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Hazrat Ameer's Message for the Jama'at

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا كُتِبَ عَلَيْكُمُ الصِّيَامُ كَمَا

كُتِبَ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِكُمْ لَعَلَّكُمْ تَتَّقُونَ ﴿١٨٣﴾

O you who believe fasting is prescribed for you as it was prescribed for those before you, so that you may guard against evil. (Al Baqarah 2:183)

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Blessed month of Ramadan will soon start and provide us an opportunity to fast and pray. In the verse of the Holy Quran that I have quoted above the main objective of observing this month is to guard against evil. The foremost reason for fasting is not abstinence from food and water but abstinence from all forms of sin. By going through this determined effort to stay away from all forms of sins and attain nearness to Allah, the human soul is nurtured into complete submission to its Creator. Such soul is 'nufs-ul mutmaaina', that is, a soul that is at peace. A person whose soul is at peace is blessed with a life that, in this world, tastes the fruits of what is to come in the after life, that is, closeness to Allah.

Dear brothers and sisters,

I pray that Allah will grant you all an opportunity to make every effort to crave for His nearness and move towards becoming *muttaqeen*, that is, those who guard against evil.

The Mujaddid of this century, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad, had made this Jama'at under Divine guidance to spread Islam in the world and he had set the criteria of its membership as *taqwah*.

Let us all pray to Allah that we become worthy of being members of this Jama'at. Let us also pray for Ahmadi brothers and sisters all over the world and for all the Muslim brothers and sisters to live in peace and harmony with all their fellow beings and achieve the goal of fasting. *Aameen*.



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