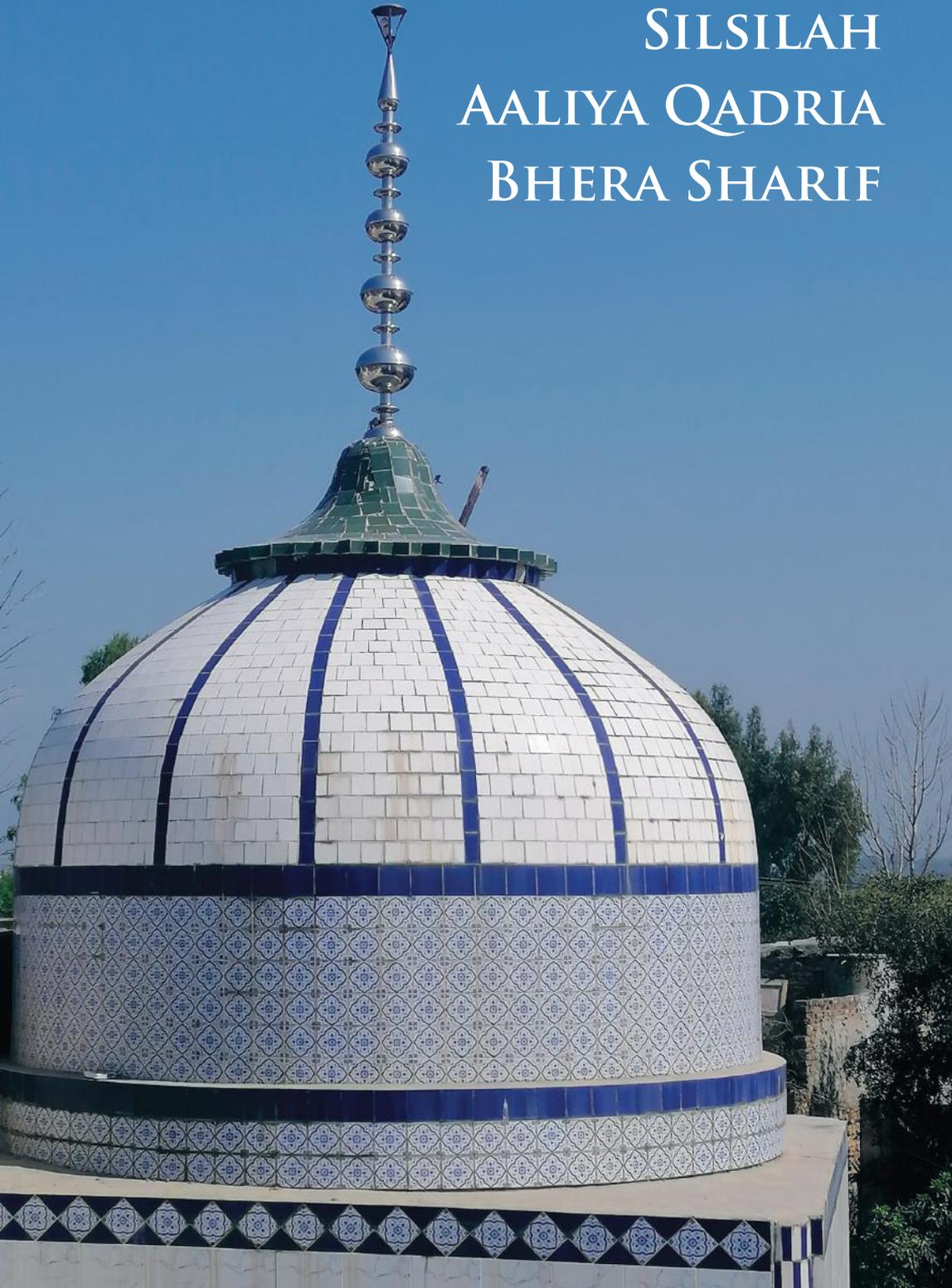


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Front cover photo of Darbar Sharif of Hazrat Pir Mohammad Fazlur Rehman Qadri, Shaykh-e-Kamil (may Allah be pleased with him)

Inside photo of Darbar Sharif of Hazrat Pir Mohammad Kamiluddin, Shaykh-e-Kamil (may Allah be pleased with him)

Back cover photo of proposed new Islamic Centre of Britain (Jamia Masjid Rahmania, Community and Education Centre), a project of Qadria Trust, Birmingham, UK

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Short biography of Pir Mohammad Tayyab Ur Rehman Qadri and his recent ancestry

