

Effect of Mother's

Du'a

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Thought-provoking speech of weekly
sunnah-inspiring ijtima

(For Islamic Sisters)

Muballigha must read the bayan at least 3 times before delivering speech

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

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وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِبِكِ يَا حَبِيبَ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِبِكِ يَا نُورَ اللَّهِ
الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ
الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا نَبِيَّ اللَّهِ

Please note that this speech was originally written for Islamic brothers, we have done necessary changes for Islamic sisters. It may be possible that some words could have been remained unchanged! If so, Muballighah should change the wordings accordingly at the time of delivering this speech.

(Majlis-e-Tarajim)

Excellence of Salat-‘Alan-Nabi ﷺ

The Rasool of Rahmah ﷺ has said: The one, before whom I am mentioned, and he does not recite Salat upon me, he abandons the path to Jannah. *(Al-Mu'jam-ul-Kabeer, vol. 3, pp. 128, Hadees 2887)*

پڑھتا رہوں کثرت سے دُرُود ان پہ سدا میں

اور ذکر کا بھی شوق پئے غوث و رضا دے

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Before listening to the Bayan, let's make good intentions for attaining rewards. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ 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

The intentions mentioned below can be modified as per situation

1. Lowering my eyes, I will listen to the Bayan attentively.
2. Instead of resting against a wall etc., I will sit in reverential posture like that in Tashahhud as long as possible with the intention of paying respect to religious discourse.
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 *تُؤْتِبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ، أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ*, etc., I will reply in low voice with the intention of gaining reward and encouraging others to also recite.
6. After Ijtima, I will take the lead to say Salam and shake hands and make individual effort.
7. During the speech, I will avoid the unnecessary use of mobile phone.
8. Neither will I record the speech, nor any kind of voice as it is not permitted.

Dignity of mother!

Dear Islamic sisters! Mother is a unique gift of Allah ﷺ. The dignity of mother has been mentioned in the Holy Quran and Ahadees. One who obeys his mother succeeds in attaining the pleasure of Allah ﷺ and the Beloved Rasool ﷺ. Mother sacrifices her comfort for the comfort of her children. Child's body is formed from Mother's blood. For many years Mother lulls her child to sleep by patting her. Mother grows restless and weeps when she sees her child sick. Mother spends the whole night awake for the sake of her sick child even in very cold winter. Mother wanders in expensive hospitals and clinics for the sake of her sick child. Mother devotes her entire life for her child for making the future of her child better. Mother is like a shady tree for her child. Mother endures heat herself, but she waves fan with her hand for her child. Mother makes her child sit in the shade whereas she herself endures the scorching sun. Mother pampers her children. Mother fulfils the wishes of her children even by borrowing money. Mother does not let her children wander after her husband's death. Mother endures the pains before the birth, during the birth and after the birth of her child. Mother makes her child a good human. Mother feels happy even after sacrificing her food for her child and herself sleeps hungry. Mother makes her child lie on a warm bed and lies herself on a cold floor. Mother does not think anything bad for her children. Mother's happiness lies in the happiness of her children. Mother gets restless when she sees her children in trouble. Mother encourages her children in difficulties. Mother does not leave even her disabled child helpless. Mother becomes affectionate and kind even to her disobedient child. The home seems deserted without Mother. The one who looks after his mother lives a comfortable and peaceful life. To serve mother entails her child to enter Paradise. It is mandatory for a child to keep his mother happy. It is impossible to be free from the rights of mother.

Carried mother on shoulders (and walked) 6 miles on hot stones ...

