



Salah of Allah-fearing People

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**Thought-provoking speech of weekly
sunnah-inspiring ijtima**

(For Islamic Sisters)

Muballighah must read the Bayan at least 3 times before delivering speech

الْحَمْدُ 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 وَأَصْحِبِكَ يَا حَيِّبَ اللَّهِ
وَعَلَى إِلِكِ وَأَصْحِبِكَ 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, the Intercessor of Ummah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has stated: *‘رَبِّبْنَا مَجَالِسَكُمْ بِالصَّلَاةِ عَلَيَّ فَإِنَّ صَلَاتَكُمْ عَلَيَّ نُورٌ لَكُمْ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ’* Beautify your gatherings by reciting Salat upon me; because the Salat that you recite upon me, will be Noor for you on the Day of Judgement. (Al-Jami’-us-Sagheer, pp. 280, Hadees 4580)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Dear Islamic sisters! 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 مِنْ عَمَلِهِ’* The intention of a believer is better than his action.

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

Two Madani pearls

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

Note: 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 the religious discourse.
 3. I will make room for other Islamic sisters 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 **صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ إِلَى اللَّهِ، اذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ، تُؤْتِبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ**, 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.
- Whatever I listen I will act upon it and later on convey it to others. In this way, I will be privileged to propagate the call towards righteousness.

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has made Salah obligatory for us and promised us great blessings and gifts in the world and the Hereafter for offering Salah. When our pious predecessors would offer Salah, they would be present in the blessed court of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ with apparent and spiritual manners after being totally carefree of worldly thoughts and their surroundings. Let's listen to the condition of these righteous people's Salah.

Devotee of Salah and Holy Quran

Talking about the spiritual exercises and acts of worship of the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and relating the event of two blessed companions, Sayyiduna Jabir رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has stated:

Once, we went to a Ghazwah (battle) along with the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. On the way back, we passed through a mountainous area where the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ ordered us to stay. All the blessed companions رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمْ stayed there to rest. The Beloved and Blessed Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, 'Who amongst you will keep a watch tonight?' A Muhajir and an Ansari companion رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا stood up and humbly said: Ya Rasoolallah صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ! We would like to have this privilege; please accept us. They both got ready to keep watch after taking permission.

Both consulted with each other and then Ansari Sahabi رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said, 'Let's do one thing-one of us will keep watch in the first half of the night while the other is asleep, then the other one will keep watch the remaining half of the night while the first one is asleep.' Therefore, you rest while I am awake, then you keep watch.

Thus, the Muhajir companion رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ started having a rest and the Ansari companion رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ got ready to keep watch. After a while, he started offering Salah and reciting Surah Al-Kahf. An enemy came and climbed onto a hilltop and saw that a person was offering Salah; he drew his bow, and taking an aim fired an arrow to the blessed companion. The arrow pierced his body, but he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ did not move and remained busy offering Salah. That cruel enemy shot another arrow that also entered his blessed body, but he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ did not break his Salah. He then shot the third arrow which also came straight

and pierced his body after injuring him. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ performed Ruku' and Sujood and completed his Salah. After completing Salah he woke his companion up. When the infidel saw that the blessed companion رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ was not alone, but his companions were also near him, he immediately ran away.

When the Muhajir companion رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ saw this condition of his companion, he took out the arrows quickly and asked, 'Why didn't you wake me when the enemy attacked you?' The Ansari companion رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ (who was a devotee of Quran and Salah) replied, 'I started a Surah in Salah. I did not like to break the Salah after leaving the Surah incomplete. By Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! If the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ had not given me the responsibility of keeping watch, I must have completed the Surah even by giving my life. Since the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ ordered me to keep a watch, it was my responsibility to carry it out in a proper way. When I found myself seriously injured, I cut my Salah short due to the same sense of responsibility and woke you up so that the enemy may not attack any more.

(‘Uyoon-ul-Hikayaat, part 1, pp. 33)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

سُبْحَانَ اللهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! May I be sacrificed for them! These blessed personalities had such a great devotion to Salah and Holy Quran that they did not care for their lives and remained busy with Salah. On the other hand, we do not offer Salah, and if we do, we are preoccupied with our home so much that we offer Salah extremely quickly, as though we offer it in haste. Remember! Due to offering Salah hastily, sometimes we make such mistakes during Salah which may invalidate our Salah.