*Yes, the friends of Allah will feel no fear and will know no sorrow:
those who have Iman and show Taqwa, there is good news for
them in the life of this world and in the next world...
(Qur'an 10:62-64)*

*Verily Allah has said: 'Whosoever shows enmity to a Wali (friend)
of Mine, then I have declared war against him. And My servant
does not draw near to Me with anything more beloved to Me than
the religious duties I have obligated upon him. And My servant
continues to draw near to me with Nawafil (supererogatory)
deeds until I love him. When I love him, I become his hearing
with which he hears, his sight with which he sees, his hand with
which he strikes, and his foot with which he walks. Were he to ask
[something] of Me, I would surely give it to him; and were he to
seek refuge with Me, I would surely grant him refuge.'
(Sahih al-Bukhari)*

Pir Mohammad Tayyab ur Rehman Qadri (also known as Lal Pir) belongs to an illustrious family of Islamic scholars and saints, hailing from the Bhera Sharif, Haripur District in the Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province of Pakistan. Manuscripts written by his ancestors date back ~350 years.

His forefathers include Hazrat Imamuddin (may Allah be pleased with him), a great scholar of Mantiq (logic) and Hadith. He received his religious education at Hashtnagri, Peshawar, and received his Khilafate from Hazrat Akhund Darweza Baba (Hazrat Pir Baba - may Allah be pleased with him) of Swat. Students and disciples flocked to him from around the world. Hazrat Imamuddin was a prolific writer of handwritten books, many of which can still be found in the Bhera Sharif library.

Hazrat Mohammad Kamiluddin (may Allah be pleased with him) was one of Hazrat Imamuddin's sons. He was a class fellow of Pir Sayyid Mehr Ali Shah (may Allah be pleased with him) and received his Khilafate from Pir Sayyid Fazaldin Qadri Golravi (maternal uncle of Pir Mehr Ali Shah - may Allah be pleased with him). He was described as Majzub – one who is attracted to the Truth, Fanah Fir'Rasool – one who has annihilated their self in the love of the Prophet (peace be upon him), an Alim, a writer, and a Hakeem (a doctor of non-Western, traditional medicine). His shrine is in Ayma Sharif, Pakistan. Hazrat Imamuddin's other son was Hazrat Abdul Aleem (may Allah be pleased with him), a graduate from Shahjahanpur, India. Hazrat Abdul Aleem (may Allah be pleased with him) was a Shaykh-ul-Hadith w'al Tafsir, and he had many students from all over Pakistan.

Hazrat Mohammad Abdul Aleem (may Allah be pleased with him) had three sons, Hazrat Allama Mohammad Rafiuddin, Hazrat Allama Waliuddin and Hazrat Pir Mohammad Fazlur Rehman Qadri (may Allah be pleased with them all). Hazrat Allama Mohammad Rafiuddin (may Allah be pleased with him) had two sons; Mohammad Atyab and Hazrat Allama Abdur-Raooof (retired headteacher). Hazrat Allama Waliuddin's son was Professor Mohammad Shafiq-ur-Rehman (MSc in Chemistry).

Hazrat Pir Mohammad Fazlur Rehman Qadri was one of the great

saints of his time, and also a Faqih (Islamic jurist) and Hakeem. He received his preliminary education from his father. He also went to Taxila and studied at the Darul Uloom Rajua. Later he went to Kanyal village and studied Nahw and Sarf (Arabic grammar) there. Hazrat Mohammad Fazlur Rehman Qadri was Khalifa-e-Azam (chief disciple) of the great Pole of Sainthood, Hazrat Ghaus-e-Zaman Mohammad Abdur Rehman Chohrvi (may Allah be pleased with him). Among Hazrat Mohammad Abdur Rehman Chohrvi's disciples was also the late Field Marshal Mohammad Ayub Khan (former President of Pakistan). Hazrat Mohammad Abdur Rehman Chohrvi (may Allah be pleased with him) founded the Darul Uloom Islamia Rehmania in Haripur City in 1902 and appointed Hazrat Mohammad Fazlur Rehman Qadri as Muhtamim (chief administrator).

Hazrat Ghaus-e-Zaman Mohammad Abdur Rehman Chohrvi (may Allah be pleased with him) was a man bestowed with great favours from Allah. The great saint was unlettered, having received no formal education, but rather received inspiration from Allah from which transpired the most comprehensive book of peace and blessings upon the beloved Prophet (peace be upon him) ever written, entitled 'Majmuwa Salawat-ur-Rasool (peace be upon him)' which spans 5 volumes split into 30 Juz (parts). When the saint would receive these inspirations he would instruct his Khalifa, Hazrat Mohammad Fazlur Rehman Qadri (may Allah be pleased with him) to write them down (the entire work is available for free on the Qadria Trust website). Hazrat Pir Mohammad Fazlur Rehman Qadri's son was Hazrat Pir Mohammad Mohib ur Rehman Qadri (also known as Chan Pir – 'the moon of guidance'), whose son is Pir Mohammad Tayyab ur Rehman Qadri.