A companion رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ once humbly said to the Beloved Rasool ﷺ: 'On a path, stones were so hot that a piece of meat would have roasted if it had been put onto them! I carried my mother on my shoulders for six miles. Am I free from the rights of my mother?' The Beloved Rasool ﷺ

وَاللَّهِ وَسَّيْمٌ replied, 'Perhaps, this could be the return for one of the contractions she endured in labour.' (Al-Mu'jam-us-Sagheer lit-Tabarani, vol. 1, pp. 92, Hadees 256)

Mother is the kind personage who makes Du'as tearfully for her children. The Du'a of mother leads to Paradise. The Du'a of mother makes children obedient to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. The Du'a of mother protects from evils. The Du'a of mother blesses children with the status of sainthood. The Du'a of mother changes the fortune of children. The Du'a of mother is answered for her children. The Du'a of mother leads to successes. The Du'a of mother causes mercy to descend. The Du'a of mother is a source of forgiveness of sins. By the blessing of the Du'a of mother, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ removes troubles and trials from children. Let's have the privilege to listen to a few faith-refreshing parables about the blessings of mother's Du'as.

Effect of mother's Du'a

Sayyiduna Abdur Rahman Bin Ahmad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: I heard my father saying that once an elderly woman came to Sayyiduna Ibn-e-Makhlad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ and humbly said: My young son has been imprisoned by Romans. I have a small house, other than that I have no other possessions; I cannot sell it off. Therefore you ask any wealthy person to free my son by paying Fidyah (ransom) because now I am spending restless days and sleepless nights. Consoling her, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: I am trying to solve your problem. The narrator said: When the elderly woman left, he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ sat lowering his head and his blessed lips were moving (as if he had been reciting something). After a few days, the same elderly woman came to him with her young son and making Du'as for him started saying: (الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ) My son has come back safely and he will also state his account of journey to you.

The son (came and) said: With a group of prisoners I was in prison of the Roman king who had many orchards. He would send us every day to work in his orchards and (in the evening) put us back in the prison. One day, when after Maghrib we were going back to the prison after working (in the orchards), suddenly the strong chains tied around my feet broke themselves and fell onto the ground.

(The narrator said that) The young man mentioned the same time and the same day [when the chains broke] on which the elderly woman came to Sayyiduna Ibn-e-Makhlad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ for Du'a. The soldiers asked me (the son of the elderly woman): Did you break the chains? I replied: No! They fell onto the ground from my feet after being broke themselves. Having heard the young man, the soldiers became very surprised. They went to their officer and mentioned it to him. He also became surprised. He then immediately called a blacksmith and said: Tie this young man tightly with chains. The blacksmith tied chains tightly around me. I had just gone a few steps; the chains again broke and fell from my feet onto the ground.

At this, everyone became quite surprised. They called their monks (religious guides) and informed them about the whole situation. Having heard all the conversation, the monks asked me: Is your mother alive? I replied in the affirmative. After hearing me the monk turned to them and said: Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has answered to his mother's Du'a. The soldiers said: When Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has freed you, how can we tie you tightly with chains? Saying this, the Romans released me and helped me join Muslims. (In this way, the young man was released by virtue of the Du'a of his mother and blessing of Sayyiduna Ibn-e-Makhlad رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ.) ('Uyoon-ul-Hikayaat, pp. 166)

دُعاے ولی میں وہ تاثیر دیکھی
بدلتی ہزاروں کی تقدیر دیکھی
ماں کی دُعا میں یہ تاثیر دیکھی---

سُبْحٰنَ اللّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Have you noticed! How effective Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has made the Du'as of a mother. When she makes Du'a for her children, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ bestows acceptance due to her raised hands and answers to her Du'as for her children. Even by virtue of the blessing of the heartfelt Du'as of mother, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ removes troubles and trials from children. So fortunate are the people whose parents are alive and are happy with them. What a great fortune those children possess, who help their parents and get eligible of their Du'as by looking after them and become deserving of the Divine pleasure. Therefore if we want the Pleasure of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and our parents make Du'as for us, we should give

importance to our parents, remember their favours, avoid the things which are against their mood, look after them in every way, treat them well, fulfil their permissible needs, obey every permissible order of theirs, especially when they have grown old. In the old age, they need more sympathies from their children because their body parts do not work properly; body suffers from diseases; and even relatives become strangers. The old age of parents puts a person to the test. Most of the time, in the old age, they develop several diseases related to defecation and passing of urine, due to which usually their children get sick of them.

