

# *Rishta Nata*

**MAYAR-E-KABIR**



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# The Holy Quran:

هُنَّ لِبَاسٌ لَّكُمْ وَأَنْتُمْ لِبَاسٌ لَهُنَّ

‘They are a garment for you, and you are a garment for them’

[Holy Qur'an, Ch. 2, V. 188]

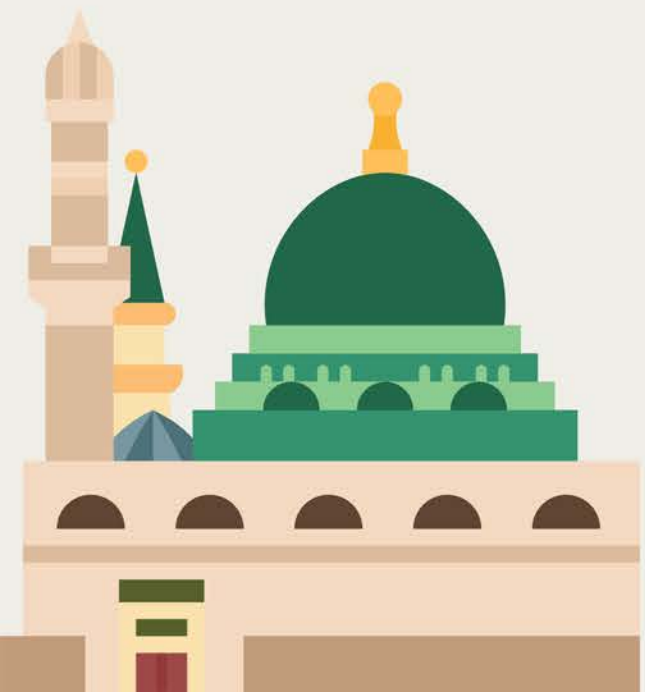
# THE HOLY PROPHET MUHAMMAD (SAW)

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“Marriage is my precept and my practice. Those who do not follow my practice are not of me.”

“When a man has married,  
he has completed one half of his religion.”



Is love at first sight a real thing?



# RELATIONSHIPS IN THE USA

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- In the society we live in, in the United States of America to be specific, research has shown that the vast majority of people live with one another in a relationship before marriage: On average, 68% of married couples have lived together outside marriage
- Yet, even with such an alarming rate of premarital relationships, the statistics of divorce are equally alarming
- Further research has shown that in the United States, the rate of divorce is 41-50%. In Europe, 72.3% of all marriages end up in divorce. And within celebrities, the divorce rate is 52%.

# STORY BY HUZOOR (ABA)

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There is a story of a very beautiful girl, with long, flowing hair, who was fair and in pristine health. A boy became deeply in love with her and proposed marriage.

The father of the girl was fiercely against this union and told the boy, “You do not truly love my daughter; rather you only love her outward beauty and features.”



## STORY BY HUZOOR (ABA)

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The boy insisted, “No, no, this is not the case; I do truly love her.” And so the father decided to give his daughter a treatment that resulted in her falling very ill. Her stomach became upset and she became very frail, scrawny, and sickly.

The father then cut locks from the girl’s hair with scissors. In short, the girl’s physical and outer appearance fell into a terrible condition. Then the father said to the boy: “Now look here, this is my daughter. Do you still love her? If you do love her, then by all means go ahead, and marry her.”

## STORY BY HUZOOR (ABA)

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Upon this, the boy started to offer excuses to not proceed. Thus, the father placed all the girl's hair he had cut off into a bowl. He then said to the boy, "Now that all her hair has been cut and her apparent beauty has been removed, you say that you do not love her.

So here, take this bowl with her hair and have all of these things, because these are the features that you really 'love'. So, go now, and take all of this with you."

## GUIDANCE FROM HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH (ABA)

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“This was merely superficial love. What happens here in society is that the morals and character of a person are aspects that are demoted and ignored instead of being the focus of affection.

Whereas, as a poet has once written, the material and outward features of the world are only temporary and fleeting and will fade away and love for them is short-lived. This is not real love. Therefore, one needs to develop such love which is true love.

