

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful

Hazrat Ameer's Ramadan Message

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وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ ۖ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ ۗ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ
يُرْشَدُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾

*And when My servants ask thee concerning Me, surely I am nigh. I answer the prayer of the suppliant when he calls on Me, so they should hear My call and believe in Me that they may walk in the right way.
(Quran 2: 186)*

As the month of Ramadan is here, I beseech Muslims all over the world to observe its sanctity and make an all-out effort to keep the fasts and maintain the prayers in order to attain nearness to Allah.

This verse of the Holy Qur'an, which speaks of the nearness of Allah to human-beings, is part of the section that deals with fasting being prescribed for the believers. This is a clear indication of the many opportunities this blessed month provides for attaining His nearness. Believers are assured that Allah accepts their prayer and He exhorts them to call Him, hear Him and believe in Him. The word belief refers to faith in a living God Who hears and Who speaks and comes to the help of anyone who asks Him for it. The prescription is to rid humans of their ills. The aim of fasting stated in the section is to elevate man to a spiritual status where he is in direct link with his Creator. This link is formed by following the guidelines provided to him by the injunctions of the Holy Qur'an; and as practiced and demonstrated by the exemplary life of the Prophet Mohammad, last Prophet of Allah, may peace and blessings of Allah be upon him.

Allah the Beneficent has provided humankind a path that leads to His mercy and love. He has prescribed various means for successfully attaining this path, the right path for which we beseech Allah in our daily prayers through the *Al-Fatihah*. One of the means the Beneficent has given us to find this right path of *Taqwah* is fasting. He blesses us every year with the holy month of Ramadan to keep fasts and draw ourselves nearer to Him.

The *Mujaddid* of this era, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, was instructed by Allah to form a Jama'at to get together a group of people the sole purpose of whose life would be attaining nearness to Allah. We are fortunate to be members of this Jama'at.

Please pray in this blessed month for the promotion of unity amongst our brothers and our Jama'ats the world over. Pray for the success of our mission of

spreading the message of Islam and pray for the protection of the *Muslim Ummah*. Pray for the strengthening of the bonds of fraternity among the Muslims and for their ability to recognise the truth of the Message of Ahmadiyyat. Take full advantage of this opportunity to gain closeness to Allah through fasting and regular prayers and pay special attention to *Tahajjud* prayer. Incorporate Qur'anic teachings in your lives by reading it, understanding it and most importantly practicing its injunctions.

My prayers will be with you and I request you all to remember me in your prayers. Please pray that Allah helps me to take the Jama'at forward in its mission to spread Islam to the corners of the world. Pray that Allah grants me the strength that a human needs to carry out the superhuman task that has been placed on my shoulders.

Aameen.

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