But remember! It is a must for children to look after their parents even under these conditions. In childhood, the mother also looks after children and keeps them clean when they wet (their bed) and defecate. Therefore, even if they get extremely irritable and quarrelsome due to their old age and diseases, children still have to be patient, patient and nothing but patient, treating them with respect is necessary. Yes! This is the very test. They should not even say 'uff' to them, let alone being rude to them and shouting at them or else they may suffer a great loss and be destroyed in the world and in the Hereafter both. The one who hurts the feelings of his parents is humiliated and disgraced in the world and also deserves torment of the Hereafter.

Consequence of the one who speaks ill of parents

Sayyiduna Imam Ahmad Bin Hajar Makki Shafi'i رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has narrated: The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: 'On the night of Mi'raj, I saw some people who were hanging on the branches of fire. So I asked, 'O Jibrael, who are these people?' He humbly replied, 'These are the people who used to speak ill of their fathers and mothers in the world.' (Az-Zawajir 'Aniqtiraf-il-Kabair, vol. 2, pp. 139)

Grave breaks ribs

It is narrated, 'When the one, who disobeys his parents, is buried, the grave presses him to the extent that his ribs penetrate into each other (after breaking). (Az-Zawajir 'Aniqtiraf-il-Kabair, vol. 2, pp. 140)

دل دکھانا چھوڑ دیں ماں باپ کا ورنہ بے اس میں خسارہ آپ کا

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! The status and dignity of parents are very high and elevated. It can be judged by the fact that in the Holy Quran where Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has commanded us to worship Him, at the same place, He has also commanded us to be good to parents and do favours to them. In Ayah 23 & 24 of Surah Bani Israel, part 15 it is stated:

وَقَضَىٰ رَبُّكَ أَلَّا تَعْبُدُوا إِلَّا إِيَّاهُ وَبِالْوَالِدَيْنِ إِحْسَانًا ۗ إِنَّمَا يُبَلِّغُنَّ عِنْدَكَ انْكِبَارًا ۖ أَحَدُهُمَا

أَوْ كِلَيْهِمَا فَلَا تَقُلْ لَهُمَا آفٌ وَلَا تَنْهَرْهُمَا وَقُلْ لَهُمَا قَوْلًا كَرِيمًا ﴿٢٣﴾ وَاخْفِضْ لَهُمَا

جَنَاحَ الدُّلَىٰ مِنَ الرَّحْمَةِ وَقُلْ رَبِّ ارْحَمْهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْنِي صَغِيرًا ﴿٢٤﴾

And your Lord has ordained that you do not worship anyone except Him, and treat your parents with kindness; if either of them or both reach old age in your presence, do not say 'Uff' to them and do not rebuff them, and speak to them with the utmost respect. (* Any expression of disgust) And lower your wing humbly for them, with mercy, and pray, 'My Lord! Have mercy on them both, the way they nursed me when I was young.'*

[Translation of Quran (Kanz-ul-Iman)](Part 15, Surah Bani Israel, Ayah 23 -24)

Regarding the abovementioned blessed Ayah, Allamah Sayyid Mufti Muhammad Naeemuddin Muradabadi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: When parents become very weak and their body parts no longer remain strong, they become as weak in their old age with you as you were with them in your childhood, do not say anything that indicates that you are considering them to be a burden on you. Neither scold them nor speak aloud to them, but rather talk to them in an extremely polite manner as a slave and servant do to his master. Treat them gently and politely and behave towards them in a loving and affectionate manner in their hard times because they brought you

up with love when you were very weak. Further, do not become stingy in spending for the thing they need. This means that no one can fulfil the rights of the favours of parents, regardless of how great a person treats and looks after them in the world. Therefore a bondwoman should make Du'a to Allah ﷻ to have grace and mercy on them and should humbly say: O my Lord! My act of looking after [my parents] cannot be the return for their favours; You have mercy on them so that it can be the return for their favours.

