

## Carrying the Torch of Islam to the Corners of the World

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In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful

ASH-HADU ALLA ILAHA ILLALLAHU WAHDAHU LA SHARIKA LAHU WA ASSH\_HADO ANNA  
MUHAMMADAN ABDUHU WA RASULUH AMMA BAADU FA' AOUZOBILLAHI MINASH  
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Respected Sadr Sahiba, esteemed guests, and my dear sisters, Assalaamo Alaikum wa Rahmatullah. Today, I will be speaking on the topic of 'Carrying the Torch of Islam to the Corners of the World'. As we gather here today, we're reminded of our duty to spread Islam's message of peace, compassion, and love. The Holy Quran says, 'You are the best people raised for the good of mankind...' (The Holy Quran 3:110). Let's reflect on our role in carrying Islam's torch and illuminating the world with its light. But first, let's take a journey to the beginnings of Islam; how the torch of Islam was carried then and how it has progressed throughout time to our current day. We'll be taking a look from the Holy Prophet Muhammad's (saw) pioneering efforts, to the global movement we're part of today. Let's explore these shining examples and later explore our role in the present as we strive to carry the torch of Islam to the corners of the world.

The first and foremost champion will be our beloved Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw). In the beginning, the Holy Prophet (saw) and his followers were doing all they could to convey to the Meccans the Message of Islam. It was a beautiful Message and of great ultimate significance, as this message was not only for Arabs but for the whole world. It was a Message from God: The Creator of the world is One. None else is worthy of worship. The past Prophets have believed the Creator to be One, and taught their followers also. When this Message was preached to the people of Mecca, the well-meaning and reflective among them began to be impressed by it.

After settling in Medina following the treaty of Hudaibiyyah, the Holy Prophet (saw) devised a new plan to spread Islam: he sent letters inviting rulers to accept the message of Islam. His Companions advised that kings required sealed correspondence, so he had a seal engraved with the words *Muhammad Rasulallah*— placing “Allah” at the top, “Rasul” beneath, and “Muhammad” last out of reverence. In Muharram 628, envoys carried these letters to Heraclius, the Roman Emperor, and to the kings of Iran, Egypt, Abyssinia, and others.

These letters reflected the Prophet’s unwavering faith in Allah and his conviction that his mission was universal. Responses varied; some rulers accepted Islam, others considered it, some offered courtesy, and others showed contempt. Yet regardless of outcome, the Prophet(saw) remained steadfast in his duty to convey Islam’s beautiful teachings.

We can see that his teachings are filled with love and kindness. Due to his strong relationship with God Almighty, his deep concern to spread the teaching that was revealed to him to save the world from its destruction and his deep concern for the state of mankind, he had put his own life in extreme pain and hardship. He had become burdened and pained out of his own concern for people and he yearned and cried so much in his prayers for the world that Allah the Almighty said to the Holy Prophet Muhammad(saw):

لَعَلَّكَ بَخِيعَ نَفْسِكَ إِلَّا يَكُونُوا مُؤْمِنِينَ

“Haply thou wilt grieve thyself to death because they believe not.” (The Holy Qur’an, 26:4)

Such was the love he had for humanity that they may turn to their Creator and save themselves, both in this life and in the hereafter.

Another champion of carrying the torch of Islam to the corners of the world is the Promised Messiah(as), Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad of Qadian. When the Promised Messiah(as) first claimed to be the long awaited Messiah, Qadian was still a small township in the province of Punjab, India. At that time, God revealed to the Promised Messiah(as) the following revelation:

“I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth.”

As the Promised Messiah, God commissioned him to end religious wars, condemn bloodshed, and restore morality, justice, and peace in the footsteps of the Holy Prophet(saw). He vigorously championed for Islam's true teachings. He declared that a bloodless, intellectual "jihad of the pen" would replace a "jihad by the sword", himself penning more than 80 books and tens of thousands of letters, delivering hundreds of lectures, and engaging in scores of public debates. He recognized the great religious founders and saints, including Zoroaster, Abraham, Moses, Jesus, Krishna, Buddha, and Confucius, and explained how their original teachings converge into Islam. Allah Talah sent the Promised Messiah(as) to present the correct interpretation and commentary of the Holy Qur'an and thus safeguard it. He fulfilled this extremely well through his books, debates, and speeches.