It is observed that once the son of Hazrat Ali (ra) asked him, ‘Do you love me?’ Hazrat Ali (ra) replied, ‘Yes’. His son then asked, ‘Do you love God?’ Hazrat Ali (ra) responded, ‘Yes.’ His son asked, ‘How can these two loves co-exist?’ Hazrat Ali (ra) explained, ‘**It is my love for Allah that created within me my love for other human beings.**’”

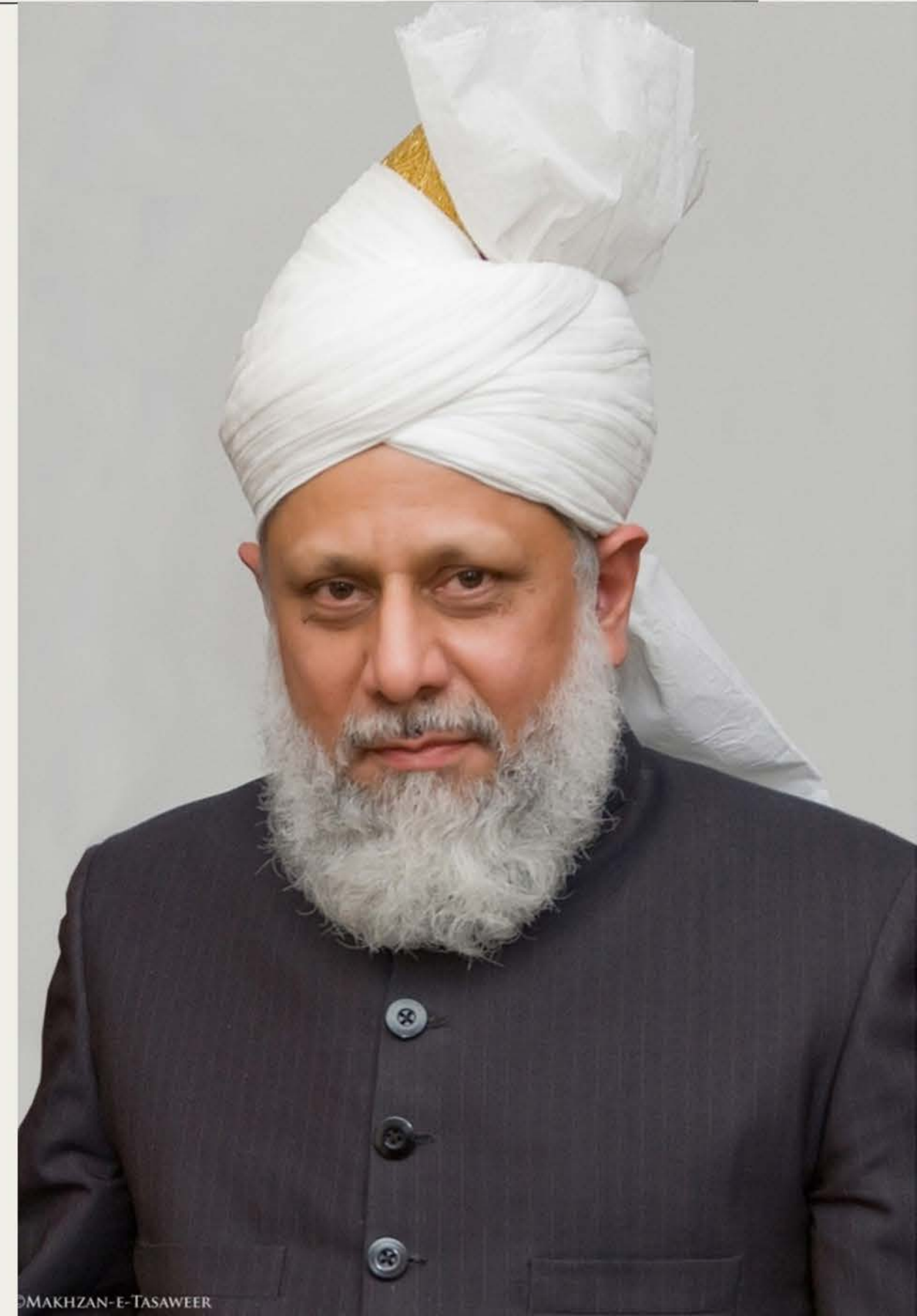
‘Always remember that  
marriage is not for the  
short term, it is for the  
*long term*’

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“The rest [of] what we see described as love in the world today is mere fantasy. It is fantasy – the manner in which love marriages or relationships based on this type of ‘love’ take place.

It is often alleged that ‘arranged’ marriages should not take place. Yet 65% of marriage breakups are from among the love marriages, whereas arranged marriages have a lower rate of breakups.”



What should we look for in  
a partner?