Regarding Ayah 83 of Surah Al-Baqarah, part 1 he (Allamah Sayyid Mufti Muhammad Naeemuddin Muradabadi (رحمۃ اللہ تعالیٰ علیہ) says: 'The ways of doing favours to parents, which have been narrated, are as follows: (1) One should love them from the bottom of her heart (2) She must respect them while conversing and spending time with them (3) She should use respectful words for them (4) She should try to please them (5) She should not conceal his excellent (wealth/belongings) from them (6) She should act upon their wills after their death (7) She should make Isal-e-Sawab for them by Fatihah, Sadaqat and recitation of the Holy Quran (8) She should make Du'a of forgiveness for them from Allah ﷻ (9) It is also included in doing good to parents that if they are habitual of committing sins or have any corrupt beliefs, their children should try to reform them, persuade them towards piety, correct their corrupt beliefs with extreme politeness. In short, if someone serves her parents throughout her life, even then it is not possible for her to return their favours. (*Khazain-ul-Irfan, Parah 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, Taht-al-Ayah 83*)

بڑے بھائی بہن کا میں کہا مانا کروں ہر دم کروں ماں باپ کی دین رات خدمت یارسول اللہ

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Dear Islamic sisters! The way we have been persuaded to respect and revere parents in the Holy Quran, similarly, we have been commanded to obey parents at many places in blessed Ahadees and their glory and greatness have also been stated. Let's listen to four blessed sayings of the Beloved Rasool ﷺ for persuasion:

1. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said, 'When a person looks at his parents mercifully, Allah ﷻ writes for him the reward of Hajj Mabroor (accepted Hajj) for every (such) look.' Blessed companions رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ humbly asked, 'Even if someone looks at them hundred times a day!' The Beloved Rasool ﷺ replied, ﴿نَعَمْ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَ أَطْيَبُ﴾ i.e. Yes, Allah ﷻ is the Greatest and the Purest. (Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 6, pp. 186, Hadees 7856) That is, Allah ﷻ is All-Powerful. He ﷻ can bestow as much reward as He ﷻ wills. He ﷻ is absolutely beyond all limitations and bindings. (Bahar-e-Shari'at, Part. 3, pp. 554)
2. The Beloved Rasool ﷺ has said, 'Two doors of Paradise are opened for the one who spends his morning obeying his parents, and if only one parent [is alive], then one door opens. And two doors of Hell are opened for the one who spends his morning disobeying his parents and if only one parent [is alive], then one door opens. A person humbly asked, 'وَإِنْ ظَلَمْتَهُ؟' 'Even if they oppress him' He ﷺ replied, 'وَإِنْ ظَلَمْتَهُ، وَإِنْ ظَلَمْتَهُ، وَإِنْ ظَلَمْتَهُ.' 'Even if they oppress, even if they oppress, even if they oppress.' (Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 6, pp. 206, Hadees 7916)
3. A person humbly said, 'Ya Rasoolallah ﷺ! What are the rights of parents upon their children?' The Beloved Rasool ﷺ said, هُمَا جَنَّتُكَ وَنَارُكَ i.e. 'They are your Paradise and your Hell.' (Sunan Ibn Majah, Kitab-ul-Adab, vol. 4, pp. 186, Raqm 3662)
4. A person came to the Beloved Rasool ﷺ and humbly said: Who is the most deserving of my good service? The Beloved Rasool ﷺ replied: 'Your mother'. He again humbly asked: 'Who is after her?' It was replied: 'Your mother'. He humbly asked again: 'Who is after her?' This time the Beloved Rasool ﷺ also replied the same: 'Your mother'. He again humbly asked: 'Who is after her?' Then the Beloved Rasool ﷺ replied: 'Your father'. (Sahih Bukhari, Kitab-ul-Adab, vol. 4, pp. 93, Hadees 5971)

مُطِيعِ ابْنِهِ مَاں باپ کا کر میں اُنکا ہر ایک حکم لاؤں بجا یا الہی

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Dear Islamic sisters! From the above-mentioned blessed Ahadees, it has become obvious that the status of parents is extremely high and elevated. If we keep them happy, our world and Hereafter both will get better, whereas to displease them is an act leading to Hell. It has also been understood that no matter if parents oppress, even then it is a must for children to obey them. For example, if parents are displeased with us, scold us, we should reproach our conscience instead of declaring our parents guilty, by thinking that we might have made some mistakes. If I had kept them happy, I would not have to face this day today because parents are very kind to their children. Why will they treat me like this? Therefore the people whose parents are alive should contemplate: Do we fulfil the rights of our parents? Are our parents happy with us? Do we speak softly to them? Do we obey every permissible order of theirs? Do we quarrel with them? Do we talk rudely to them? Do we consider it to be a burden to look after them? Do we frown when doing their work? Do we give them an angry look when they scold us? Do we make excuses when they ask for money? Do our mother feel delight when she sees us? Do we respect our mother? Do we request our mother to make Du'as for us?

