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Du'ā for Reading the Book

Read the following *Du'ā* (prayer) before studying a religious book or Islamic lesson, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**, you will remember whatever you study.

Du'ā

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَأَنْشُرْ عَلَيْنَا

رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

TRANSLATION

Ya Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ** ! Open the portal of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the one who is the most honourable and glorious!

(Al-Mustatraf, VI, P40, Dar-ul-Fikr, Beirut)

Note: Recite Durūd Sharīf once before and after the Du'ā.

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

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*Although Satan will try his best to prevent you from reading this discourse making you feel lazy, read it from beginning to end, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ** you will feel a Madanī transformation in yourself.*

Excellence of Durūd Sharīf

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “Recite Durūd Sharīf upon me in your gatherings as your reciting the Durūd Sharīf will be Nūr for you on the Day of Judgement.”
(*Jāmi’-us-Şaghīr, Ḥadīṣ 4580, P280, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah Beirut*)

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ الْحَيِّبِ صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Rebuke of the Grave

Sayyidunā Abul-Ḥujjāj Šumālī رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ narrates that the Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “When the dead person is laid into the grave, the grave says to him, “May you be destroyed!

* This speech was delivered by Amīr-e-Aḥl-e-Sunnat دَامَتْ بَرَكَاتُهُمُ الْعَالِيَةِ during the 3 day international Ijtima’ of Da’wat-e-Islāmī (1416h) in Madīna-tul-Auliya Multan.

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Why did you forget me? Didn't you know that I am the home of troubles and darkness? Why did you use to walk on me arrogantly?" If the deceased is pious, a voice from the unseen says, "Oh grave! He is one of those who always spread goodness and prevented evil" The grave says, "If it is so, I will become a garden for him." The body of the person then becomes Nūr and his soul goes towards the court of Allāh **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**.” (*Musnad-e-Abī Ya'la, Ḥadīṣ 6835, V6, P67, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah, Beirut*)

Congratulations!

Dear Islamic Brothers! Ponder about this blessed Ḥadīṣ for a moment, when any one is buried into the grave, whether he is pious or wicked, he is frightened. Oh preachers of Da'wat-e-Islāmī! Oh those who give *Dars* from *Faizān-e-Sunnat*! Oh those who participate in the area-visit to invite people towards goodness! Oh those who bring up their children according to Sunnaḥ and Shari'ah and spread Sunnaḥ among people through individual efforts! Congratulations to all of you! An unseen voice will help and support you in the grave which will become a garden for you. **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ**

Where are My Children?

Remember! Only your deeds will accompany you in the grave. Your beautiful homes, wealth, bank balance, big businesses will not go with you in the grave. Sayyidunā 'Aṭa bin Yasār **رضي الله عنه** said, "When the deceased is buried into the grave, his

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deeds enter the grave, move his left thigh and say, “I am your deed”. The dead person asks, “Where are my children? Where are my luxuries and wealth?” The deeds say, “All of them have been left behind and nothing has come in your grave apart from me”.” (*Sharḥ-us-Şudūr, P111, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah, Beirut*)

Frightening Things in the Grave

Oh those who are scared of dark! Oh those who get frightened upon hearing a cat's sound! Oh those who change their way upon hearing a dog's bark! Oh those who get frightened by just mentioning of snakes and scorpions! Oh those who get scared of just looking at the fire from a distance! Listen carefully! Ḥaḍrat ‘Allāmah Jalāl-ud-Dīn Suyūṭī Ash-Shāfi‘ī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ quotes in Sharḥ-us-Şudūr, “When a dead person is buried into the grave, all the things which he was scared of in the world but not of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ, come in his grave to frighten him.” (*Sharḥ-us-Şudūr, P112, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah, Beirut*)

Can the One Who Fears Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ Commit a Sin?

