

The Pledge (*Bai'at*)

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ-

*Ash-hadu al-lā ilāha ill-allāhu
wa ash-hadu anna Muhammad-an 'abdu-hū wa rasūluh.*

“I bear witness that there is no god but Allah,
and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant
and His Messenger.”

I

take the Pledge (at the hand of*)

and join the Ahmadiyya Movement in Islam founded by the *Mujaddid*,
the Promised Messiah and Mahdi, Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad as
represented by the Ahmadiyya Anjuman Lahore, Pakistan.

I sincerely pledge that, as far as I am able, I will try to act upon the
teachings of Islam as contained in the Holy Quran and the Hadith of
the Holy Prophet Muhammad *sall-allāhu 'alai-hi wa sallam*.

I promise to exert myself to the best of my ability in the propagation
of Islam and the extension of the Movement as directed by the
Ahmadiyya Anjuman Lahore, and that:

I will hold Religion above the world.

*Fill in name if applicable.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ-
رَبِّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي فَاغْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ-

“I ask forgiveness of Allah for all my sins and to Him I turn. O Lord!
I have wronged my soul, so forgive me my sins, for none forgives sins
except Thyself.”

Pledge form submitted to: _____ (Name of Jama'at in space below)

Full name:

Date and place of birth:

Address:

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Signed:

Date:

The ten conditions of the *Bai'at* (Pledge) as laid down by Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad

Firstly, that until he* is laid in his grave, he will shun all forms and shades of *shirk* (worship of others than Allah).

Secondly, that he will guard against falsehood, fornication, evil-sight and every form of sin, evil, dishonesty, disorder and rebellion; and that whenever his lower desires flare up he shall not surrender to them, no matter how strong the urge may be.

Thirdly, that without fail he will say his prayers five times a day as enjoined by Allah and His Messenger, and that, to the best of his power, he will say his *tahajjud* prayers, invoke Divine blessings on the Holy Prophet, and ask forgiveness for his sins; and will make it a habit to recall Allah's favours, with a truly loving heart, and praise and glorify Him.

Fourthly, that he will do nothing in any way to injure his fellow human beings in general and Muslims in particular, neither with the tongue, nor with the hand, nor in any other way.

Fifthly, that he will remain faithful to Allah under all circumstances, alike in prosperity and adversity, in pleasure and pain, in time of bliss and affliction; that he will resign himself to God under all conditions and will cheerfully bear all hardships and humiliations in His way; and that in the hour of trial he will not turn his back but will step yet onward.

Sixthly, that he will abstain from the observance of un-Islamic customs or following his lower desires; that he will thoroughly submit to the teachings of the Holy Quran; and that in every walk of life he will hold the word of Allah and that of His Messenger as his guiding principle.

*All these conditions apply equally to men and women, and 'he' means 'he or she'.

Seventhly, that he will entirely abstain from arrogance and pride, and will live a life of humility, meekness, politeness and mildness.

Eighthly, that he will regard the Religion and its honour and sympathy for Islam as dearer to him than his own life, wealth, honour, children, and kith and kin.

Ninthly, that he will remain engaged in the service of humanity in general, out of love for God, and that, to the best of his ability, he will use all his God-given powers and blessings for the benefit of mankind.

Tenthly, that binding himself with me (Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad) in a bond of brotherhood in the way of Allah, which requires obedience in everything good, he will remain steadfast upon it till his death, and will fulfill this compact to the highest degree, which is unequalled in his physical and worldly relationships and connections.

Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad says:

*Think not that merely taking the *Bai'at* in words is sufficient. You must live up to it in reality, and bring about a change in yourself as described in the conditions of the *Bai'at*.*