Sayyiduna Huzayfah Bin Yamaan رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ saw a person who would not perform Ruku' and Sujood completely during Salah. He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said to him: 'If you die whilst offering Salah in the way you have just offered, you will not die in accordance with the teachings of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.'

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 1, pp. 284, Hadees 808)

It is also narrated that he رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ asked: ‘How long have you been offering Salah like this?’ The person replied: ‘For forty years.’ He رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ said: ‘You have not offered any Salah at all for forty years and if you die in the same state, you will not die on the religion of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ.’

(Sunan Nasa`ee, pp. 225, Hadees 1309)

مَآءُ الْحَيَاةِ وَالْأَمَانُ وَالْحَفِظُ May Allah عَزَّ وَجَلَّ protect our faith!

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Teaching of offering Salah with calmness

Sayyiduna Abu Hurayrah رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ has narrated that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ came to the Masjid; a person came and offered Salah and then went to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and said Salam to him. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied to his Salam and said: ‘Go and offer Salah because you have not offered Salah [correctly].’ The man went back and offered Salah in the same way. He then came to the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and said Salam to him. The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied to his Salam and said: ‘Go and offer Salah because you have not offered Salah.’ This happened thrice. The man humbly said: ‘By Him Who has sent you with the Truth! I know the same Salah. Please teach me.’ The Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said: ‘When you stand for Salah say Takbeer and then recite as much from the Holy Quran as much you can recite easily and then perform Ruku calmly. Then raise your head from the Ruku’ and stand up straight, then perform Sajdah calmly, then raise your head and sit calmly and then complete the whole Salah in the same way.

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 1, pp. 152, Hadees 757)

From this blessed Hadees it has been learnt that it is Wajib to repeat the Salah due to Wajib being missed. Remember, Sajdah Sahw becomes Wajib if

a Wajib is missed forgetfully during the Salah, and if a Wajib is missed deliberately, then repeating the Salah becomes Wajib.

Moreover, it has also been learnt that it is Wajib to offer Salah calmly because that elderly man came after offering Salah hastily, therefore he was asked to repeat his Salah; that is, every time when he would come after offering Salah, he would say Salam and would be asked to go back.

The Blessed and Beloved Rasool ﷺ did not teach him the method of Salah the very first time, but rather he ﷺ taught him the method after making him offer Salah many times so that he could remember this event and he could memorize this ruling very well because the thing we get with great labour and wait, settles in the mind.

(Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 2, pp. 12)

Dear Islamic sisters! From the blessed Hadees and its commentary it has become obvious that we should offer Salah with extreme calmness without any haste. It has been stated in the blessed Hadees that: 'Perform Ruku' with calmness then stand up straight raising your head from Ruku', then perform Sajdah with calmness, then sit calmly raising your head from sajdah', this is called Ta'deel-e-Arkaan.

'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated in Bahar-e-Shari'at: Maintaining Ta'deel-e-Arkaan, i.e. staying in Ruku', Sujood, Qawmah [standing after Ruku'] and Jalsah [sitting between two Sajdahs] for the amount of time in which 'سُبْحَانَ اللهِ' can be uttered at least once, is Wajib. Sajdah Sahw becomes Wajib if someone forgets Ta'deel-e-Arkaan.

(Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 1, pp. 518, Part. 4, pp. 711)

Anyhow, one should have information about the Wajibat, Makruhaat, Mufsideat (The acts which invalidate Salah) of Salah, and other necessary rulings along with the correct method of performing Wudu and Ghusl (the ritual bath) so that our Salahs do not become invalid because the way offering Salah is obligatory for every adult and sane Muslim, similarly, it is also obligatory to learn rulings on Salah relevant to circumstances.

(Bahar-e-Shari'at, part 3, vol. 1, pp. 518; part 4, vol. 1, pp. 711)

Introduction of the book, ‘Salah for Islamic sisters’

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, ‘Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qaadiri Razavi Ziyaee دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَه out of his enthusiasm for serving Islamic sisters, has compiled an extremely easy book namely, ‘Salah For Islamic sisters’, which contains rulings regarding Salah. This book consists of necessary rulings relating to Islamic sisters. Therefore, every Islamic sister should buy and study this important book and also give this book as gift to other Islamic sisters. اِنْ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ you will attain abundance blessings.

