month of Rabi’-ul-Awwal, and good intentions of holding Meelad gatherings besides many other Madani pearls. Furthermore, it contains the Madani parables of the devotees of the Beloved Rasool who attend the Ijtima [i.e. congregation] of celebrating the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ arranged by Dawat-e-Islami. Therefore, obtain this booklet today from Maktaba-tul-Madinah, study it yourself, and persuade others to study as well. This booklet can also be read online or downloaded for free from the website of Dawat-e-Islami: www.dawateislami.net.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! Associate yourself with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami to receive lots of blessings of Meelad-e-Mustafa. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Eid-e-Meelad-un-Nabi is celebrated enthusiastically every year at different places of many countries including Pakistan, under the management of Dawat-e-Islami. On the 12th night of Rabi-ul-Awwal, a great Meelad gathering

is organized and on the day [of 12th Rabi'-ul-Awwal], countless Meelad processions are taken out resounding with chants 'Marhaba Ya Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ', joined by hundreds of thousands of devotees of the Beloved Rasool.

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

Weekly Madani activity

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! The fragrant environment of Dawat-e-Islami provides us with good company. By virtue of this blessed environment, hundreds of thousands of people have repented of their sinful activities and are now living virtuous lives. You are also requested to associate yourself with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami and spread the call to righteousness everywhere and participate in the 12 Madani activities of the Zayli Halqah. One of the 12 weekly Madani activities of the Zayli Halqah is to attend the weekly Madani Muzakarah from beginning to end. Madani Muzakarah is such a noble question-and-answer session that one gains Islamic knowledge in the form of interesting answers given to different questions asked from Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ. دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَهُ. The excellence of Islamic knowledge can be understood from this blessed Hadith narrated by Sayyiduna Abu Zar Ghifari رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ: The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said to me, 'O Abu Zar رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ! If you learn one Ayah from the Book of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ in the morning, it is better for you than offering 100 Rak'aat Nafil, and if you learn one chapter from Islamic knowledge in the morning, it is better for you than offering 1000 Rak'aat Nawafil, whether you act upon it or not.'

(Sunan Ibn Majah, Kitab-us-Sunnah, vol. 1, pp. 142, Hadees 219)

You are also requested to attend the Madani Muzakarah every week from beginning to end and invite other Islamic brothers to attend it as well. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ many blessings will be received. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ many Islamic brothers have repented of their sinful activities by virtue of the blessing of watching Madani Channel. Let's listen to a Madani parable for persuasion.

Remorse for a sinful life

An Islamic brother from Keamari Bab-ul-Madinah (Karachi) has stated: I used to abuse and argue with people over minor issues. I was extremely fond of watching films and dramas and listening to songs and music. I had wasted a large part of my life in these sins. I used to work as a driver of the owner of a mansion. What led me to repent of my sins is that one day after I had done my work I sat in a room where I listened to a Sunnah-inspiring speech being telecast on Madani Channel. The speech made me tremble with fear, causing me to feel ashamed of sins. I sincerely repented of my sins to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, and firmly intended to tread on the path of Sunnah.

When the announcement of the 30-day Tarbiyyati I'tikaf in the holy month of Ramadan was made on Madani Channel to persuade Muslims to attend it, I immediately made the intention of attending the I'tikaf. Acting upon my intention, I am now reaping the blessings of the I'tikaf in the global Madani Markaz of Dawat-e-Islami, Faizan-e-Madinah, Bab-ul-Madinah, Karachi. I will also travel with a 12-month Madani Qafilah immediately after the I'tikaf,
 اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Attar's letter about celebrating the blessed Meelad

Dear Islamic brothers! For every important work there are some necessary manners, therefore, there are some manners for celebrating Meelad as well. All non-Shar'i activities must be avoided, such as to decorate the streets or the roads etc. in such ways that causes inconvenience to drivers and pedestrians, this is impermissible. 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 clearly impermissible, therefore, power supply companies should be contacted for this purpose and illuminations should only be done in a permissible way. Remain in Wudu for as long as possible during the Meelad 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 Meelad in his letter. Let's have the privilege to attentively listen to this letter of Attar:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Sag-e-Madinah Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ سَلَامُ sends Salam from the core of his heart to all the lovers of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ on the delightful celebration of Meelad Shareef.

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

تم بھی کر کے اُن کا چرچا اپنے دل چمکاؤ
اُونچے میں اُونچا نبی کا جھنڈا گھر گھر میں لہراؤ

On the first night of Rabi'-ul-Awwal, make this announcement three times in all the Masajid:

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

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

Men's shaving their beards or trimming it to 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'-ul-Awwal, 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'. It is also Wajib to immediately repent of these sins and refrain from them).