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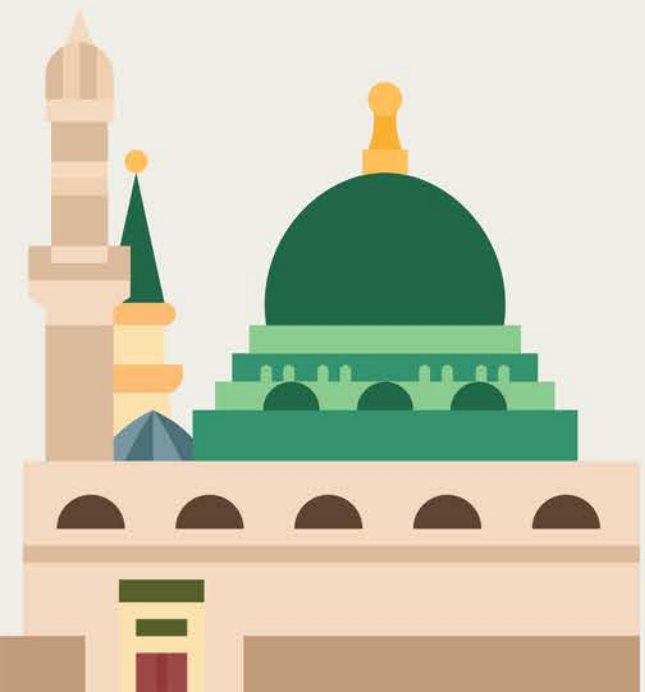
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تُكَحُّ الْمَرْأَةُ لِأَرْبَعٍ لِمَالِهَا وَلِحَسَبِهَا وَلِجَمَالِهَا وَلِدِينِهَا فَاظْفَرْ بِذَاتِ الدِّينِ تَرِبَتْ يَدَاكَ

“In marrying a woman, a man’s choice of a spouse is determined by the consideration of:

1. her wealth,
2. her family
3. her physical beauty
4. and her religious piety,

but you should make your life happy, prosperous, and successful [by choosing a spouse] on account of her religious piety; otherwise your hands will ever remain in the dust.”



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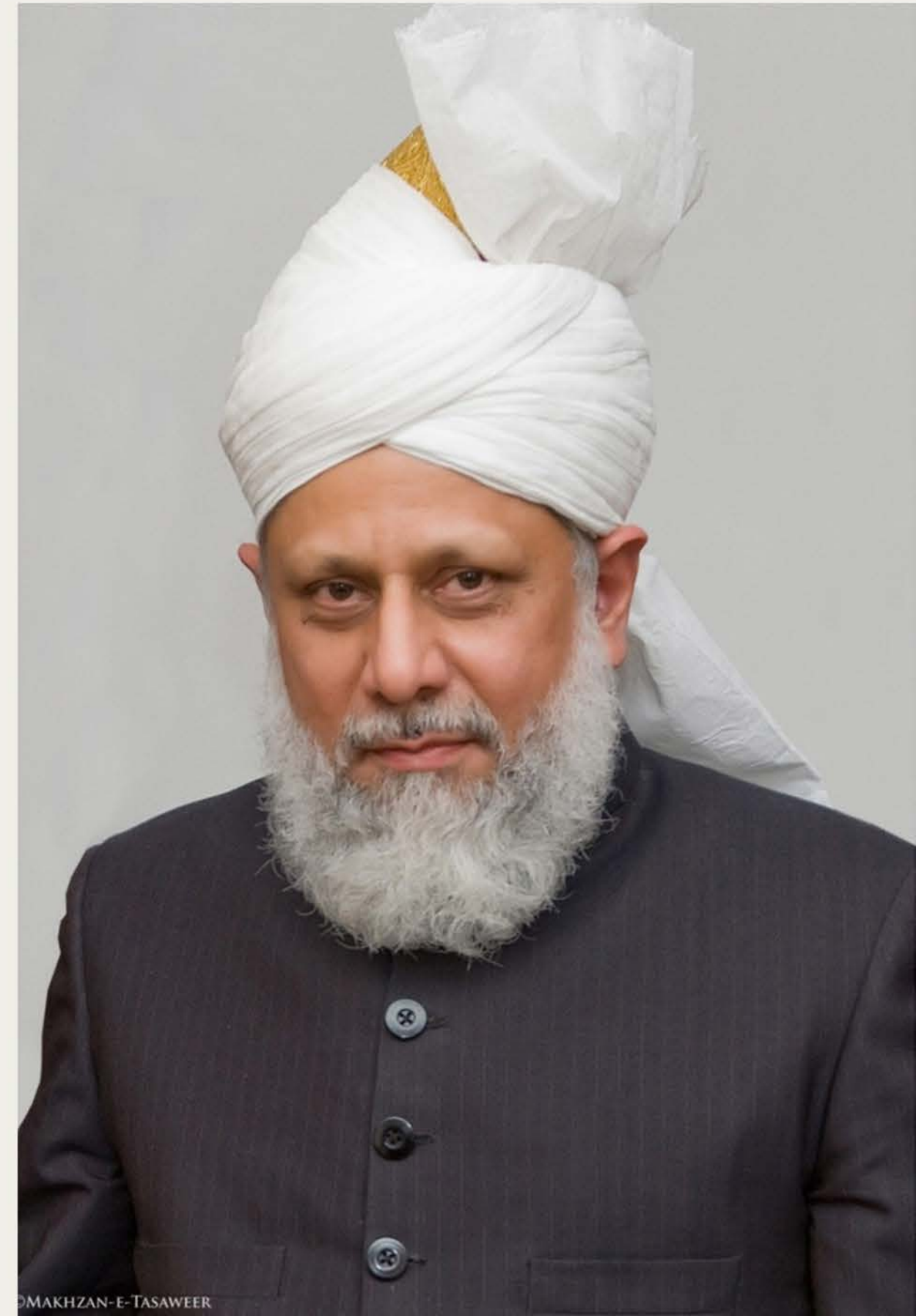
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- Huzoor (aba) explained that Allah the Exalted has put in place the arrangement of marriage as a means for the continuation of life
- Huzoor (aba) said that Allah has established marriage as a source of tranquility and the Holy Prophet Muhammad (saw) stated that husband and wife are created to bring comfort and peace to one another.
- He emphasised that when both husband and wife become conscious of one another's emotional needs and strive to fulfil not only each other's rights but also the rights of Allah, then their marriage becomes a means of attaining divine pleasure. In such marriages, he said, both spiritual and emotional development becomes possible.