Dear Islamic sisters, alas! At present, many efforts are made to gain knowledge of worldly arts and sciences and for this purpose great sacrifice of wealth and time is made. On the other hand, no one makes any effort to learn the rulings on Salah which is a pillar of Deen [Islam]. It is quite possible that our Salahs may become invalid due to a lack of Islamic knowledge and haste and we are unaware of it. Our pious predecessors and saints of Islam رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰی had a deep attachment to Salah. Taking care of all the manners of Salah these personalities not only would offer all obligatory Salahs, but they would also offer Nafil Salah with extreme calmness. Let’s listen to three parables of pious saints of Islam about it for persuasion.

Salah of A’la Hadrat

Maulana Muhammad Husayn Chishti Nizami Fakhri رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ, who wrote Fatawa for A’la Hadrat Imam Ahmad Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ for few years, has said: A’la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ certainly offered Salah throughout his life with Jama’at; no matter how hot [temperature] it was he would always offer Salah wearing ‘Imamah and Angharkhay [a garment that is worn over Kurta] (i.e. he would make special arrangement even in clothing for Salah). He رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ never offered especially obligatory Salah wearing only Topi and a normal Kurta. Maulana Muhammad Husayn Chishti Nizami Fakhri رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ further stated: The amount of care A’la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ تَعَالٰی عَلَيْهِ would take while offering Salah is not seen these days. I always offer two Rak’at in the amount of time in which A’la Hadrat would offer one Rak’at. Other people would offer at

least 6 Rak'at or rather 8 Rak'at in the amount of time in which I offer 4 Rak'at. (*Hayat-e-A'la Hadrat, vol. 1, pp. 153*)

Where is that wood?

Sayyiduna Abul Ahwas رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated that a lady neighbour of Sayyiduna Mansoor Bin Mu'tamir رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ asked her father: 'O dear father! There was a piece of wood on the roof of [the house of] Sayyiduna Mansoor Bin Mu'tamir رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, where is it?' He replied: 'O daughter! It was [not a piece of wood, but rather] Sayyiduna Mansoor رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ who used to offer Salah in the night. (*Hilyat-ul-Awliya, pp. 46, Raqm 6269*)

Sayyiduna 'Ala Bin Saalim 'Abadi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated about him that Sayyiduna Mansoor Bin Mu'tamir رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ would offer Salah on his [house's] roof. When he رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ passed away, a boy asked his mother: Dear mother! There was a date trunk on the roof of so-and-so; where is it now? The mother replied: O son! It was not a trunk, but rather Sayyiduna Mansoor رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ, who [would worship, and now] has passed away.

(*Hilyat-ul-Awliya, pp. 46, Raqm 6260*)

Salah of Sayyiduna Haatim Asam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ

Sayyiduna Haatim Asam رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ once went to meet Sayyiduna 'Aasim Bin Yusuf Muhaddis رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ. Sayyiduna 'Aasim Bin Yusuf رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ asked him: 'O Haatim! Do you offer Salah properly?' He رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ replied in the affirmative, then Sayyiduna 'Aasim رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ asked: Tell me. How do you offer Salah? Sayyiduna Haatim رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ replied: When the time for Salah comes near, I perform my Wudu completely in an extremely proper manner.

When the time of Salah comes I step on the prayer mat and stand in such a manner that each joint of my body properly adjusts to its place, I then imagine that the Holy Ka'bah is between both of my eyebrows and Maqaam-e-Ibraheem is in front of my chest. Then having this belief in my heart that Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ is aware of my apparent condition and all hidden thoughts of my heart; I stand in a way as if my feet are on Siraat Bridge and Paradise to my right, and Hell to my left, and Malak-ul-Maut [the angel of death] behind me,

and I feel as if this Salah is the last Salah of my life. After this I recite Takbeer-e-Tahrimah with extreme sincerity, and then recite Holy Quran with extreme concentration and contemplation. I then perform Ruku' and Sujood with utmost humbleness and in a beseeching manner and in the same way I offer the entire Salah with extreme humility and the presence of the heart.

