

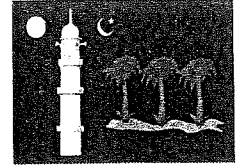


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IN THE NAME OF ALLAH, THE GRACIOUS AND EVER MERCIFUL

LAJNA IMAILLAH UK

AHMADIYYA MUSLIM WOMEN'S ASSOCIATION



25th March 2015

Re: Birthdays

Dear Sadrs and Local Nasirat Secretaries,

Assalamo alaikom wa rehmatullah.

We pray this letter reaches you in good health, inshallah.

Many questions have been asked by Nasirat with regards to birthdays. Please share the following with the Nasirat in your Majlis. The following is an English rendering of the main points of the advice given by Hazrat Khalifatul Masih (aba) in a Gulshan-e-Waqf-e-Nau class held on 27th January 2013 regarding the celebrating of birthdays:

Huzoor said: Yes, you should celebrate birthdays and the way to do this is to wake up early in the morning and offer 2 Nawafil at the time of Tahajjud Prayer. Thank Allah the Almighty for adding another year on to your life. Pray for your life to come that Allah enables you to continue doing righteous deeds and that you are able to do things that please Him and you become a true Ahmadi Muslim. Offer Salat, give money to charity to thank Allah for the life He has given you. If you want to celebrate your birthday in this way, then by all means you should celebrate it. However, if you want to celebrate your birthday in such a way that you get a cake and have 'Happy Birthday' written on it and have candles on it which you blow out and invite your friends and feed everyone cake and receive gifts from them, then this is wrong. And if your friend, belonging to another religion, invites you to her birthday party then you can go and you can take a gift for her but also tell her how we celebrate birthdays; by praying for ourselves and thanking Allah for the life He has given us and by praying for a good life in future and by looking after the poor and giving money to charity. So, instead of eating cake ourselves, we feed cake to the poor.

Please encourage all Nasirat to watch the whole class which is easily accessible online. It can also be viewed via YouTube at the following URL:
<https://m.youtube.com/watch?v=WpBv4Oovyu0>

May Allah the Almighty enable us all to follow the advice of our beloved Huzoor (aba) and may He enable our children to do the same. Ameen.

With humble requests for prayers.

Wasalam,

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