On May 26, 1908, Promised Messiah(as) passed away at the age of 73 and was buried in Qadian. Under divine guidance, he claimed that, in accordance with the prophecy of Prophet Muhammad (saw), a caliphate would care for the Community and continue to spread the message of Islam in its true spirit.

After the demise of the Promised Messiah(as), Khilafat-e-Ahmadiyya is continuing this mission and propagating the true and beautiful teachings of Islam. The formal establishment of the Ahmadiyya Muslim missions outside of British India began in 1913, when a mission was established in England, followed by a mission in Mauritius and many more in the following years. In 1934, Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud (ra) launched the grand scheme of Tahrik-e-Jadid to spread the message of Islam Ahmadiyyat worldwide. Through the blessed scheme of Tahrik-e-Jadid, various missions and mosques were established around the world, with the aim to propagate the beautiful teachings of Islam. During his Friday Sermon on October 20th 1944, Hazrat Musleh-e-Maud (ra) called the attention of the Jamaat towards translating the Holy Quran into eight major languages of the world, including Russian, French, German, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese.

By 1939, Ahmadi missionaries had been sent to Great Britain, Poland, Albania, Yugoslavia, Spain, Italy, the Americas, Nigeria, Ghana, Damascus, Palestine, Indonesia, Japan, Burma and many more.

Today, we witness the divine message being spread not only through literature but also via satellite, with 24/7 programming on MTA (Muslim Television Ahmadiyya). By harnessing modern technology, Islam's beautiful teachings are reaching people across nations and languages. The Promised Messiah's (as) revelation, *"I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth"*, is being fulfilled with renewed glory. The Ahmadiyya Muslim Community is now established in more than 200 countries, and wherever we go, we carry the motto: **"Love for All, Hatred for None."**

Now is the time for self-reflection: how can we carry the torch of Islam today? In his Friday Sermon of September 30th, 2022, Khalifatul Masih V (may Allah strengthen his hand), Hazrat Mirza Masroor Ahmad, reminded us that true joy comes only when humanity follows the Holy Prophet(saw). He urged us to seek new ways of sharing Islam, present the arguments of the Promised Messiah(as), and reform our actions and spirituality. Decline began when Muslims prioritized worldly pursuits over righteousness and worship, but Allah promised the Prophet(saw) that this faith would endure until the Day of Judgment. To fulfill that promise, Allah sent the Promised Messiah in the latter days, whose message reached Europe, America, and beyond despite limited means.

Lajna Ima'illah USA Taleem/Tarbiyyat theme for 2025-2026 is 'Jihad: Striving for High Moral Values'. We must draw our attention to the moral values of good words, soft manners, and respect in our communications. In every matter and in every action, we should be guided by what Islam teaches and requires from us. We should strive for every moment of our lives to be governed by the teachings of the Holy Qur'an and the blessed practice of the Holy Prophet(saw). If we are exhibiting excellent moral qualities and are honest, other people will naturally be drawn towards us and will be curious about our beliefs and that in itself will promote dialog regarding the beautiful teachings of Islam. There is a Hadith that says that there will be a great reward for inviting people to Islam.

**"By Allah! If Allah helps you to guide a person to truth, it is better for you than (the most precious) red camels (i.e. it is the best investment)." (Bukhari)**

*Alhamdulillah*, we have many converts in our Jama'at, and when asked what initially attracted them to Ahmadiyyat, many respond by saying it was the good conduct and high morals of their Ahmadi friends which drew them towards Islam. In this way, you will be

constantly taking part in a silent form of Tabligh or preaching for which you will be rewarded by Allah Tallah.

I stand before you today as your sister in Ahmaddiyat, presenting this speech because I have been given the gift and blessings of the following revelation given by Allah Tallah to the Promised Messiah(as): "I shall cause thy message to reach the corners of the earth", in which I will be grateful forever, Alhamdulillah.

The task of Carrying the Torch of Islam to the Corners of the World is entrusted to the Promised Messiah's(as) community, to us at this very 38th West Coast Jalsa Salana. May Allah Tallah enable us to do our part to guide the world from darkness to light and grant us the ability to fulfill our responsibilities in an excellent manner. Ameen.

**WA AKHIRU DAWANA ANILHAMDULILLAHE RABBIL A'LAMEEN**

**"AND OUR LAST PRAYER, ALL PRAISE BELONGS TO ALLAH WHO IS THE LORD OF ALL THE WORLDS." (THE HOLY QURAN 10:11)**