Dear Islamic Brothers! Can the one who fears Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ ever miss his Ṣalāh or fast? Can he fall prey to negligence in giving Zakāh? Can the one who fears Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ ever earn Ḥarām money and take or give interest and bribes? Shaving the beard and reducing it less than a fist-length is Ḥarām, so can the one who fears Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ ever shave his beard or keep it short? Can he watch films and dramas on the TV, VCR and internet and listen to songs and music? Can the one who fears Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ

hurt the feelings of his parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and other Muslims? Can the one who fears Allāh ﷻ commit sins such as swearing, lying, backbiting, gossiping, breaking promises and other evil acts? Can the one who fears Allāh ﷻ be a thief, a terrorist and a killer? Those who commit sins should listen very carefully to this Ḥadiṣ again “When a person is buried into the grave, all the things which he was scared of in the world but not of Allāh ﷻ come in his grave to frighten him.”

(Sharḥ-us-Ṣudūr, P112, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah, Beirut)

Call of Deceased’s Neighbours

Those who don’t offer Ṣalāh, don’t fast in Ramaḍān without lawful Shara’i reason, watch films and listen to songs, disobey parents, shave the beard or reduce it to less than a fist-length, adopt impermissible fashions and commit many other sins should listen very carefully Ḥujja-tul-Islām Imām Muḥammad Ghazālī رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ quotes, “When the body of the sinner is laid into the grave and he is punished, his deceased neighbours say to him, “Oh you who lived in the world after the death of your neighbours and brothers! Did you not learn a lesson from our death? Did you not learn anything from us leaving the world before you? Did you not see how our deeds ended? You had time so why did you not perform the good deeds which your brothers could not do?” Then a corner of the earth says to him, “Oh the one deceived by the mortal world! Why did you not learn any lesson from those who came here before you? Indeed the world had tricked them as well.” *(Iḥyā-ul-‘Ulūm, V4, P530, Dār-*

ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah, Beirut)

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Dear Islamic Brothers! Truly, the one who leaves this world leaves a silent message for us that as he left this world; we will also have to leave. As he is being buried beneath this soil, we will also be buried.

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Test is approaching

Dear Islamic Brothers! When school or college exams approach, students busy themselves with revision. All they say is that tests are approaching. They make complete preparation for the exams, they say prayers and some unwise people even give bribes to the examiners. Their only wish is to pass the exams with flying colours. Oh those who busy themselves in the preparation of the worldly exams! There is another exam which will take place in the grave. If only we make preparation for this test! Today, if students come to know about probable questions, they spend all day and all night making preparation. If need be, they even take tablets to stay awake. Oh those who are worried about worldly tests! It is surprising that you make preparation for the probable questions but don't make any preparation at all for the questions of the grave which are not probable, but definite and have already been told to us by the Beloved of Allāh صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. Regretfully, we pay no attention to the questions and answers of the grave. We have busied ourselves so much in the world that we do not realise we will die one day.

The One Who Copies is Successful

Dear Islamic Brothers! May Allāh ﷺ shower His mercy and grace upon all of you and may He ﷺ give you death with Imān in Madīnah at the feet of the Holy Prophet ﷺ and may all these Du'ās be answered for me. We all know that it is an offence to copy someone in worldly tests but the test of the grave and the Hereafter is unique as it is important to copy someone in order to get success in this test. Allāh ﷺ has given us an example to copy and the more we copy this example, the more successful we will be. Mentioning this example: Allāh ﷺ says in Sūrah Aḥzāb, verse 21

لَقَدْ كَانَ لَكُمْ فِي رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أُسْوَةٌ حَسَنَةٌ

A'lā Ḥaḍrat Imām-e-Aḥl-e-Sunnah, Mujaddid of the Ummah, revivalist of the Sunnah, destroyer of Bid'ah, scholar of Shar'ah, guide of Tariqah, fountain of blessing, 'Allamah Maulana Al-Haj Al-Hafiz Al-Qari Ash-Shah Imām Ahmad Razā Khān ﷺ translates the foregoing verse in **Kanz-ul-Imān** in the following words:

“Indeed following the Noble Rasūl of Allāh ﷺ is better for you”

So whoever follows this example will be successful and whoever follows *Satan* instead of this greatest example, will never be successful.