Having heard this Sayyiduna 'Aasim رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ asked surprisingly: 'O Haatim! Do you really offer Salah always and every time in the same manner?' Sayyiduna Haatim رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ replied: 'Yes! I have been offering every Salah of mine always and every time in the same manner for thirty years'.

(Ruh-ul-Bayan, vol. 1, pp. 33)

آوقات کے اندر ہی پڑھوں ساری تمّازیں
اللہ! عبادت میں میرے دل کو لگا دے

Dear Islamic sisters! Have you noticed how our pious predecessors رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى used to offer long Salahs with extreme humility and the presence of the heart and mind, great yearning and concentration! On the other hand, if we are privileged to offer Salah, we offer it with extreme laziness and carelessness by looking here and there due to which we do not attain extreme humility and presence of the heart from the beginning.

Where should our sight be during Salah?

A'la Hadrat's caliph Sayyid Ayyub 'Ali Razavi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has stated: (One day), after Zuhr Salah, A'la Hadrat Imam Ahmed Raza Khan رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ was reciting Wazifah in the Masjid, a stranger came in front of him and started offering Salah. While performing Ruku', raising his neck, he kept looking at the place of Sajdah. After he had completed his Salah, A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ called him and asked: Why did you raise your neck so much in Ruku'? He replied that he had been looking at the place of Sajdah. A'la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ said: The sight should not be focused at the place of Sajdah in every state. He then said: In the state of Qiyam, the sight should be at the place of Sajdah; in the state of Ruku', it should be at the toes; in the state of Tasmee' (standing after Ruku'), it should be on the chest; in the state of Sajdah it should be on nose and in

the state of Qu'ood (when reciting Attahiyyat etc.) it should be on the lap. Moreover, while performing Salam, the sight should be at the shoulders keeping in mind Katibeen (angels who record our deeds).

(Hayat-e-A'la Hadrat, vol. 1, pp. 303)

Dear Islamic sisters! It has become obvious that we should avoid looking here and there during Salah. Remember! Looking here and there during Salah distracts our attention and our hearts become occupied with other things rather than Salah. Perhaps this is the reason that despite offering Salah we do not attain its pleasure, nor do we develop its real yearning in the heart. As a result, we frequently miss Salahs due to a slight headache or mild illness or only due to our laziness and idleness. There are even some Islamic sisters who if miss one or few Salahs, they miss Salah deliberately for weeks and for months. Making an individual effort if an Islamic sister persuades them to offer Salah, they respond: Now **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** I will start offering Salah from the next Friday or I will start offering Salah regularly from the month of Ramadan.'

Thus they acknowledge this thing openly without any shame or hesitation **مَعَآذَ اللَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** that they will continue to commit the grave sin of missing Salahs until Friday or the month of Ramadan. Undoubtedly, all these things are the curse of having no fear of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and no enthusiasm for worship; otherwise one who is overpowered by the fear of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** and has strong desire for worship, offers Salah regularly at all costs and refrains from the disobedience to Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.

Despite being severely ill, elderly and very weak physically, our pious predecessors and blessed saints of Islam would not be heedless of Salah, but rather they would offer Salah regularly with Jama'at unless they had any Shar'i compulsion.

Offered Salah despite being ill

Sayyiduna Sufyan Sawri **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** has said: The neighbour of Sayyiduna Talhah Bin Masraf **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** told us about him that he was ill. We went to inquire after his health so Sayyiduna Zubayd **رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ** said to him: 'Please

get up! Offer Salah; I know that you love Salah.’ Listening to this, he stood up for Salah. (*Hilyat-ul-Awliya, vol. 5, pp. 21, Raqm. 6171*)

Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, Hadrat ‘Allamah Maulana Muhammad Ilyas Attar Qadiri Razavi دامت برکاتہم العالیہ once fell seriously ill; finally an operation was decided. He was admitted to Rajputana Hospital (Hyderabad, Pakistan) on 21st December, 2002. The doctor wanted to carry out the operation either at noon or evening, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat said: I do not want to miss any of my Salah in the state of being unconscious. Therefore, it was decided that the operation would be carried out after ‘Isha Salah. Before the operation both of his hands were tied around the table and later on as the hands were untied, he instantly folded them like the Qiyam in Salah. He was still half unconscious; instead of groaning and screaming with pain he was doing Zikr, reciting Salat-‘Alan-Nabi and doing Munajat. Suddenly he asked: Has the time of Fajr Salah started? If it is the time of Fajr Salah, I should be purified, إِنَّ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I will offer Fajr Salah. He was informed that there was still plenty of time left for Fajr.¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