This fountain of knowledge and wisdom springing from within Haripur predominately stems from the madrassa in Bhera Sharif, where hundreds of students are currently studying the sacred knowledge of Islam under the supervision of Pir Mohammad Tayyab ur Rehman Qadri's father (Hazrat Pir Mohammad Mohib ur Rehman Qadri). This blessed household of prominent scholars and great saints has spread the teachings of Islam in the light of Sufism throughout the world and have devotees in their thousands all across the globe.

Pir Mohammad Tayyab ur Rehman Qadri was born in Tanda, District Mansehra, KPK in 1973. He began his Islamic education locally, which was continued in Darul Uloom Islamia Qadria, Behra Sharif (including commencing Hifz-E-Quran). He continued his education in Islamic sciences in the Darul Uloom Islamia Rehmania, Haripur. Following this he spent eight years studying in Wah Cantt (Punjab). He also went to Jamia Nizamia, Lahore, where he spent one and a half years, and also studied at the Jamia Islamia Akora Khattak (Ahle-Sunnat, Brehlvi) in KPK, from where he graduated. Following this he began working as an Arabic teacher at the Government High School Sarri, Haripur. Hazrat Pir Mohammad Mohib ur Rehman Qadri had planned for his son to run the Madrassa, but his grandfather through marriage (Hazrat Mohammad Gul Rehman Qadri), Mufti Azam of the UK, voiced his desire for Pir Mohammad Tayyab ur Rehman Qadri to come to the UK.

Following arrival in the UK in 1997, Mufti Mohammad Gul Rehman Qadri took Pir Sahib under his wing, from which Pir Sahib benefitted immensely (may Allah bless Mufti Sahib with ever expanding knowledge and greater ranks). Pir Sahib undertook an English language course, further Arabic studies and computer programming. In 1997 he took up the role of Imam and Khateeb of Jamia Masjid Rahmania, Charles Road, Birmingham. In 1999, Pir Sahib began teaching Qur'an and Hadith studies at Jamia Masjid, Woodlands Road, Birmingham. In around 2000 Pir Mohammad Tayyab ur Rehman Qadri received Khilafate from his father and also grandfather through marriage (Mufti Mohammad Gul Rehman Qadri) in the Qadri Silsila, with chains leading back to Shaykh Sayyid Abdul Qadir Jilani (may Allah be pleased with him) via Taj-us-Shariah, Mufti Akhtar Raza Khan, Brehli Sharif (may Allah be pleased with him).

Pir Sahib was at Woodlands Road Masjid for 8 years (until 2007), and during this time he purchased a building (previously a factory) on Alfred Street in Sparkbrook. He named this Masjid Qadria Trust and in 2007 took on the role of chairman. In 2011, Pir Sahib attended an Arabic course at the University of Birmingham, Edgbaston, and in 2014 he completed a level 3 chaplaincy course at the Nishkam Centre, Handsworth. This was followed by a level 3 business course in 2016,

and a week-long intensive course on Taddribull Fatwa at Dar Al-Ifta Al-Missriyyah, Cairo in 2017.

Currently there are about 20 teachers and 200 students who attend the Community Education Centre being run by Qadria Trust (receiving education of Hifz-e-Quran, Islamic Studies and Nazra). There are also many devotees who attend the five daily prayers in the Masjid run by the Trust. Since 2006, Pir Sahib has been running a Sunday afternoon workshop at Qadria Trust, where people with physical, psychological, emotional and spiritual needs from all over the country, and of all faiths, come to ask Pir Sahib for his prayers, which he provides free of charge. Following this, on Sunday evenings there is a weekly Dhikr Mehfil at which food is served to the congregation, as well as a weekly circle focussing on Tasawwuf on Thursday evenings. Hundreds of Muslims gather in the Masjid to listen to the holy sermons of Pir Mohammad Tayyab ur Rehman Qadri, and many more on social media, with an international audience including Europe, the Middle East, and Indian subcontinent. Qadria Trust has also started providing hot food for the local homeless population on a weekly basis since November 2020.