Remember! The Du'a of mother is answered very quickly. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said: 'The Du'a of a mother is answered quickly (in her children's favour)'. It was humbly asked: 'Why is it so?' The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied: 'A mother is more kind than a father and the Du'a for mercy is not rejected. (*Tabaqaat-us-Shafiyah, vol. 6, pp. 317*)

Let's listen to some parables about the blessings of the Du'as of a mother and make intentions to perform the deeds which will cause our mother to make Du'as for us:

Companion in Paradise

Shaykh-e-Tareeqat Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi Ziya'ee دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ has stated in his booklet 'Oceanic

Dome': Once Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ humbly requested in the blessed court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, 'O the most Forgiving! Show me the person who will be my companion in Paradise.' Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ said, 'Go to such and such city. You will find there so and so meat trader who is your companion in Paradise.' Therefore, Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ went to the city to meet the meat trader. (Despite not knowing him, considering him to be a traveller and a guest), the meat trader invited Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ. When both of them sat down to eat, he placed a very big basket beside him. He would eat one morsel himself and put two into the basket. In the meantime someone knocked on the door. The meat trader stood up and went out. Meanwhile, Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ looked in the basket and found an elderly man and woman inside. As soon as they looked at Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ, a smile spread across their faces. They testified the Risalat [Prophethood] of Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ and passed away immediately.

When the meat trader came back and looked at his deceased parents in the basket, he understood the whole matter. Then, kissing the hands of Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ he humbly said: 'It seems that you are the Nabi of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, Sayyiduna Musa Kaleemullah (عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ).' Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ asked: 'How did you judge it?' He replied: 'My parents would make the following Du'a beseechingly every day: O Allah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ)! Bless us with the death while we are beholding Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ. Due to their sudden death, I judged that you must be Sayyiduna Musa (عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ).'

The meat trader humbly said further: 'When my mother ate food, she would get delighted and make the following Du'a for me. O Allah (عَزَّوَجَلَّ)! Make my son the companion of Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ in Paradise.' Sayyiduna Musa عَلَى نَبِيِّنَا وَعَلَيْهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ said, 'Congratulations! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has made you my companion in Paradise.' (Samundari Gumbad, pp. 7)

پڑوسی بنا مجھ کو جنت میں اُن کا خدائے محمد برائے مدینہ

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٌ

‘Ateeq’ by virtue of mother’s Du’a:

One reason why Ameer-ul-Mu`mineen Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddique رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was called ‘Ateeq’ has been stated that no child of her mother would remain alive. When he was born, she took him to Baytullah Sharif and made the following Du’a beseechingly: ‘O my Lord! If this son of mine is free from death, bestow him upon me’. Afterwards he was called ‘Ateeq’. (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa*, pp. 22)

Respect for mother

Sayyiduna Bayazid Bistami مُحَمَّدٌ سَيِّدُ السَّامِيِّ has said: ‘During a very cold night, my mother asked me for [a glass of] water. I went to bring a glass of water, but she had fallen asleep when I came. I did not feel it appropriate to wake her up. Therefore, I stood near her holding the glass of water, waiting for her to wake up so that I could present it to her. I stood for a long time. Meantime, some water spilled over my finger and froze, turning into ice. When my respected mother woke up, I presented her the glass of water. My finger had stuck to the glass because of the ice. As I detached my finger from the glass, its skin came off, causing bleeding. Seeing it, my mother asked, ‘What is this?’ I told her the whole story. Listening to it, she raised her hands and made Du’a: ‘O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I am pleased with him. You also be pleased with him.’ (*Samundari Gumbad*, pp. 4)