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

(Wasail-e-Bakhshish, pp. 257)

A great Madani method to acquire steadfastness in practising the Sunnah and other good deeds is that all lovers of the beloved Rasool ﷺ should make a firm intention to practice Fikr-e-Madinah daily, to fill in the Madani In'amaat booklet and submit it on the 1st of every month. Say 'اِنَّ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ' by raising your hands.

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

(Qabalah-e-Bakhshish, pp. 184)

All lovers of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ including the Nigran and Zimmahdaran 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 thirty days in their homes (only to Islamic sisters and Mahrams of the family) and then make the intention to continue it after Rabi'-ul-Awwal as well.

لُوثے رحمتیں قافلے میں چلو
سیکھنے سُنّیں قافلے میں چلو

Display 12 flags or at least one green flag in your Masjid, home, shop, factory, etc. from the moon-sighting night of Rabi'-ul-Awwal right to the last day of Rabi-un-noor. Buy flags at your own expense and display them on buses, wagons, trucks, trailers, taxis, rickshaws, etc. Display a flag on your bicycle, scooter and car as well. The beautiful display of green waving flags will be

seen everywhere. Usually big pictures of living things or obscene couplets are printed at the back of trucks. It is my wish that the words '*I love Dawat-e-Islami*' is printed in bold letters at the back of trucks, buses, wagons, rickshaws, taxis, Suzukis and cars etc. Make Madani efforts in this regard by meeting and persuading the transporters and bus owners and receive Du'as from the bottom of my heart.

Due caution

If the flag bears writing or an image of the blessed Na'l (image of the Blessed Shoe-sole of the Beloved Rasool (صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ)), then make sure that the flag does not get torn nor falls onto the ground. Furthermore, as soon as the month of blessed Rabi'-ul-Awwal ends, remove the flags immediately. If you do not take caution then an act of disrespect could be committed, rather use simple green flags i.e. without the sacred images and writings on them.

(Sag-e-Madinah also displays simple (green) flags as far as possible at his home, named Bayt-ul-Fana).

نبی کا جھنڈا لیکر نکلو دُنیا پر چھا جاؤ
نبی کا جھنڈا آمن کا جھنڈا گھر گھر میں لہراؤ

Illuminate your home with 12 lighting strings or at least 12 bulbs. Also try and install decorative lightings in your area and Masjid for 12 days. (Keep in mind that the theft of electricity for these acts is Haraam, therefore, use electricity in permissible ways by contacting the power supply company). Decorate the whole area with green flags, buntings and colourful bulbs. Display big flags (12 metres long or as suited) on the roof of your home and Masjid and on main busy squares etc. such that they may not hinder pedestrians/traffic in anyway and also make sure that public rights are not violated. Do not hoist flags in the middle of the road as this will obstruct the traffic. Do not decorate streets etc. in a way that narrows the passage for Muslims and results in a violation of their rights and causes them to be inconvenienced.

مَشْرِق و مَغْرَب میں اِک اِک بامِ کَعْبہ پر بھی ایک

نَصَب پرچم ہوگیا، اَهْلًا وَّ سَهْلًا مرحبا

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نَصَب پرچم ہوگیا، اَهْلًا وَّ سَهْلًا مرحبا

Every Islamic brother should distribute as many booklets and pamphlets of Madani pearls as possible according to their financial capacity or he should distribute different booklets and pamphlets of Madani pearls published by Maktaba-tul-Madinah amounting at least to 12 PKR to the participants of the Meelad procession. Islamic sisters should also get the booklets distributed.

Similarly, make your contribution to calling Muslims towards righteousness by keeping booklets in your shops etc. for free distribution throughout the year. Make efforts for such distributions of booklets 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

If possible, buy 12 booklets titled '*The Dawn of Blessings*' and 112 pamphlets or at least 12 pamphlets titled '12 Madani pearls of Sag-e-Madinah for celebrating the Meelad of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ' from Maktaba-tul-Madinah and distribute them especially to the leaders of the organizations who organize Meelad gatherings. During the month of Rabi'-ul-Awwal, 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; it is better to 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 many people. Some fortunate people amongst you may have also associated themselves with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami by virtue of listening to Sunnah-inspiring speeches of these cassettes; CD's etc. Therefore, the act of sending 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 at least 12 cassettes or VCDs/DVDs of Sunnah-inspiring speeches every week or every month. If generous Islamic brothers distribute them for free, it will be excellent. By virtue of the celebration of Meelad, distribute as many cassettes and VCDs/DVDs of Sunnah-inspiring speeches as you can and thus take part in the propagation of Islam.