Apart from the Facebook feed for the weekly Sunday Dhikr Mehfils, Pir Mohammad Tayyab ur Rehman Qadri has also regularly starred in religious programmes on Noor TV for 8 years, which included live question and answer sessions in both Pashto and Urdu. He has also presented many interviews on Madani Channel and live Ramadan programmes on Prime TV. Pir Sahib has also held the post of senior Naib Amir (deputy leader) of Jamaat Ahle Sunnat (UK) and vice-chair of the Birmingham Council of Mosques (BCM). He has close contact with community leaders both on a local and national level and has very close ties with West Midlands Police, Birmingham City Council, and the Pakistani Consulate Birmingham. Pakistani ministers and other dignitaries visiting the UK often attend Qadria Trust. Pir Sahib's father, Hazrat Pir Mohammad Mohib-ur-Rehman Qadri regularly visited the UK until 2010, and has always been very happy with the services his son is providing.

Pir Sahib has performed several Hajj and performs Umrah on a nearly yearly basis. Every year Pir Sahib receives several invitations

to deliver seminars across the world (and has done so in South Africa, Egypt, Iraq, Syria, Dubai, Morocco, Jerusalem, and Pakistan), and he uses these opportunities to spread the true message of love and unity in Islam in light of the teachings of Sufism.

Work is underway building Jamia Masjid Rahmania and Qadria Complex, providing free religious and secular education for the local children of Wah Cantt, Punjab, Pakistan. This work is being led by Pir Sahib, with the land for this project having been bought with donations. Similarly, there are plans to build another Masjid Rahmania to provide free religious and secular education for the local children in Bhera Sharif, Pakistan. The land for this has been donated by Pir Sahib. Similarly, he has donated land for the building of a hospital, to provide free treatment for the poor and needy of Bhera Sharif.

Within the UK, currently work is underway to build Masjid Rahmania, a much larger Masjid and Community Education Centre, which will be able to accommodate the growing demands of the Birmingham Muslim community regarding space for congregational prayers and Islamic education of their children, as well as providing many community services promoting social cohesion and interfaith dialogue. Planning permission for Masjid Rahmania was obtained in December 2020.

Shajra Sharif
Silsilah Aaliya Qadria
Bhera Sharif

*...Allah loves those who turn back from wrongdoing and He loves those who purify themselves.
(Qur'an 2:222)*

*When Allah loves a servant, He calls Jibra'il and says: 'Verily, I love this person so you should love him.' Then Jibra'il loves him and makes an announcement in the Heavens, saying: 'Allah loves this person and you should love him.' Thus, the dwellers of the Heavens love him and he is honored on the earth.
(Sahih Muslim)*

O Allah, Most Merciful of those who show mercy,
You alone I worship, You alone I ask for help,
guide me on the straight path,
the path tread by those whom You blessed.
For Your Own sake,
submerge this helpless beggar within Your mercy.



For the sake of Your final Messenger,
Your Nur, Your beloved, the chosen one,
for whose sake You created all the worlds,
make me Your grateful servant.



For the sake of our master Ali al-Murtaza,
Mushkil Kusha, Asad' Allah, husband of Fatima,
grant me ease in every difficulty.



For the sake of our master Hussain,
master of martyrs, fountain of faithfulness,
make me faithful to my covenant.



For the sake of our master Zain ul-Abidin,
who illuminated the Universe,
grant me perfection in my faith and in my worldly pursuits.



For the sake of our master Mohammad al-Bakir,
the unfathomable well of knowledge,
let me drink my fill.



◊
For the sake of our master Ja'far as-Sadiq,
teacher of Imam Abu Hanifa and Imam Malik,
keep my footsteps firm upon the straight path.

◊
For the sake of our master Musa al-Kadhim,
who made Bishr al-Hafi leave his shoes behind,
grant me his good character.

◊
For the sake of our master Ali ar-Rida,
a light erasing the shadows of ignorance,
expand my chest, grant me knowledge.

◊
For the sake of our master Maruf Karkhi,
who dissociated himself from the world,
fill my heart with Your love.

◊
For the sake of our master Sirri Saqati,
like the sun and the earth which shine on and bear the burden of all,
let me serve Your creation with generosity.

◊
For the sake of our master Junaid Baghdadi,
who remained sober despite drinking his fill,
give me to drink also the wine of Your love.

◊
For the sake of our master Abu Bakr as-Shibli,
who deemed himself the most worthless of Your creation,
extinguish my ego and purify my intention.

◊
For the sake of our master Abdul Wahid,
who guided countless to Your door,
let me come to Your door also.

◊
For the sake of our master Abu'al Farah Tartusi,
a mountain of piety and respect,
let me respect Your saints as befits their status.

