

شَهْرُ رَمَضَاى الَّذِي ٱنْزِلَ فِيْهِ الْقُرْانُ هُدًى لِّلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنْتٍ مِّنَ الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ ، فَمَنْ شَهِمَ مِنْكُمُ الشَّهْرَ فَلْيَصُمْهُ * وَمَنْ كَانَ مَرِيْضًا أَوْ عَلَى سَفَرِ فَعِدَّةً مِّنْ أَيَّامٍ أَخَرَ

The month of Ramadan is that in which the Qur'an was sent down as a guidance for mankind with clear proofs of guidance and discrimination. Therefore, whosoever of you is present at home in this month, let him fast therein. But whoso is sick or is on a journey, shall fast the same number of other days. {2:186}







SAYINGS OF THE Holy Prophet (SAW)

The Messenger of Allah said: 'There has come to you Ramadan, a blessed month, which Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, has enjoined you to fast. In it the gates of heavens are opened and the gates of Hell are closed, and every devil is chained up. In it Allah has a night which is better than a thousand months; whoever is deprived of its goodness is indeed deprived.



The Promised Messiah(as) explained that there is no doubt that God hears prayers, but the condition is that one establishes true righteousness, accepts unequivocally the existence of God and thereby strengthens their faith in the fact that God has power over all things. Faith leads to perception, and when this is achieved then one will see the fruits of their prayers. It cannot be that a person's faith wavers at the slightest adversity. The relationship between a person and God should be like that of two true friends. These are the very basic and fundamental conditions for the acceptance of prayer.

100 Years Of Islam Ahmadiyyat In Ghana: Historic Jalsa Salana Ghana 2024 Concludes With Faith Inspiring Address

"Seek to win the hearts and minds of your people through love and compassion" – Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad

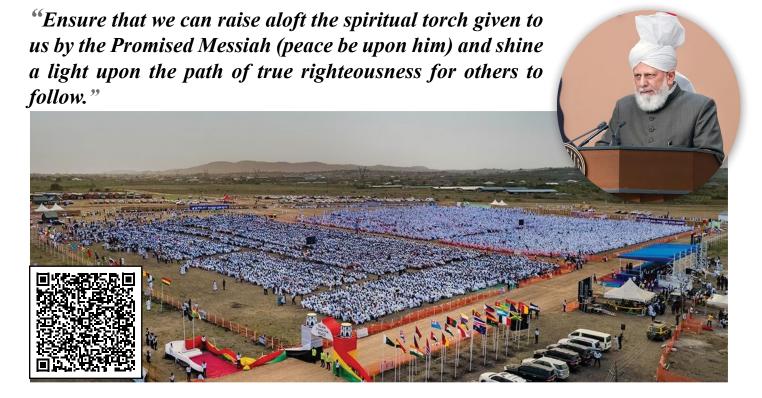
On 24th February 2024, the World Head of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community, the Fifth Khalifa (Caliph), His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad concluded the Annual Convention (Jalsa Salana) of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community in Ghana.

His Holiness highlighted that in order to invite people towards Islam, Ahmadi Muslims must ensure that they are foremost in following its teachings.

Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"As Ahmadi Muslims, never forget who you are and what you represent. Be aware that, as you strive to further the cause of Ahmadiyya Muslim Community through Tabligh (outreach efforts), those who hear your message will ask what distinguishes the people who have accepted the Promised Messiah (peace be upon him)? They will observe whether you possess true love for God Almighty and whether you manifest the highest morals and virtues in every situation and every place. They will query whether you reflect those teachings that you invite others towards. If the answer to these questions is 'No', then how can you, in all sincerity, call others towards true Islam?"

The adherence to the conditions, His Holiness said, are the means to



Iobal Muslim Leader Calls For Ceasefire In Gaza And Ukraine, Says Privileged Nations Are Wield ing Their Veto 'Like A Trump Card'

"The fate of the United Nations seems set to mirror that of its failed predecessor, the League of Nations" "Where a veto power exists, the...

"Where a veto power exists, the scales of justice can never be balanced"

"If we stand by and let these wars escalate further... history will judge us with contempt as the authors of our own destruction and misery"

Further explaining the teachings of Islam, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad said:

"The Holy Prophet of Islam (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) also prohibited Muslim soldiers from inflicting any form of terror or fear amongst the general public during wars. Indeed, all non-combatants and civilians were to be treated kindly and no injustice was to be perpetrated against them... During battle, soldiers should not strike their opponents in the face and should cause them the least possible harm and distress. If prisoners of war were caught, they were not to be separated from their relatives if they too were imprisoned."

Highlighting the universality of these Islamic principles, His Holiness said that if non-Muslim nations adopted these principles, then "even if wars occurred, they would not lead to such deep-rooted enmities forming that remained embedded generation after generation."





Representatives of several political parties also addressed the Peace Symposium.

Dame Siobhain McDonagh MP spoke and said:

"The Ahmadiyya community has been at th forefront of calling for peace since the very start of the conflict. It is his holiness who urged all world powers to de-escalate and work towards a lasting peaceful solution"





His Holiness(aba) quoted the Promised Messiah(as) about the true essence of Ramadan, which is to lessen one form of sustenance that satiates the physical body and increase another form of sustenance which satiates the soul. Fasting is not about remaining hungry, rather it is to give an increased opportunity to focus on increased worship. Those who worship for the sake of God, not as a mere exercise should also remain occupied in worship and the remembrance of Allah so that they may attain the true purpose. The heart should always remain occupied in the remembrance of Allah.



Ramadhan and Prayers

Ramadan – A Special Time for the Acceptance of Prayers

After reciting Tashahhud, Ta'aawuz and Surah al-Fatihah, His Holiness, Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad(aba) recited the following verse from the Holy Qur'an:

'And when My servants ask thee about Me, say: 'I am near. I answer the prayer of the supplicant when he prays to Me. So they should hearken to Me and believe in Me, that they may follow the right way." (The Holy Qur'an, 2:187)

The Connection Between Ramadan and the Acceptance of Prayer

His Holiness(aba) said that God has placed this verse along with the verses regarding fasting in Ramadan. This indicates that praying has a very special connection with Ramadan and fasting, which is why offering prayers, voluntary prayers and other forms of prayers are especially focused on during the Holy Month. Every Muslim knows that in this month, God showers His love upon His servants more so than He does in ordinary times.

How to Gain Certainty of the Existence of God

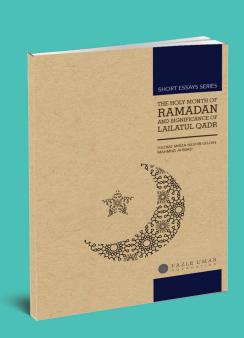
His Holiness(aba) continued quoting the Promised Messiah(as) who said that if someone questions how we can know that God exists, then the answer lies in the quoted verse, which is that God says He is near. By calling to Him, we can find Him through His answers to our prayers. The gods of other faiths are not near. Therefore, when one calls unto God with a sincere heart then they can find God and increase in their love for Him. It is indeed a sign of God's existence that he answers prayers.

The Holy Month of Ramadan and the Significance of Lailatul Qadr

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