On the occasions 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 the propagation of Islam. 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 an inconvenience.

اُنکے در بے پلنے والا اپنا آپ جواب

کوئی غریب نواز تو کوئی دانا لگتا ہے

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

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

Perform Ghusl (ritual bath) in the evening of the 11th or on the 12th night of Rabi'-ul-Awwal. If possible, buy everything new, for example, white clothes, an Islamic 'Imamah (turban), bandana, Islamic cap, white shawl for covering the head, brown shawl for covering yourself, Miswak, handkerchief, slippers, rosary bead, 'a small bottle of Itr (perfume), wrist watch, pen, Qafilah pad etc. in order to celebrate this Eid of Eids with the intention of reverence. (Islamic sisters should also buy new things according to their needs, if possible).

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

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Summary of speech

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, today, we have had the privilege of listening to the Madani pearls about celebrating the blessed Meelad of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

- By virtue of celebrating the blessed birth of the Holy Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, in the dream, the young son of the person namely 'Ibraheem' was blessed with the closeness to his deceased father in Jannah.
- The night of blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is superior even to the night of Qadr [Layla-tul-Qadr].
- In order to give thanks for the blessed birth of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, doing the Zikr of Meelad and sitting in the form of Halqah are the Sunnah of Sahabah رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ.
- The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ becomes pleased with those who celebrate the Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.

- By virtue of the blessing of Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, the pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is attained.
- By virtue of the blessing of Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, mercy and blessings are descended upon the home.
- By virtue of Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, peace and safety prevails all year round.
- By virtue of Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, there will be blessings in one's sustenance, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
- We will celebrate Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ with great excitement and enthusiasm within the limits of Shari'ah.

جب تلک یہ چاند تارے جہلملاتے جائیں گے تب تلک جشنِ ولادت ہم مناتے جائیں گے
 اُن کے عاشق نور کی شمعیں جلاتے جائیں گے جبکہ حاسد دل جلاتے سٹپتاتے جائیں گے
 حشر تک جشنِ ولادت ہم مناتے جائیں گے مرحبا کی دھوم یارو! ہم مچاتے جائیں گے
 ذِکْرِ میلادِ مبارک کیسے چھوڑیں ہم بھلا جن کا کھاتے ہیں اُنہیں کے گیت گاتے جائیں گے

- The celebration of Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will bring us salvation from the Hell.
- The celebration of Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will become the source of goodness in the world and the Hereafter.
- The celebration of Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will earn us respect and blessing.
- The celebration of Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will bring about the solution to the problems.
- The celebration of Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will lead us to Jannah.
- By virtue of the celebration of Meelad-e-Mustafa صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, we will receive mercy.

May Allah ﷺ bless us with the privilege to celebrate Eid Meelad-un-Nabi ﷺ with great devotion and love!

أَمِينَ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic brothers! At the end of the Bayan, I would like to have the privilege to mention the excellence of a Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Rasool of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah ﷺ has said, 'Whoever loves my Sunnah, loves me, and whoever loves me will be with me in Jannah.' (Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343)

سینہ تری سُنَّتِ کا مدینہ بنے آقا

جنت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنا نا

Sunan and manners of walking

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

1. Allah ﷺ has said in Surah Bani Israel, part 15, Ayah 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, Ayah 37)

2. The Beloved and Blessed Rasool ﷺ 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 Rasool 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, obtain the following books, *Bahar-e-Shari'ah* 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 Rasool.

عاشقانِ رسول، آئیں سنت کے پھول

دینے لینے چلیں، قافلے میں چلو

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The 6 Salawaat-'Alan-Nabi and 2 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 Rasool 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 Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ lowering him into the grave with his own merciful hands. *(Afdal-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 Rasool 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 الْوَهَّابِ 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. (*Afdal-us-Salawat ‘ala Sayyid-is-Sadat, pp. 149*)

5. Nearness to the Distinguished Rasool ﷺ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى لَهُ

One day somebody came [to the blessed court of the Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ], and the Noble Rasool 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 Beloved Rasool 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 وَآلِهِ وَأَنْزِلْهُ الْبَقْعَةَ الْمُقَرَّبَةَ عِنْدَكَ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

The Greatest Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: The one who recites this Salat upon me, my intercession will become Wajib 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 اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا that the Noble Rasool 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 اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

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