◊
For the sake of our master Abu'al Hassan Hankari,
an ocean of the exoteric and esoteric,
let me dive in this ocean.

◊
For the sake of our master Abu Saeed Mubarak,
Murshid of the Ghaus-e-Azam,
grant me such teachers.

◊
For the sake of our master Abdul Qader Jilani,
al Hassani w'al Hussaini, Qutb-e-Alam,
grant me his truthfulness and obedience.

◊
For the sake of our master Abdul Razzak,
whose cloak and turban blazed with the fire of Divine passion,
let my heart blaze in Your remembrance also.

◊
For the sake of our master Abu Saleh Nasr,
whose vision could grasp the unseen,
open my eyes, wake my sleeping heart.

◊
For the sake of our master Shahabuddin,
forever firm upon the Sunnah of Your Prophet,
let me follow the example of Your beloved.

◊
For the sake of our master Sharfuddin Yahya,
who conquered his self and embraced death before he died,
save me from myself.

◊
For the sake of our master Shamsuddin,
who purified his inner and his outer self,
protect me from the whisperings of Satan.

◊
For the sake of our master Alauddin Ali,
whose love for Your creation elevated his ranks,
make me the means of bestowing Your mercy.

◊
For the sake of our master Badruddin Hussain,
a shining star of guidance,
grant me the wisdom to be of the guided people.

◊
For the sake of our master Sharfuddin Yahya,
a paragon of honesty and humility,
make me truthful in every word and deed.

◊
For the sake of our master Sharfuddin,
who annihilated himself for Your sake,
purify my eyes and grant me Your vision.

◊
For the sake of our master Ahmad,
the rising sun of piety,
let Taqwa be my guiding light.

◊
For the sake of our master Hussain,
the full moon of beautiful character,
make my vision a means of Your remembrance.

◊
For the sake of our master Abdul Basit,
a hidden treasure for those who seek,
give me sincerity of purpose in all that I do.

◊
For the sake of our master Abdul Qadir,
beloved of Your beloved,
allow me to enter the circle of Your friends.

◊
For the sake of our master Mahmood,
who was granted beauty of body and soul,
let me pursue benevolence in all I do.

◊
For the sake of our master Abdullah,
a lord who lived like a servant,
save me from every kind of extravagance.

◊
For the sake of our master Inayyatullah Shah,
who stood against tyranny and oppression,
grant me the courage to do what is right.

♦
For the sake of our master Hafiz Ahmad,
who embodied Your Qur'an,
engrave Your words upon my heart.

♦
For the sake of our master Abdus Sabur,
who helped those who had nowhere else to turn,
grant me patience in every test.

♦
For the sake of our master Gul Muhammad,
chosen from amongst the Awliyah,
reveal to me Your hidden secrets.

♦
For the sake of our master Rafique,
his assembly attended by unseen guests,
let me attend such gatherings.

♦
For the sake of our master Abdullah,
guide of the pious ones,
grant me a soul which pleases You.

♦
For the sake of our master Anwar,
the viceregent of Your Prophet,
make my prayer an ascension to Yourself.

♦
For the sake of our master Shah Yaqub,
a lamp in the darkness of the night,
submerge me in the light of Your faith.

❖
For the sake of our master Abdur Rehman,
spiritual successor to Ghaus-e-Azam,
grant me love for all that is good.

❖
For the sake of our master Kamiluddin,
beloved of the master of Chohar Sharif,
allow me to fulfil the rights of servitude.

❖
For the sake of our master Fazal ur Rehman,
his tongue was always moist with Your gratitude,
grant me peace through acceptance of Your Qadr.

❖
For the sake of our master Mohib ur Rehman,
the veiled full moon of Bhervi,
burn all traces of jealousy from my heart.

❖
For the sake of our master Tayyeb ur Rehman,
Lal Pir, his door forever open, a smile upon his lips,
grant me such humility.

❖

O Allah, for the sake of Your benevolence,
make me Your humble servant,
grant me love for Your Prophet.
For the sake of Your Awliyah within this Qadri Silsilah,
cover me with Your mercy.
Let my every step be for Your pleasure,
include me in Your chosen friends.
Accept this supplication of mine
for the sake of Your chosen one.

Ameen.

Wazaif Silsilah Aaliya Qadria Bhera Sharif

*Remember Me — I will remember you. Give thanks to Me and do not be ungrateful.
(Qur'an 2:152)*

*Allah Almighty said, "I am as My servant thinks I am. I am with him when he mentions Me. If he mentions Me to himself, I mention him to Myself; and if he mentions Me in an assembly, I mention him in an assembly greater than it. If he draws near to Me a hand's length, I draw near to him an arm's length. And if he comes to Me walking, I go to him at speed."
(Sahih al-Bukhari)*

Recite Darood-e-Ghousia 100 times:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَ مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ مَعْدِنِ الْجُودِ
وَالْكَرَمِ وَالْإِهِ وَبَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

O Allah, may Your peace and blessings be upon our lord and master Muhammad, the most generous and gracious, and upon his family and true followers.