صَلَّى اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Unfortunate Groom remained asleep!

Dear Islamic Brothers! May Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ have His grace and mercy on all of you. It is possible that people talk about you in this way: 'he went to bed last night as usual, there was nothing wrong, but when someone went to wake him in the morning for work, he was found sleeping so deeply that he will never wake up until the Day of Judgement (In other words, he was found dead).' Sometimes, man falls victim to death quite suddenly and unexpectedly. A heart-rending true event took place in Bāb-ul-Madīnah Karachi a few years back. There was a young man who got married; the date of giving the bride away was also fixed; only one day was left in the ceremony of giving the bride away. Regretfully, instead of thanking Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ by offering nafl Ṣalāh and giving charity, a party was held. The daughters and daughter-in-laws danced with the music and men also watched them openly. The party carried on the whole night and when Azān for Fajr-Ṣalāh started, everyone went to sleep. The groom was tired due to the party and so he also went to sleep.

Dear Islamic Brothers! It was Friday and almost 12 O' clock, the mother sent someone to wake her son up so that he takes bath and gets ready as his wife was to come today. A relative went to wake him up. He calls out the grooms name but the groom didn't reply. When he shook him, he screamed fearfully because the groom had passed away. Everyone was shocked at the sudden death of the groom, the house of marriage changed into that of lamentation. Music, songs, laughter and happiness

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turned into tears, cries and sadness. A shroud was bought, a grave was dug and the dead body of the unfortunate groom was put into a coffin. Alas! The bridegroom who was to have headed happily for the illuminated room of his marriage wearing the garland of fragrant and blooming roses sitting in a well-decorated car just after a few hours, he is now being taken to the dark and desolate cemetery. Instead of entering the illuminated and decorated room of his marriage, he is going to enter the dark grave full of insects. He is no longer wearing the attractive dress of his marriage, instead, he has been wrapped in a simple white shroud, and at last, he was buried in his grave.

Terrifying Sight of the Grave

Dear Islamic Brothers! Just like this, one day, we will also be laid into our frightening grave. Yes! We will be able to see the people burying us and putting soil over us but we will not be able to speak. After the burial, those who used to dote on us will leave us alone in our grave. We will be hearing their footsteps, our heart will be sinking. Suddenly, two angels, Munkar and Nakir, having long black hair and frightening faces, will cut through the wall of the grave with their sharp and long teeth. Flames of fire will be coming out of their eyes, they will make us sit upright. They will ask questions in a very fierce way. Oh you who are concerned about worldly tests only! Oh you who watch films and dramas! Oh you who listen to music! Oh you who shave your beards and reduce them to less than a fist-length! Oh you who earn Ḥarām and give and take interest and bribery! Oh you who oppress others taking unfair advantage of

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your high social status! Oh you who lie, gossip and backbite! Oh you who distress your parents! Oh you who do not bring up your children according to the Sunnah and Shari'ah! Oh you who prevent your children from attending the Sunnah-inspiring Ijtimā' of Da'wat-e-Islāmī so that they don't become religious! Oh you who prevent your children from keeping a beard, wearing a turban and growing tresses!

The Islamic sisters who do not adopt *Pardah* (veil), do make up and then go shopping as well as to the houses of friends and relatives. Listen carefully! If Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ and His beloved صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ become displeased and (Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ forbid) you lose your Imān because of sins, what will you do? The questions will be asked in a very severe way, “مَنْ رَبُّكَ؟” (Who is your Creator عَزَّوَجَلَّ?). The person losing his Imān will not be able to answer. He will say, “هَيْهَاتَ هَيْهَاتَ لَا أَدْرِي” (I'm sorry! I'm sorry! I don't know anything). Then another question will be asked, “مَا دِينُكَ؟” (What is your religion?). The dead person will be thinking that he made efforts only for the betterment of the world, he never even thought about the preparation for the test of the grave. He was engrossed in the comforts of the world only. He had never thought about the test of the grave! He won't understand anything and will say, “هَيْهَاتَ هَيْهَاتَ لَا أَدْرِي” (I'm sorry! I'm sorry! I don't know anything). Then, a very beautiful and bright-faced person will be shown and the deceased will be asked, “مَا كُنْتَ تَقُولُ فِي حَقِّي” (What did you use to say about this person?).