A’la Hadrat رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ mentioning the reason of delay in replying of Fatwa, writes: ‘Your registered mail was received on 15th Rabi-ul-Aakhir Shareef. I fell ill to such an extent after delivering Bayan in the 12th Rabi’-ul-Awwal’s Majlis that I had never experienced such illness before. I had my will got written. Till date the condition is such that Masjid is adjacent to the door, (but due to weakness) 4 persons lift me on a chair to and from the Masjid. (*Fatawa Razawiyyah, vol. 9, pp. 547*)

Dear Islamic sisters! In the Holy Quran, not only the commandment of Salah has been given at many places, but by mentioning its reward, we have also been persuaded to offer it. In this regard, let’s listen to four blessed sayings of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

¹ (Faith-refreshing glimpses of Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat’s operation, pp. 1-3; summarized)

Four blessed sayings of Allah ﷻ about Salah

وَالْمُقِيمِينَ الصَّلَاةَ وَالْمُؤْتُونَ الزَّكَاةَ

وَالْمُؤْمِنُونَ بِاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ أَُولَئِكَ سَنُؤْتِيهِمْ أَجْرًا عَظِيمًا

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And those who keep the prayer established and those who pay the charity, and those who believe in Allah and the Last Day; to such, We shall soon bestow a great reward.

(Part 6, Surah An-Nisa, Ayah 162)

وَأَنْ أَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَاتَّقُوهُ ۗ وَهُوَ الَّذِي إِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And to keep the (obligatory) prayer established and to fear Him; and it is to Him that you are to be raised.

(Part 7, Surah Al-An'aam, Ayah 72)

حِفْظُوا عَلَى الصَّلَوَاتِ وَالصَّلَاةِ الْوُسْطَىٰ وَقُومُوا لِلَّهِ قَانِتِينَ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Guard all your prayers, and the middle prayer; and stand with reverence before Allah.

(Part 2, Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayah 238)

وَأَقِيمُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَآتُوا الزَّكَاةَ وَارْكَعُوا مَعَ الرَّاكِعِينَ

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And keep the (obligatory) prayer established, and pay the charity, and bow your heads with those who bow (in prayer).

(Part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, Ayah 43)

Regarding the last blessed Ayah 'Allamah Maulana Sayyid Muhammad Na'eemuddin Muradabadi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: This blessed Ayah contains the information about Salah and Zakah being obligatory and it also suggests that

Salahs should be offered with their proper rights and carefully fulfilling all of its [Arkaan] essentials.

Madrassa-tul-Madinah (for women) one of the 8 Madani activities

Dear Islamic sisters! If we also want to make up our mind to offer Salah regularly and want steadfastness in it, we should associate ourselves with Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, and give some time out of our busy schedule to the 8 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah.

إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, by virtue of the blessing of taking part in these Madani activities we will get used to performing obligatory acts of worship along with Nafl acts of worship; we will attain the passion for acting upon Faraaid and Wajibat, Sunan and Mustahabbat; we will get the opportunity to act upon the Sunnah of presenting call towards righteousness, we will also attain steadfastness in virtuous deeds.

One of the 8 Madani activities of Zayli Halqah is also to teach or learn in Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for Islamic sisters).

- اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ due to the blessings of Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for Islamic sisters), one gets privileged to recite the Holy Quran correctly.
- Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for Islamic sisters) is the best means of learning Salah, Wudu (ablution) and Ghusl (bath) etc., and necessary rulings.
- Attending Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for Islamic sisters) provides a means of good company.
- Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for Islamic sisters) provides privilege to teach and learn the Holy Quran.
- Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for Islamic sisters) provides opportunity to gain Knowledge of Deen.

Let's listen to a Madani parable relating to Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for Islamic sisters).