Recite Surah Fatihah 11 times:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ
إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ
إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ
صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ
وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

*Praise be to Allah, the Lord of all the worlds, the All-Merciful, the Most Merciful, the King of the Day of Judgement. You alone we worship. You alone we ask for help. Guide us on the Straight Path, the Path of those You have blessed, not of those with anger on them, nor of the misguided.
(Qur'an 1)*

Recite Surah Yasin (Qur'an 36) 1 time

Recite Surah Inshirah 11 times:

أَلَمْ نَشْرَحْ لَكَ صَدْرَكَ
وَوَضَعْنَا عَنْكَ وِزْرَكَ
الَّذِي أَنْقَضَ ظَهْرَكَ
وَرَفَعْنَا لَكَ ذِكْرَكَ
فَإِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا
إِنَّ مَعَ الْعُسْرِ يُسْرًا
فَإِذَا فَرَغْتَ فَانصَبْ
وَإِلَىٰ رَبِّكَ فَارْغَبْ

Did We not expand your breast for you and remove your load from you which weighed down your back? Did We not raise your renown high? For truly with hardship comes ease; truly with hardship comes ease. So when you have finished, work on, and make your Lord your goal!

(Qur'an 94)

Read two pages from Majmuwa Salawat-ur-Rasool

Recite third Kalimah 11 times:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلَا
حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

Glory and praise is for Allah, and there is no deity except Allah, and Allah is the Greatest. And there is no might nor power except in Allah, the Most High, the Most Great.

Recite 11 times:

خُذْ بِيَدِي شَيْئاً لِلَّهِ يَا حَضْرَتِ سُلْطَانِ شَيْخِ سَيِّدِ
عَبْدِ الْقَادِرِ جِيلَانِي الْمَدَدُ

Take hold of my hand for the sake of Allah, O Hazrat Sultan Shaykh Sayyid Abdul Qadir Jilani, help us!

Recite 11 times:

يَا بَاقِي أَنْتَ الْبَاقِي

O Everlasting, You are everlasting!

Recite 11 times:

يَا كَافِي أَنْتَ الْكَافِي

O Self-Sufficient, You are self-sufficient!

Recite 11 times:

يَا شَافِي أَنْتَ الشَّافِي

O Healer, You are the healer!

Recite 11 times:

يَا هَادِي أَنْتَ الْهَادِي

O Guide, You are the guide!

Recite Istighfar 100 times:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ

I seek forgiveness from Allah.

Recite 11 times:

سَهْلٌ فَسَهْلٌ يَا إِلَهِي كُلَّ صَعْبٍ ۞ بِحُرْمَةِ سَيِّدِ
الْأَبْرَارِ

*Grant me ease O Allah, grant me ease in all that is difficult for the sake
of the sacred Prophet, the master of the pious ones!*

Recite 111 times:

إِلَهِي بِحُرْمَةِ حَضْرَتِ خَوَاجَةِ شَيْخِ سَيِّدِ
عَبْدِ الْقَادِرِ جِيلَانِي رَضِيَ اللَّهُ تَعَالَى عَنْهُ

*O Allah, by the sanctity of Hazrat Khwaja Shaykh Sayyid Abdul Qadir
Jilani (may Allah be pleased with him).*

Recite 11 times:

إِمْدَادُ كُنْ إِمْدَادُ كُنْ
أَزْرَنْجُ و غَمَّ آزَادُ كُنْ
دَرْ دِينَ و دُنْيَا شَادُ كُنْ
يَا غَوْتِ اعْظَمِ دَسْتَكِيرِ

Help me! Help me!

Free me from every anguish and sorrow!

Grant me happiness in my spiritual and worldly life

O Ghaus-e-Azam – indeed you are the giver of aid.

Recite 11 times:

يَا شَيْخَ سَيِّدِ عَبْدِ الْقَادِرِ جِيلَانِي شَيْئًا لِلَّهِ

O Shaykh Sayyid Abdul Qadir Jilani, help me for the sake of Allah!

Recite 111 times:

بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

With Your mercy, O Most Merciful!

Recite 111 times:

اللَّهُمَّ آمِينَ

O Allah, accept my prayer.