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How will he recognise the blessed person! He never loved the beard; He loved the latest hair-style and dressing. He shaved the beard but this beautiful person has a beard. He never even thought about turban in his whole life but this beautiful person is wearing a beautiful turban. When his son grew tresses he hit and made his son cut them. This beautiful person has got tresses! He loved wearing shirts and trousers. He had kept a photo of an actress in his key-ring and had placed a photo of an actress behind his car for everyone to see. He had displayed photos of actresses on the walls of home. He only knows the names of singers and artists. He doesn't know who this person is. The unfortunate person who may have lost his Imān will say, “هَيْهَاتَ هَيْهَاتَ لَا أَدْرِي” (I'm sorry! I'm sorry! I don't know anything). The window of Heaven will be opened and will be shut immediately, then the window of Hell will open and it will be said, “If you had given correct answers, the window of Heaven would have been permanently opened for you.” Upon hearing this, the person will be struck with grief and regret. His shroud will change into the shroud of Hell, bedding of fire will be laid and snakes and scorpions will pounce on him.

Vision of the Beloved صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Oh those who offer Ṣalāh regularly, fast in Ramaḍān, perform Hajj, give Zakāh, avoid watching films and listening to songs! Oh those who save themselves from breaking promises, lying, backbiting, gossiping and immodesty! Oh those who speak kind words for the pleasure of Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ! Oh preachers of

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Da'wat-e-Islāmī! Oh those who act upon the Sunnah and invite others to do so! Oh those who give and listen to Dars from Faizān-e-Sunnat, invite people towards goodness, travel with the Sunnah inspiring Madanī Qāfilaḥs of Da'wat-e-Islāmī, grow a beard according to Sunnah, wear a turban and clothes according to Sunnah! Congratulations to you all because when a believer is asked in his grave, “مَنْ رَبُّكَ؟” (Who is your Creator عَزَّوَجَلَّ?), he will reply, “رَبِّي اللهُ” (My Creator is Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ). When he is asked, “مَا دِينُكَ؟” (What is your religion?), he will reply “دِينِي الْإِسْلَامُ” (My religion is Islām) (أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَزَّوَجَلَّ) I used to travel with the Madanī Qāfilaḥs of Da'wat-e-Islāmī in the love of Islām. I used to bear the taunts of society in the love of Islām. People would laugh at me when they saw me acting on the Sunnah but I would tolerate it all happily. I had devoted my life to Islām.) Then a very beautiful, bright and merciful figure of a person will be shown. The hearts of those who offer Ṣalāḥ, fast, act on the Sunnah, give invitation towards goodness and travel with the Madanī Qāfilaḥs will be overjoyed. When it is asked, “مَا كُنْتَ تَقُولُ فِي حَقِّ هَذَا الرَّجُلِ؟” (What did you use to say about this person?), he will reply, “هُوَ رَسُولُ اللهِ” (He is Beloved, Rasūl of Allāh صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ). He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is my benevolent Master. On hearing his praises, I used to become happy and kiss my thumbs and place them on my eyes due to love whenever I would hear his lovely and blessed name. He صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ is my Master whose blessed remembrance was the only treasure of my life. After answering the last

question, the window of the Hell will be opened and then be closed immediately. The window of Heaven will open and it will be said, “If you had not given the correct answers, the window of Hell would have been permanently opened for you.” After hearing this, the person will be extremely happy. He will have a Heavenly shroud, a Heavenly bed and the grave itself will be extremely large and the person will be enjoyed.