Passion for fashion turned into devotion to Sunnah (Madani parable)

It is a summary of an account given by an Islamic sister from Bab-ul-Madinah, Karachi. I was so crazy about western culture that I would wear pants and shirt like boys. I would talk to Na-Mahram males unhesitatingly and would remain in the company of ill-mannered friends. My father used to run a hotel. I was so bold that I would sit at the counter of the hotel despite being prohibited by my father. I used to study at a school. Glory be to Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I suddenly took an interest in studying at a Madrasah and mentioned it to my father. Seizing the opportunity, he admitted me to Dawat-e-Islami's Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for Islamic sisters). I started learning the Holy Quran.

After a few days, our teacher told us about the annually-held global Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima' of Dawat-e-Islami in Multan and persuaded us to visit houses in order to invite other Islamic sisters for the Ijtima' calling them to righteousness. We spread the invitation to the Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima' actively and excitedly. I was anxiously waiting for the 'special session' of the last day because I had never attended any Ijtima' before. At last, the day of the Ijtima' arrived. I attended 'the special session' of the annual Sunnah-Inspiring Ijtima' enthusiastically in which I had the opportunity to listen to the telephonic speech on the topic of 'Cure for Sins'. The speech made me tremble with the fear of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. I suddenly realized how flagrantly I was disobeying my Creator عَزَّوَجَلَّ and leading a sinful life!

At the end, a heart-rending Du'a was made. When I saw countless weeping Islamic sisters during the Du'a I also started weeping with my heart full of remorse. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I repented of sins and made a firm intention to get reformed. By the blessing of Madrasa-tul-Madinah, I attended the Ijtima' which had a profound impact on my heart, inspiring me to associate myself with the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami. اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! I started observing Islamic veiling and offering Salah regularly. Today, my parents are very pleased with me and grateful to Dawat-e-Islami which has led their daughter who was an epitome of fashion to the path of Sunnah.

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Dear Islamic sisters! In the Holy Quran and Hadees, where so many virtues and blessings of offering Salah have been mentioned, severe punishments have also been mentioned for not offering the Salah (within the time-frame) or for missing Salah. In Ayah 59 of Surah Maryam, part 16 it is stated:

فَخَلَفَ مِنْ بَعْدِهِمْ خَلْفٌ أَضَاعُوا الصَّلَاةَ وَاتَّبَعُوا الشَّهْوَاتِ فَسَوْفَ يَلْقَوْنَ غَيًّا ﴿٥٩﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: And after them came the unworthy successors who squandered prayer and pursued their own desires, so they will soon encounter the forest of Ghayy in Hell. *(Part 16, Surah Maryam, Ayah 59)*

Horrible well of terrifying valley

In the above-mentioned blessed Ayah ‘Ghayy’ [غَيِّ] has been mentioned that means ‘a valley of Hell’. Mufti Muhammad Amjad Ali A’zami رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ has said: ‘Ghayy’ is a valley in Hell which is the hottest and deepest of all; it has a well named ‘Hab Hab’ [هَبُّ هَبِّ]. When the fire of Hell is about to extinguish, Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ opens this well due to which it [i.e. the fire of Hell] blazes as usual. Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ has said:

كُلَّمَا خَبَتْ زِدْنَاهُمْ سَعِيرًا ﴿٩٧﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Whenever it is about to extinguish, We will inflame it more for them. *(Part 15, Surah Bani Israel, Ayah 97)*

(He رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ further said): ‘This ‘well’ is for those who do not offer Salah, for fornicators, drunkards, usurers and for those who hurt their parents.

(Bahar-e-Shari’at, vol. 1, pp. 434)

Remember! Missing even one Salah deliberately is a major sin. On page 158 of Fatawa-e-Razawiyah, volume 9 it is stated: The one who deliberately misses Salah of even one time, deserves to be in Hell for thousands of years until he repents and offers its Qada.

Dear Islamic sisters! Imagine! When a person will have to be in Hell for thousands of years only for missing one Salah deliberately, so how severe torment the one [who deliberately misses all her Salahs during the whole day or rather has the evil habit of offering no Salah at all] will suffer!

