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Learn the following prayer from Holy Quran and translation. Taken from Surah Taha Ayah 26 – 29 (20:26-29)

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي وَيَسِّرْ لِي اَمْرِي وَاَحْلِلْ عُقْدَةَ مِّنْ لِّسَانِي يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي

My Lord, open out for me my heart. And ease for me my task. And loose the knot of my tongue. That they may understand my speech

Hadith (Saying of Holy Prophet ﷺ)

Read the following Hadith and try to learn it.

خَيْرُكُمْ مَنْ تَعَلَّمَ الْقُرْآنَ وَعَلَّمَهُ

"The best among you is the one who learns and teaches the Holy Qur'an" (Sahih Bukhari)

Writings of the Promised Messiah عليه السلام

Read and learn the following writings of Promised Messiah عليه السلام :-

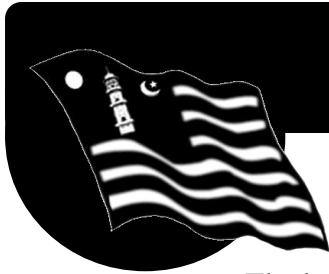
However, you should know that your duty to God comes first. You should give preference to Him and try to do your duty to your parents as well; you should also be praying for them - and you should be very sincere in whatever you do. Your intentions must always be good. (Malfoozat Vol. 10, pg. 131)

Salaat Section

Prerequisites and conditions to offer Salaat (based on Salat - Muslim Prayer Book)

Some prerequisites and conditions exist regarding the offering of Prayers. They are as follows:

1. Determination of Intention: The intention to perform a Prayer must be made prior to the beginning of the Prayer.
2. The Prayer should be offered within the fixed time allotted for that particular Prayer. However, it should be remembered that if one fails to perform a Prayer in time due to some compelling reasons that Prayer can be offered whenever one remembers it. However, it should not be offered at forbidden times.
3. One should be clean in body and, as far as possible, in mind and spirit also. Cleanliness here is a term which means (amongst other things):



- a. The body should be clean from all filth.
- b. If one has answered the call of nature and has been to the toilet, one should wash oneself properly so that all remnants of excrements have been properly washed away.
4. The place and mat of Prayer must be neat and clean.
5. The body must be properly covered during the Prayer.
6. *Qibla* Direction: All Muslims must face towards the *Ka'aba*. *Qibla* means facing the *Ka'aba* in Makkah, the first House of worship built on earth.

All Muslims throughout the world should always face the general direction of the *Ka'aba* during every Prayer. However, during a journey and when travelling, if one fails to determine the direction properly or when one is unable to face towards the *Ka'aba* because of illness, for it is beyond one's capacity to do so, then one is not obliged to face towards the *Qibla*. Also, when on a journey, riding on a mount, train, boat or plane, one should say one's Prayers facing in the same direction towards which one is moving, or indeed any convenient position will be acceptable.

Early History of Islam

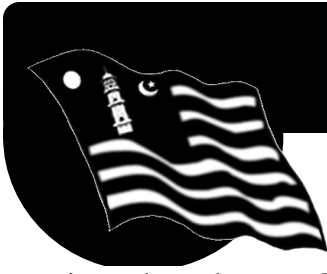
Read the following portion from the History of Islam. *Taken from the book Golden Deeds of Muslims by the late Rashid Ahmad Chaudhri Sb*

Before accepting Islam, Hadhrat Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه was one of the worst enemies of the Muslims. He was a great soldier. When he saw that in spite of the strong opposition, Islam was spreading day by day, he decided to kill the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله in order to finish the new Faith for ever. With this vicious motive, he took a sword in hand and set out in search of the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله. A friend met him on the way and asked him where he was going. "To kill Muhammad" replied Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه. "But don't you know that your sister Fatima and her husband have already become Muslims", said the man. Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه was greatly shocked to learn this. He decided to deal with them first before going to Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله.

As he reached his sister's house, he heard a recitation being made inside the house. A Muslim teacher, Khabab رضي الله تعالى عنه by name was teaching them the Holy Book. As soon as they saw Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه approaching, Hadhrat Khabab رضي الله تعالى عنه hid himself. Hadhrat Fatima رضي الله تعالى عنه hid the leaves on which those verses were written.

Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه faced his sister and brother-in-law and said, "I learnt that you have joined the new religion which Muhammad has brought." They tried to explain to him, to calm him down, but Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه was in no mood to listen to any explanation. He raised his sword to hit his brother-in-law, but Fatima who was standing nearby stepped in quickly to save her husband, and was injured slightly in doing so. Blood began to flow freely from her face. She looked straight into Umar's رضي الله تعالى عنه eyes and said bravely, "Yes, we are Muslims now and shall remain so. Do what you may."

Seeing the blood on his sister's face and hearing this bold reply, Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه calmed down quickly. Soon he was a changed man. He requested that the leaves of the Holy Quran, which were being read, be shown to him. Hadhrat Fatima refused lest he should tear them up and throw them away. Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه promised that he would not do so. She told him to wash himself, and when he did so, he was



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given those leaves. Calm and cool, he began to read those verses of the Holy Quran, and in no time Truth dawned on him. He decided to become a Muslim. In the meantime Hadhrat Khabab رضي الله تعالى عنه had come out of his hiding. He said "God is my witness, only yesterday, I heard the Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم pray for the conversion of Umar or Amr bin Hisham. Your change is the result of that prayer."

Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه asked them where Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was and made straight for the place, still carrying his sword in his hand. When he reached the house, where the Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم was sitting with some of his Companions, he knocked at the door. The Companions peeped through the keyhole and saw him standing with sword in hand. They hesitated to open the door. The Holy Prophet told them to open the door. Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه came in. Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم asked him "Umar, what brings you here?" "I have come to accept Islam", said Hadhrat Umar.

The Holy Prophet صلى الله عليه وسلم and the Companions were much pleased to hear this and all of them said with one voice 'Allah-o-Akbar', Allah is the Greatest. Soon the news spread in the whole of Makkah. It was a severe blow to the enemies of Islam, as Hadhrat Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه was a very brave and influential man in Makkah.

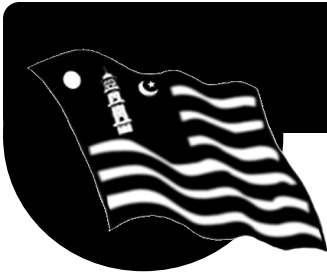
Muslims up to that time used to say their Prayers secretly behind closed doors. Now as Hadhrat Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه was one of them, they decided to say their Prayers openly. Hadhrat Umar رضي الله تعالى عنه has done so much for Islam, that after the death of Hadhrat Abu Bakr رضي الله تعالى عنه, the first Khalifa, he was chosen as Khalifa by Muslims.

Khilafat Section:- Khilfat-e-Ahmadiyya

Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى (Khalifatul Masih IV)

Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad رحمه الله تعالى was born in Qadian on December 18, 1928. He got his high school education at Talimul Islam High School, Qadian, and his early college education at Government College, Lahore. In 1949, he enrolled in the Jamia Ahmadiyya missionary college at Rabwah and successfully completed his Shahid examination. In 1955, he went to England where he studied at SOAS University in London and also performed missionary services. After staying in Europe for two and a half years, he returned to Rabwah where he dedicated his life to the service of Islam and held a number of important positions in the Jama'at. He was the president of Khuddamul Ahmadiyya and later on became the President of Ansarullah. He also served as the Director of Fazle Omar Foundation. He was also selected as a member of the delegation which appeared in the Parliament of Pakistan to defend the beliefs of the Ahmadiyya Muslim Community. He was the youngest member of the delegation.

After the sad death of Hadhrat Mirza Nasir Ahmad, the Electoral College convened once again in the Mubarak Mosque in Rabwah and elected Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad, the son of the Second Khalifa, Hadhrat Musleh Maud رضي الله تعالى عنه and the grandson of Promised Messiah عليه السلام, with an overwhelming majority as the Fourth Khalifa of the Ahmadiyya Jama'at in Islam.



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The Jama'at continued its rapid progress under the leadership and guidance of its fourth Khalifa. However, the government and the Muslim clergy in Pakistan started another wave of opposition, restrictions and persecutions. When the persecution of the community by the Pakistani government became so severe that it was almost impossible for the community to function; Hadhrat Mirza Tahir Ahmad رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ, the Fourth Khalifa, decided to leave Pakistan and migrate to England.

One of the many achievements during his Khilafat was the initiation of Muslim Television Ahmadiyya (MTA). This satellite based channel was started in 1992 initially with a weekly one hour program, broadcasting the Friday sermon. With time, the program was extended and it now includes a full 24-hour service all over the world and consists of three channels. Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ had to give many long hours of his already constrained time to create numerous programmes for the channel. Now the channel is broadcasted to more than 95% human inhabited areas on the globe which is more than many traditional and renowned channels like BBC.

Another notable contribution to the wider world was a charitable organization called Humanity First. Humanity First was first conceived in 1991 by Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ and registered in the UK in 1994 during the Balkans crisis. In the following years, Humanity First was able to respond to a number of disasters including Earthquakes, Floods and Tsunamis including Kashmir and Gujarat earthquakes, Asian Tsunami, Hurricane Katrina.

He also wrote many books, including translation of Holy Quran. Among his other books, is a book named Revelation, Rationality, Knowledge & Truth. This book discusses a wide range of subjects such as the concept of revelation in different religions, history of philosophy and many scientific subjects. The main emphasis is on the ability of the Quran to correctly discuss all important events of the past, present and future from the beginning of the universe to its ultimate end.

In addition to the many books he wrote, He also held numerous question and answer sessions with various groups of people which always proved to be extremely educational for the community. Recordings of these sessions are still played on MTA today.

Another notable achievement during the 4th Khilafat is the establishment of Waqf-e-Nau scheme. This scheme encourages Ahmadi parents to dedicate their unborn children to dedicate for the cause of Islam and Ahmadiyyat. It also puts the emphasis on the parents to take extra care on their children's upbringing to ensure their readiness to serve Jama'at and Islam once they grow up. As a result of this scheme, thousands of youngsters are being trained to serve the Godly cause in many different ways.

On 19th April 2003, Hadhrat Khalifatul Masih IV رحمہ اللہ تعالیٰ sadly passed away; his body was taken to Islamabad, Tilford, Surrey where he is now buried.

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