Great mother

The great mother of Muhaddis-e-A’zam Pakistan Allamah Maulana Sardar Ahmad Qadiri Chishti رَحِمَتْهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would quite often say: إِنَّ بَشَاءَ اللهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ this beloved child of mine will become a great personality and she would make this Du’a as well: ‘Your name is Sardar (Chief); May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ make you the Sardar of Deen and the world’; and the world saw that the Du’a of the mother was really answered for the great son and Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ made him Sardar. (*Hayat-e-Muhaddis-e-A’zam*, pp. 30)

پیر و مُرشد پر مرے ماں باپ پر ہو سدا رَحمت اے نانائے حُسین

!سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ Have you noticed! When a mother makes Du'a for her child, how its blessed effects appear that not only a meat trader became Jannati by virtue of his mother's Du'a, but he was also blessed with the good news of becoming the neighbour of a Nabi in Paradise, whereas by virtue of the Du'a of his mother, Muhaddis-e-A'zam رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was given the Sardari (leadership) of Deen and the world as well. It has also been learnt that our pious predecessors would get Du'as of their mothers after keeping them happy by looking after them. Therefore following in the footsteps of these Allah-loving people, we should also get ready to look after our mother so that we also become the apple of our mother's eye and she feel pleased with us and make Du'as for us that O my Lord!; bless her with the success in both the worlds; make her enter Paradise without any accountability; be pleased with her forever, etc.! Let's all make intention that we will continue to look after our parents; we will not disobey them; we will not speak rudely to them; we will lower our voice and gaze before them; we will be patient upon their harsh sentences and the things they do contrary to our mood; we will fulfil their needs; we will take care of their likes and dislikes; we will help them in their suffering and trouble; we will not disturb them when they are taking a rest; we will try to bring round our angry parents; we will do good to them regarding their food, living, medicines and other things; we will obey every permissible order of theirs. إِنَّهَا لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! Surely, it is a must for children to obey their parents. However, if parents order them to do anything contrary to Shariyya, such as do not observe Purdah (Sharee veil) etc., so in this case, Shari'ah has forbidden to obey their order because it is not permissible to obey the creation by disobeying Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

If parents quarrel with each other, what should children do?

A'la Hadrat, Imam-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, Maulana Shah Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رحمته اللہ تعالیٰ علیہ has said: If there is a quarrel between parents, children should neither support the mother nor the father. They should not treat their father harshly out of their mother's love. Hurting the feelings of the father, answering him back and talking to him rudely with disrespect are all Haraam acts as well as disobedience to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. It is not permissible at all for children to support either their mother or father in this way. Both of them are his Paradise and Hell. If he causes trouble to any of them, he will deserve Hell, وَالْعِيَادُ بِاللَّهِ (We seek protection of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ). No one can be obeyed by disobeying Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

For example, if a mother wants her son to cause a trouble to his father, but he does not do so, i.e. he refuses to treat his father cruelly, and his mother gets displeased with him because of his refusal, then he should let her get displeased and should not listen to her at all in this matter. The same ruling will apply if his father asks him to treat his mother cruelly. Islamic scholars have elaborated that priority should be given to the mother when it comes to looking after [parents], and preference should be given to the father when it comes to respecting them because he has authority and power even over his mother. *(Derived from: Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 24, pp. 390)*

It has become evident that we should not obey our parents if they order us to do something impermissible. You will become a sinner if you obey them in impermissible matters. For example, if parents ask us to tell a lie, we should not listen to them at all, no matter how much they get displeased. We will not be considered to be disobedient. However, if we obey them in such a matter, we will definitely be considered to be disobedient to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Similarly, if parents get divorced and the mother tries to prevent children from meeting the father, children must not obey this order of the mother, no matter how much she cries and warns that I will not forgive you at all. Not only will children have to meet the father, but they will also have to look after him. Even though parents are separated but the relationship with

children is not cut-off. Both of them still have the same rights over their children. (*Samundari Gumbad, pp. 21*)

صَلِّ اللّٰهُ تَعَالَى عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللّٰهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ

‘Home Dars’, one of the 8 Madani activities

Dear Islamic sisters! Remain associated with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, in order to have the awareness of the importance of parents, increase the passion for looking after them, become deserving of their Du’as and know the ways to keep them happy. Participate actively in the 8 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah. One of them is ‘Home Dars’ *اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*, To develop a Madani environment at home, deliver or listen to Dars of Faizan e Sunnat at least once daily (without Na-mahram). Dars can also be delivered from the booklets of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat *دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمْ الْعَالِيَةِ* (Duration 7 minutes).