Therefore, as soon as possible, or rather today, repent truly of the grave sin of missing Salah. Moreover, make intention to offer Qada Salah along with offering Salah regularly; otherwise, remember no one can endure the torment of Hell at all. It has been narrated that the person, on whom the lightest torment of Hell will be inflicted, will feel the pain of this torment so much that he will think that the most painful torment is being inflicted on him alone, though it will be contrary to the fact. Sayyiduna Ibn ‘Abbas رَضِيَ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُمَا has narrated that the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, ‘The one amongst the dwellers of Hell on whom the slightest torment will be inflicted; he will be made to wear the shoes of fire due to which his brain will begin to boil.’ (Sahih Bukhari, vol. 4, pp. 262, Hadees 6561)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Faizan-e-Namaz Course

Dear Islamic sisters! We should also offer Salah regularly in order to protect ourselves from the torment of Hell. Moreover, we should offer the Salahs we have missed immediately; otherwise we will not be able to bear the painful torment of Hell at all. Repent of the sin of missing Salah as soon as possible and start offering Salah keeping in mind all the apparent and spiritual Sunnahs and manners of Salah. There are a number of people who do not know even the essential rulings on Salah due to which their Salahs become invalid. Get yourself enrolled in ‘Faizan-e-Namaz Course’, to protect your Salahs from mistakes, to learn the correct method of offering them and to know the essential rulings on Salah.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Under the supervision of Dawat-e-Islami, this 7-day course with lodging is offered in order to save people’s Salah from becoming invalid. In this course, Islamic sisters are taught the essential rulings on Wudu and Ghusl; conditions and Faraaid of Salah, Wajibat and Mustahabbat, Makruhaat

and those things are also taught due to which Salah becomes invalid. In addition, the recitation of the Holy Quran is also taught with correct pronunciation through Madani Qaida and Du'as which are recited daily, are also made to memorize. You must also get yourself enrolled in Faizan-e-Namaz Course in order to offer your Salah correctly and attain its abundant blessings.

Persuasion of Madani donations

Dear Islamic sisters! Dawat-e-Islami has done us a great favour. We did not know how to offer Salah or rather we did not know about many other things, but Dawat-e-Islami has taught and made us understand many things. We have lots of favour of Dawat-e-Islami. **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, Dawat-e-Islami has given us the Madani mind-set of protecting faith. Now the same Dawat-e-Islami is demanding that it should be progressed further and for further development, billions of rupees are required. Millions of rupees are spent on Jami'a-tul-Madinah every month; hundreds of Masajid have yet to be built. Every admirer of Dawat-e-Islami should become active and start making great efforts to collect lots of Madani donations from their family members, friends and relatives, neighbours etc. Many people pay Zakah only in the month of Ramadan. Try to collect Fitrah along with Zakah. Expenses are increasing every year. We have to keep our Dawat-e-Islami alive; we have to run it or rather make it strong so that it serves abundantly the religion of Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.

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

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Majlis Madrasa-tul-Madinah

Dear Islamic sisters! **اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, in today's critical age, the Madani environment of Dawat-e-Islami is a very great blessing. You also stay associated with this Madani environment. **اِنَّ شَاءَ اللّٰهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ** you will get abundant

goodness of the world and the Hereafter. Dawat-e-Islami is serving Islam in approximately 104 departments. One of them is Madrasa-tul-Madinah for Islamic sisters in which Islamic sisters [are being provided with the education of Naazirah Ta'leem-e-Quran as well as they are also taught the essential rulings on Salah and that too, free of charge; they are also taught Sunan and manners.

The number of the Islamic sisters studying at Madrasa-tul-Madinah (for Islamic sisters) is approximately more than 63,000 [sixty-three thousand].

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

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 اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ وَالْهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'Whoever loves my Sunnah, loves me, and whoever loves me will be with me in Jannah.' (Ibn 'Asakir, vol. 9, pp. 343)

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

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

Madani pearls about sleeping and waking up

Let's listen to the Sunan and manners of sleeping and awakening from the booklet "101 Madani Pearls" written by Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat, the founder of Dawat-e-Islami, 'Allamah Maulana Abu Bilal Muhammad Ilyas Attari Qaadiri Razavi دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ:

1. Dust the bed off properly before sleeping, so that poisonous insects etc., if any, are removed.

2. Recite this Du'a before sleeping:

اللَّهُمَّ بِاسْمِكَ أَمُوتُ وَأَحْيَى

O Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, I die and live (sleep and wake up) by Your name.