Name on the Door of Hell

Dear Islamic Brothers! Repent of your sins immediately. Remember! The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ has said, “Whoever misses one Ṣalāh intentionally, his name will be written on the door of Hell through which he will enter (the Hell).” (*Hilya-tul-Auliya, Ḥadīṣ 10590, V7, P299, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah, Beirut*)

It is stated in another Ḥadīṣ Sharīf, “Whoever misses one fast of Ramaḍān without a lawful Shara’i’ reason, he will not be able to make up for the missed fast even if he fasted his entire lifetime.” (*Jāmi’-e-Tirmizī, Ḥadīṣ 733, V2, P175, Dar-ul-Fikr Beirut*)

If you have ever missed any fast or Ṣalāh, then calculate them and offer them as Qaḍa and repent of the delay. Those who watch films and dramas and look at obscene things should be fearful because it is stated in Mukāshafa-tul-Qulūb, “Whoever fills his eyes with Ḥarām, fire will be filled into his eyes on the Day of Judgement.” (*Mukāshafa-tul-Qulūb, P10, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah, Beirut*) Those who distress their parents should also be fearful because it is stated in Ḥadīṣ Sharīf, “On the night of

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Ma'rāj, The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saw that some people were hanging on branches of fire. It was said, 'They used to swear at their parents.'" (Al-Kabāir, Imām Ḥāhībī, P48, Maṭbū'ah Peshawar)

Those who shave their beards or trim them less than a fist-length should also get concerned because it is stated in Ḥadīṣ Sharīf, "Trim your moustaches and forgive your beards (*meaning let them grow*) and don't make your face like the Jews." (Sharah Ma'aanil athaar Ḥadīṣ 6424, V4, P28, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-'Ilmiyyah)

صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Black Scorpions

A few years ago, the dead body of a clean-shaven youngster was found in a village near Quetta, the people decided to bury him. After the burial, the relatives of the deceased came and said that they wanted to take the body to their own village for burial. Therefore, the grave was opened. When the slab from above the face was removed, everyone became startled. The shroud had been removed from the face and there was a beard of black scorpions on his face! Everyone got worried and closed the grave hurriedly and ran away.

Dear Islamic Brothers! May Allāh عَزَّوَجَلَّ save us all from scorpions. آمين. Adopt this Sunnah of the Beloved of Allāh صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ without any delay and let the beard grow on your face. Those who used to shave or keep a small beard should all repent.

Remember! Shaving the beard is Ḥarām and trimming it less than a fist-length is also Ḥarām.

Sunnah of Tresses

Dear Islamic Brothers! The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ always had his blessed hair up to halfway of the blessed ear, full blessed ear or so long that they would touch the blessed shoulders (However, during Ḥaj or ‘Umrah, he صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ got hair cut in order to be out of Iḥrām). It is not a Sunnah to wear a fashionable hair-style. Grow your hair according to the Sunnah and start wearing a turban as well.

Narration of the Turban

A’lā Ḥaḍrat Maulānā Shāh Aḥmad Razā Khān عَلَيْهِ رَحْمَةُ الرَّحْمٰنِ says, “The grandson of Sayyidunā ‘Umar Fārūq-e-A’zam رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, Sayyidunā Sālim رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ said, “I came to my father Sayyidunā ‘Abdullaḥ ibn ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا who was tying the turban. Having tied his turban, he رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ looked at me and asked, “Do you like to wear turban?” I replied, “Why not!” Sayyidunā ‘Abdullaḥ ibn ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا said, “Adopt the Sunnah of wearing turban, you will gain respect and when Satan sees you in turban, he will turn his back. I heard the Rasūl of Allāh صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ say, “Offering one Ṣalāh with a turban is equivalent to offering twenty-five without turban, and one Jumu’ah with turban is equivalent to the seventy without turban.” Ibn ‘Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا then said, “Oh son! Wear the turban because the angels tie the turban on Friday and send peace until sunset upon those who

wear turban.” (*Fatāwā-e-Razavīyyah*, V6, P215, *Razā Foundation*), If everyone makes up his mind to keep the beard, tresses and wear turban, I think a time will come when these sacred Sunnah of the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ will become common in our society.