Recite Darood-e-Ghousia 100 times:

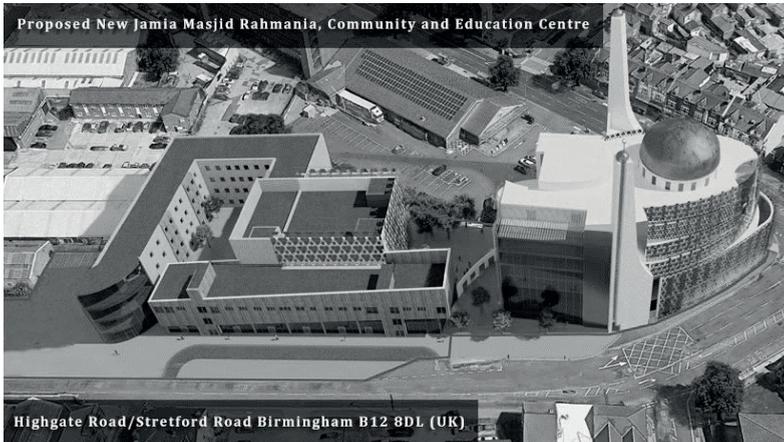
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَ مَوْلَانَا مُحَمَّدٍ مَّعْدِنِ الْجُودِ
وَ الْكَرَمِ وَ الْوَالِهِ وَ بَارِكْ وَسَلِّمْ

*O Allah, may Your peace and blessings be upon our lord and master
Muhammad, the most generous and gracious, and upon his family and
true followers.*

Islamic Centre of Britain

(Jamia Masjid Rahmania, Community and Education Centre)

a project of Qadria Trust



Qadria Trust was established as a small Mosque for the local Sparkbrook community (Birmingham) in 2005 by Pir Mohammad Tayyab Ur-Rahman Qadri. Since then, as the size of the congregation grew the Mosque was expanded accordingly. Currently, Qadria Trust provides education to over 200 children employing over 20 staff, and during Jummah despite two Jama'ahs the Mosque is overflowing. Therefore work is currently underway to collect funds to build Masjid Rahmania, a new Mosque, community and education centre at the junction between Highgate and Stratford Road.

When the Prophet (peace be upon him) migrated from Makkah to Madinah, the first thing he did was build a Mosque. This Mosque was a place where not only the five daily prayers were performed in congregation, but it was a true community centre:

- It was a place of education, where the companions would learn at the feet of the Prophet (peace be upon him), and then teach after his passing.
- It was a place where the Prophet (peace be upon him) governed the new Muslim state, making decisions about treaties, meeting with foreign dignitaries.
- It was a court where people would come with their arguments and differences to be resolved by the Prophet (peace be upon him).
- It was a place of interfaith dialogue, Christian and Jewish leaders and their followers would visit the Prophet (peace be upon him) and his companions.
- It was the place where the poorest members of the community would stay, eat, and receive charity.
- It was also a place where recreation and leisure activities took place. There is the famous story of Syedatuna Aisha (may Allah be pleased with her) watching the Ethiopian warriors performing their war dance over the shoulder of the Prophet (peace be upon him), and there are hadith about the companions performing archery inside the Mosque.

So what we learn is that the Mosque in the time of the Prophet (peace be upon him) was in constant use, by the young and the old, the rich and the poor, for religious, education and community purposes.

Given this is the model established by the Prophet (peace be upon him) of the functions a Mosque should fulfil, how do the Mosques we have today compare? Unfortunately, most fulfil only one purpose, the congregational prayer, and apart from Jumma they are mostly empty even for that. It is also very clear there is a disconnect between the youth (our future generation) and the Mosque and therefore our religion, Islam.

There is no doubt this is a contributing reason why so many of our youth are involved in criminal and Haram activities and why the population of Muslims in prison is disproportionately high. This is why it is so important to re-establish the Prophetic model of what a Mosque is meant to be; to create an organisation which serves as a hub for the community which helps to reconnect our next generation with the Mosque, with their religion, and with the wider community.