(Sahih Bukhari, vol. 4, pp. 196, Hadees 6325)

3. Do not sleep after 'Asr, as there is a fear of losing the intellect. The Noble Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, 'Whoever sleeps after 'Asr and loses his intellect, should blame only himself.'

(Musnad Abi Ya'la, vol. 4, pp. 278, Hadees 4897)

4. It is Mustahab [preferable] to nap for a while in the afternoon.

(Fatawa Hindiyyah,, vol. 5, pp. 376)

A legendary and leading scholar of Shari'ah and Tareeqah, 'Allamah Maulana Mufti Muhammad Amjad 'Ali A'zami رَحِمَهُ اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ says, 'This is probably for those who remain awake at night offering Salah, doing Zikr of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ, or reading and studying religious books, so that the tiredness caused by staying awake at night can be removed by the midday nap.'

(Bahar-e-Shari'at, vol. 16, pp. 79)

5. It is Makruh [disliked] to sleep in the beginning of the day or between Maghrib and 'Isha. *(Fatawa Hindiyyah, vol. 5, pp. 376)*
6. To sleep in the state of purity is Mustahab.
7. First sleep on your right side facing Qiblah with your right hand under the right cheek for some duration, and then on your left side.

(Fatawa Hindiyyah, vol. 5, pp. 376)

8. Remember the grave as you go to sleep, as in the grave we will be alone and there will be no one but our deeds.
9. When going to sleep, busy yourself with the remembrance of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ. Keep reciting Tahleel, Tasbih and Tahmeed (i.e. keep reciting

(﴿الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ﴾ and ﴿سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ﴾, ﴿لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ﴾) until you fall asleep because a person wakes up in the same state that he falls asleep in, and on the Day of Judgement a person will rise in the same state that he dies in.

(Fatawa Hindiyyah, vol. 5, pp. 376)

10. Recite this Du'a upon waking up:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ

All praise is to Allah ﷻ who gave us life after death and to Him we will return. (Sahih Bukhari, vol. 4, pp. 196, Hadees 6325)

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.

Announcements

All Zimmahdar (responsible) Islamic sisters should also make the intention to surely attend the 2 most important Madani activities i.e. Tarbiyyati Halqah and Weekly Madani Daurah in order to gain the blessings of Ramadan. All Islamic sisters make intention to attend regularly weekly Sunnah-inspiring Ijtima, because by attending it we will learn many good things, *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ*.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Dawat-e-Islami is serving the Deen of Islam through approximately 104 departments in Pakistan and abroad. Whereas, the prevailing conditions are such that nowadays huge amount is being spent on propagating the evils. Let's make intention to spend our wealth to prevent evils and propagate the Deen.

Madani Marakiz (Centres) Faizan-e-Madinah

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Along with the construction of Masjids Madani Centres Faizan-e-Madinah are also being constructed. Within and outside Pakistan approximately 407 Faizan-e-Madinah are established.

The Blessed saying of the Beloved Rasool صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ: ‘Verily, Sadaqah extinguishes the wrath of Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ and prevents one from bad death’. (*Sunan-ut-Tirmizi, vol. 2, pp. 146, Hadees 664*)

Make intention that we will give all our Sadaqat-e-Wajibah and Naafilah (i.e. Zakah, Sadaqat, donations etc.) to Dawat-e-Islami, the Madani movement of devotees of Rasool, اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ. May Allah عَزَّوَجَلَّ enable us to act upon it.

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاةِ النَّبِيِّ الْاَمِيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

All Islamic sisters are requested to purchase the pamphlet “*Horrific Grave Scene of the One Indulging in Sins during Ramadan*” from Maktaba-tul-Madinah in a large quantity or at least 12 or as much as one can afford and distribute them and affix it at a prominent place at your home. اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ by its blessings the mind-set of avoiding sins would develop.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Shaykh-e-Tareeqat, Ameer-e-Ahl-e-Sunnat دامت بركاتهم العالیه gives his precious time for Madani Muzakaraths which are telecast live at Madani Channel. All Islamic sisters are kindly requested to attend these daily two Madani Muzakaraths and also arrange to show these Madani Muzakaraths to other Maharim as well. اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ, you will gain precious Madani pearls of knowledge and wisdom.