Horrific Consequence of Adopting Impermissible Fashions

The Holy Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ تَعَالَى عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ said, “(On the night of Ma’raj) I saw some men whose lips were being cut with scissors of fire. I asked, ‘Who are they?’ Jibrāil عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied, ‘These people would get beauty with impermissible things.’ Then I saw a smelly pit from which shouting emanated. I asked, ‘Who are they?’ Jibrāil عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام replied, ‘These are the women who would get beauty with impermissible things.’” (*Tārīkh-e-Baghdad*, VI, P415, *Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah*, Beirut)

Remember! Nail polish forms a layer on the nails due to which Wuḍū and Ghusl will not be complete therefore Ṣalāh will not be valid.

Let’s all Promise

Dear Islamic Brothers! Promise¹ that from today onwards, I will not miss my Ṣalāh..... I will not miss any fast of Ramaḍān..... I will not watch films and dramas..... I will

¹ After the Bayān, Amīr-e-Aḥl-e-Sunnat رَدَاك بَرَكَاتُهُ الْعَالِيَةِ in his particular style, makes everyone promise and everyone present replies by raising their hands and saying اِنْ شَاءَ اللهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ loudly.

not listen to songs and music..... I will not shave my beard..... I will not trim it less than a fist-length.....

إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Men should have their *Shalwār* (a type of loose trousers) above their ankles because the part which is below the ankle due to pride is in the fire. It is stated in Ḥadīṣ, “A person was dragging his Taḥband due to pride. He was forced into the ground and will be treated in the same way until the Day of Judgement.” (*Ṣaḥīḥ Bukhārī, Ḥadīṣ 5787, V4, P46, Dār-ul-Kutub-ul-‘Ilmiyyah, Beirut*)

After today, all Islamic brothers will keep their *Shalwār* above their ankles..... إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّوَجَلَّ.

Bedridden Mother’s Recovery

An Islamic brother living in Karachi states ‘My mother was too ill even to rise from her bed. Even the doctors had disappointed us declaring that she would not recover. I had heard that the prayers of those who travel with Madanī Qāfilah of Da’wat-e-Islāmī are answered and illnesses are cured. Therefore, I also decided to travel with Madanī Qāfilah. I reached the luminous headquarters [Markaz] of the Madanī Training Centre where I expressed my intention to travel with a Madanī Qāfilah for three days. The Islamic brothers instantly made arrangements.

In the company of the *devotees of the Prophet*, our Madanī Qāfilah reached a village near Ṣaḥrā-e-Madīnaḥ of Bāb-ul-Madīnaḥ, Karachi, Sindh. During the Qāfilah, I informed the

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Islamic brothers of my ailing mother and her serious condition, upon which they comforted me and said prayers for my mother. Making individual effort, the Amīr of the Qāfilah persuaded me to travel with another Madanī Qāfilah for 30 days; I also made the intention. Throughout those three days, I prayed for my mother, weeping and beseeching for her recovery.

On the third day, I had a dream in which I saw a pious man whose face was shining profusely. He said, ‘do not worry about your mother, *إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ* she will get better.’ After the Madanī Qāfilah I returned home. As I knocked, the door opened, my eyes lit up as it was my bed-ridden mother who opened the door. I kissed her feet with joy and told her of the dream. I then travelled with another Madanī Qāfilah for 30 days after seeking her permission with the *devotees of the Prophet*.

ماں جو بیسار ہو قرض کا بار ہو رنج و غم مت کریں قافلے میں چلو
رب کے در پر جھکیں التجائیں کریں باہِ رحمت کھلیں قافلے میں چلو
دل کی کالک ڈھلے مرضِ عصیاں نکلے آؤ سب چل پڑیں قافلے میں چلو

For the ailing mother, for the loans from another, for the grief and dither,

let's go to the Qāfilah

*Bow down before your Lord, entreat beseech and implore, May He Bless
and Open the door, let's go to the Qāfilah.*

May the filth of heart wash away, and our decadent ways go away

Let's all set on our way, let's go to the Qāfilah.

