

Spiritually-Elevating 100th Death Anniversary Convention
of
Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian
(1835–1908 CE.)

The Great Mujaddid of 14th Century *Hijrah*, the Promised Messiah
and Founder of the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam
held at Darus Salaam Colony, New Garden Town, Lahore (Pakistan)

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Head of the Lahore Ahmadiyya Movement made a moving address with a
touching Prayer and a passionate Appeal to the Community on this
memorable occasion

(English translation of the Urdu text of Hazrat Ameer's Special Prayers' address to the
Community on 26th May, 2008 — Editor)

My respected elders, dear Brothers, Sisters and young boys and girls,

Assalamu alaikum wa Rahmatullah-i wa Barakaatuh
May peace, mercy and blessings of Allah be on all of you!

This is the exact time when one century ago, today, at about 10.15 a.m., it was the last moment of the life of Our Messiah. We bow our heads as a mark of respect to him. This was the exact time when a hundred years ago the soul of the Promised Messiah was called back by Almighty Allah. This was the moment when the Promised Messiah, after entrusting his great work (of disseminating the message of Islam) to the Community, left this transitory world.

So at this solemn moment we should make a firm resolution in our hearts to go forward with his Mission, with the support and strength provided by Allah, so that the efforts of our dear Imam may not go to waste. His efforts shall never go in vain, but let not our efforts become weak. If we will not work for it, Allah will get this work done by others. But it is His promise that he shall cause this work to be done through this very Community. May Allah enable us to carry forward the Mission with firm commitment, so that we never allow this Community to become weak. And at this moment, to the minute after the passage of a hundred years, we all resolve in our hearts to beseech Allah's mercy to forgive our sins:

“Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves; and if Thou forgive us not, and have mercy on us, we shall certainly be of the losers.” (The Holy Quran, 7:24)

We turn to Him with all our hearts and in all sincerity, and we present ourselves before Him with a renewed pledge to the Mission of the Promised Messiah and make a solemn promise that we will serve his Community with our heart and soul. And we

will carry forward the message of Islam in the peaceful manner that was taught by our holy Imam.

We solemnly promise that we will help the cause with our wealth. We will help the cause with our time and energy, and we will help the cause with our lives if such a sacrifice is needed. We shall purify our hearts of all traces of *shirk* and shall reject the fears which stealthily enter the hearts in the form of *shirk*. We beseech Allah that He may grant us strength to be steadfast in fulfilling the resolve which we are undertaking at this moment.

Let us all raise our hands to recite *Surah Al-Fatihah* (Opening chapter of the Quran), followed by *Darood* (Salutations to the Holy Prophet Muhammad (pbuh)), so that we may pray for that holy soul of Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad that left this world to be with its real Master.

I seek refuge from the accursed devil.

“And we begin in the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful. All praise be to Allah, the Lord of the worlds, the Beneficent, the Merciful. The Master of the Day of Requital. Thee do we worship and to Thee do we beseech for help. Guide us to the right path – the path of those on whom Thou hast bestowed favours, not those upon whom wrath is brought down nor those who go astray” (The Holy Quran, 1:1-7)

O Allah! Exalt Muhammad and the true followers of Muhammad as Thou exalted Abraham and the true followers of Abraham. Certainly Thou art Praised and Magnified. O Allah! Bless Muhammad and the true followers of Muhammad as Thou blessed Abraham and the true followers of Abraham. Certainly Thou art Praised and Magnified.

O Allah! Help those who help the religion of Muhammad and count us among them. O Allah! Disappoint those who try to disgrace the religion of Muhammad and do not make us of those.

“Our Lord! Make not our hearts to deviate after Thou hast guided us and grant us mercy from thee. Surely Thou art the most Liberal Giver.” (The Holy Quran, 3:8)

“Our Lord! Accept our (supplications). Surely Thou art the Hearing, the Knowing.” (The Holy Quran, 2:126)

O Almighty and All-powerful Lord! Accept our supplications, bestow upon the Promised Messiah the highest ranks, and grant success to his mission. Amen!