I found right path

It is a summary of an account given by an Islamic sister from Punjab, Pakistan: Our family was divided into different groups, each with its own religious creed. I was very worried and desperately wanted to know the right path. I used to pray to Allah *عَزَّوَجَلَّ* to enable me to follow the right path.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! My prayer was answered. One day some Islamic sisters invited me to attend the Islamic sisters’ weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima’ of Dawat-e-Islami, the global and non-political religious movement for the preaching of Quran and Sunnah. Accepting their invitation, I attended the Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima’ in which an Islamic sister delivered a speech from Faizan-e-Sunnat. The speech made me tremble with Divine fear. I was further inspired by the Du’a, Salat and Salam and the sincere manner in which the Islamic sisters met me.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! By the blessing of attending the Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima’, the belief that the doctrine of Ahl-us-Sunnah is truthful was bestowed upon me. I also started offering the five daily Salah and observing the fast of Ramadan. In this way, I continued to gather the blessings of the Madani environment of

Dawat-e-Islami. By the time of the writing of this account, I am busy making efforts as responsible for a Tahseel, spreading the 'call to righteousness' among other Islamic sisters.

Dear Islamic Sisters! Remember! To be a perfect Muslim, love of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is absolutely essential and binding, for he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'None of you can become true believer until I am more beloved to him than his father, children and all people.'

(Sahih Bukhari; Kitab-ul-Iman, vol. 1, pp. 17, Hadees 15)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! The way the Du'a of mother is answered for her children, similarly, her curse is also answered. Hence we should not do anything at all that causes any kind of trouble to our mother due to which she curses us. How unwise are the people who perform deeds that result in the curse from their mothers! By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! If they make bad Du'a for their children after being displeased, the children will be destined to disrespect and disgrace. Let's listen to an admonitory parable about it and learn a lesson.

Leg cut due to mother's curse

On page 441 of his book, 'Nayki ki Dawat', Ameer Ahl-e-Sunnat, Allamah Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi Ziya'ee دَاعِيَةُ بَرَكَاتِهِمُ الْعَالِيَةِ has mentioned that 'Allamah Kamaaluddin Dameeri رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ narrated: One leg of Zamakhshari (who was a scholar of the Mu'tazili sect) was cut off. When asked by people about it, he disclosed that it was the consequence of the curse of his mother. Going into details, he said: 'In my childhood, I once caught a sparrow and tied a string to its leg. Coincidentally, it flew away from my hand and entered an opening of a wall, but the string remained hanging out. Holding the string, I pulled it hard, and the sparrow came out of the opening writhing in severe pain. The leg of the poor sparrow had been cut. Noticing this painful scene, my mother became very grieved and cursed me with these words, 'May your leg get cut as you have cut the leg of this bird

that cannot express its suffering.' The matter was then ignored. After some time, I travelled to 'Bukhara' to gain knowledge. On the way, I fell down from my conveyance receiving a severe injury to my leg. Having reached Bukhara, I underwent treatments but nothing relieved the pain. Eventually, my leg was cut off'. (This way, the curse of the mother produced its effect). (*Hayat-ul-Haywan-ul-Kubra, vol. 2, pp. 163*)

دل دُکھانا چھوڑ دیں ماں باپ کا ورنہ بے اس میں خسارہ آپ کا

The above-mentioned parable not only contain Madani pearls of admonition for those who hurt animals and parents, it also has something for the parents to ponder over, especially for the mothers who curse their children on trivial matters by producing such utterances: May you be destroyed, may you be burst, may you suffer from leprosy, etc. They should control their tongue, lest their curse is heard provided that it is the very time of accepting Du'as and something bad happens to their children in reality. In this way, the mother herself will become worried. Therefore it is more appropriate to only make Du'a for well-being of children. May Allah ﷻ enable us to keep our parents happy and get their Du'as! Ameen ...