Masjid Rahmania is such a unique project, this will truly be not only a Mosque, but also an education and community centre. It will contain:

- Separate prayer halls for men and women
- Community centre, catering for:
 - Multi-functional conference rooms with state-of-the-art audio/visual facilities, for weddings, funerals, special events, etc.
- Advice bureau, advising on:
 - Marriage counselling, divorce
- Education centre, providing:
 - Full time school and supplementary after-school classes for children
 - Library of Islamic literature
- Nursery

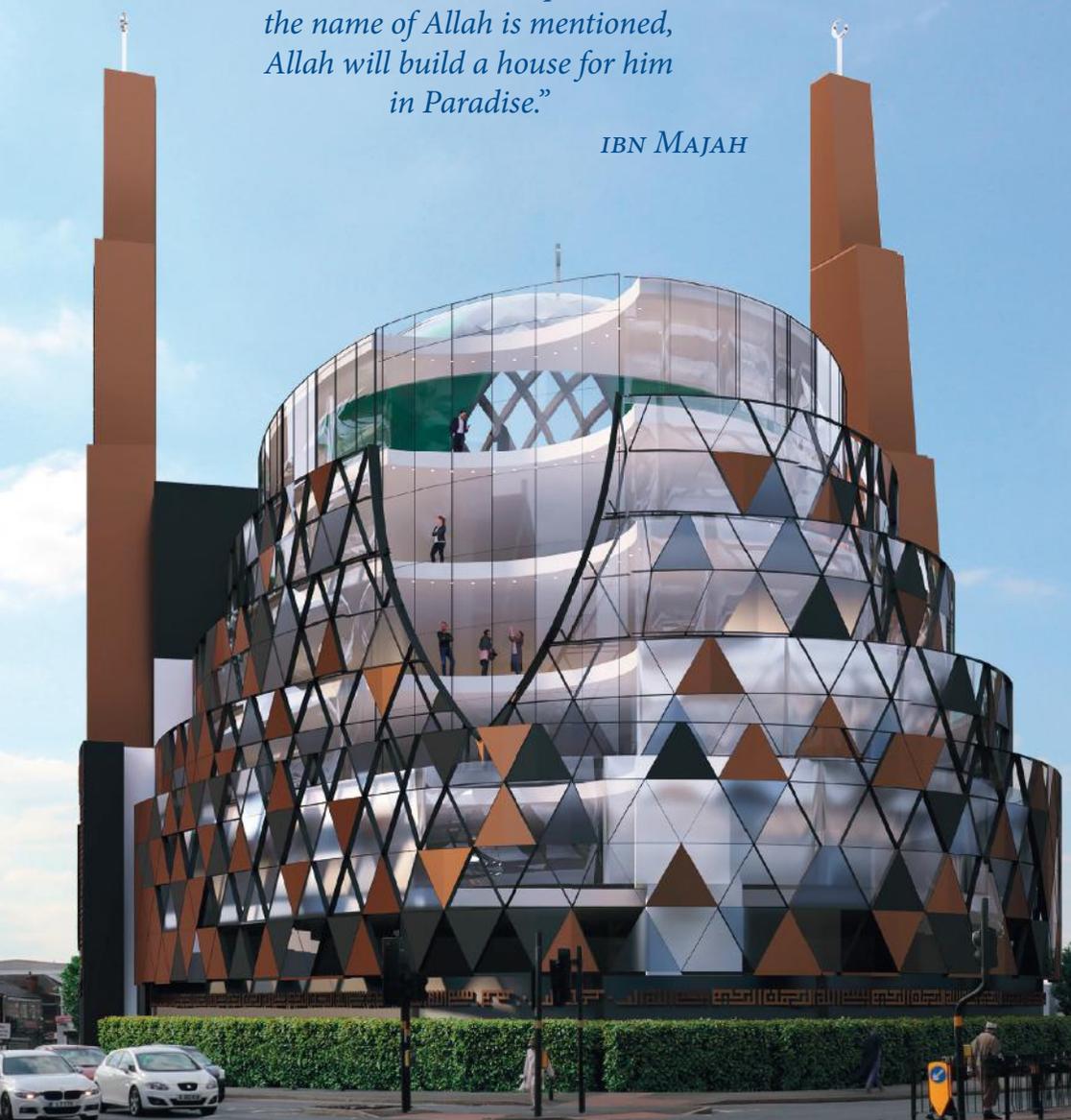
- Youth hub, including:
 - Sports and recreational activities
 - Mentoring services
- Women's centre
- Day centre for the elderly
- Food-bank and emergency shelter for the homeless
- Matrimonial and funeral facilities
- Retail outlets and apartments (to generate income for the centre)

This means the local Sparkbrook community and residents of Britain have a unique opportunity; to be part of the revival of the Prophetic model of what a Mosque is meant to be. By spending our God-given wealth on this worthy project, Insh'Allah we will be investing in not only the future of Muslims in this country but also our own future, in this life and the next.

For further information, and ways to become involved with this auspicious project, please visit: www.qadriatrust.com

*The Prophet (peace be upon him) said:
“Whoever builds a Mosque in which
the name of Allah is mentioned,
Allah will build a house for him
in Paradise.”*

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