Jami'a-tul-Madinah (Lil-Banaat [Islamic sisters]):

Dear Islamic sisters! **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Not only Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, has established different departments in order to make the mind of Islamic brothers to obey their parents, it has also established many departments for Islamic sisters so that they can also become the apples of their parents' eyes. One of them is 'Majlis Jami'a-tul-Madinah (Lil-Banaat).

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰہِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, under the supervision of Majlis Jami'a-tul-Madinah (Lil-Banaat) approximately 265 Jami'a-tul-Madinah (Lil-Banaat) have been established within and outside Pakistan. In these Jami'aat, approximately 16,217 female students are receiving free education of Dars-e-Nizami (Aalimah Course). Approximately 3,600 Islamic sisters have completed Dars-e-Nizami (Aalimah Course), whereas approximately 414 Islamic sisters have completed 'Faizan-e-Shari'at Course'.

Hundreds of Islamic sisters are serving Islam in administration and teaching in Jamia tul Madinah (for Islamic sisters). Thousands of Islamic sisters are performing eight Madani activities by carrying out different responsibilities and are propagating the call towards righteousness. Let's get the Islamic sisters of our family enrolled in Jamia tul Madinah (for Islamic sisters) and make them the continuous source of reward for us.

اللہ کرم ایسا کرے تجھ پہ جہاں میں اے دعوتِ اسلامی تری دھوم مچی ہو

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Summary of speech

Dear Islamic sisters! Today we have heard that

- By looking at parents mercifully one gets the Sawab of accepted Hajj.
- One who disobeys her parents, falls into disgrace in the world and the Hereafter.
- Two doors of Hell open for the one who spends her morning disobeying her parents.
- Mother's Du'a helps to get rid of troubles and difficulties.
- Mother's Du'a makes a person deserving of Paradise.
- Mother sacrifices her wishes for the sake of her children.
- One who obeys her mother will be with pious people in Paradise.
- The curse of mother disgraces and humiliates a person in the world and the Hereafter both.

May Allah ﷻ enable all the Muslims to obey their parents, keep them happy, make Du'as for them, obey every permissible order of theirs and get their Dua's!

أَمِينِ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Dear Islamic sisters! In conclusion, I would like to take the opportunity to mention the excellence of Sunnah as well as some Sunan and manners. The Rasool of Rahmah, the Intercessor of the Ummah صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'Whoever loves my Sunnah, loves me, and whoever loves me will be with me in Jannah.' (*Mishkat-ul-Masabeeh, vol. 1, pp. 55, Hadees 175*).

سینہ تری سُنتِ کا مدینہ بنے آقا
جنت میں پڑوسی مجھے تم اپنا بنانا

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Sunan and manners of Salam

1. It is Sunnah to say Salam when meeting a Mahram Muslim.
2. Ninety mercies descend upon the one who takes the lead in Salam and ten mercies descend upon the one who replies. (*Kimiya-e-Sa'adat*)
3. One receives 10 virtues for saying ﴿السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ﴾, 20 virtues if ﴿وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ﴾ is further added, 30 if ﴿وَبَرَكَاتُهُ﴾ is also added.
4. The person who takes the lead in saying Salam is free from arrogance.
5. The person who takes the lead in saying Salam is close to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.
6. The best words of Salam are ﴿السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ﴾ i.e., may peace be upon you, and mercies and blessings descend from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (*Derived from: Fatawa Razawiyah, vol. 22, pp. 409*)
7. The best words for the reply to Salam are as follows ﴿وَعَلَيْكُمْ السَّلَامُ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ﴾ i.e., and may peace be upon you too, and mercies and blessings descend from Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. (*Derived from: Fatawa Razawiyah, vol. 22, pp. 409*)

8. It is Wajib [obligatory] to reply to Salam immediately in a voice audible to the one who greeted you with Salam.

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.