# GUIDANCE FROM HAZRAT KHALIFATUL MASIH (ABA)

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- Huzoor (aba) referred to a hadith of the Holy Prophet (saw), who said that if a husband places a morsel of food in his wife's mouth out of love for Allah and to attain His pleasure, he will be rewarded for that act.
- Both must think in these terms – that their actions should be aimed at pleasing Allah. When that becomes the goal, then both spiritual advancement and mutual love become possible and such marriages serve to safeguard future generations as well.



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In a world filled with distractions,  
temptations, and harmful behaviors,  
marriage provides a protective  
framework, helping you focus on what  
truly matters -

**Building a future that pleases Allah.**

You're Not Just Choosing a  
Spouse... You're Choosing  
the Parent of Your  
Children



## OUR FUTURE GENERATIONS

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- The spouse we choose will highly influence the life and future of our children. A spouse who believes in, and acts upon our beliefs, will be the only one who will raise our children according to the teachings of our faith. This however, is a right that we owe our children.
- On one occasion, a young boy approached the second Khalifa of Islam – Hazrat Umar (ra) and asked him: **what right does a child have over his father?** Hazrat Umar (ra) responded: **‘to choose a good mother for the child, preferring the righteous woman, to give him a good name, and finally said and to teach him the Qur’an.’**

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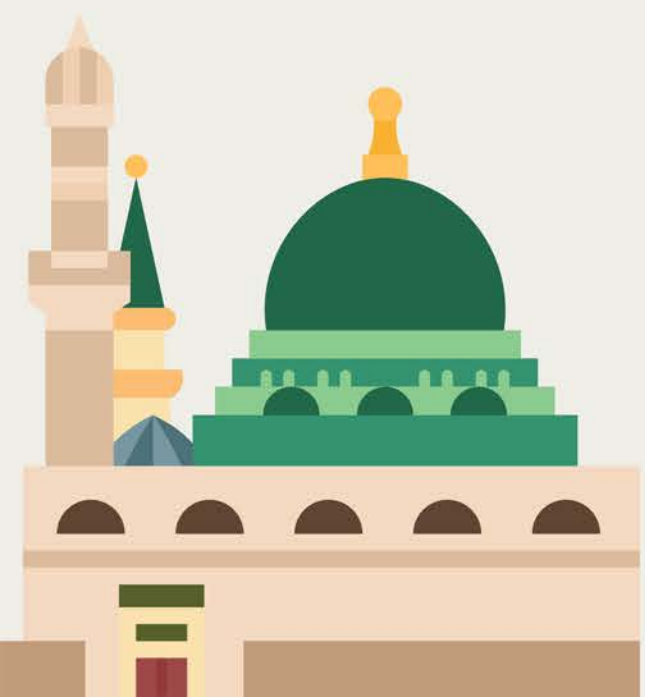


We learn from the Hadith that when a person dies, all his deeds end except three, and one of them is:

أَوْ وَلَدٍ صَالِحٍ يَدْعُو لَهُ

‘A righteous child who prays for him.’

*(Sahih Muslim)*



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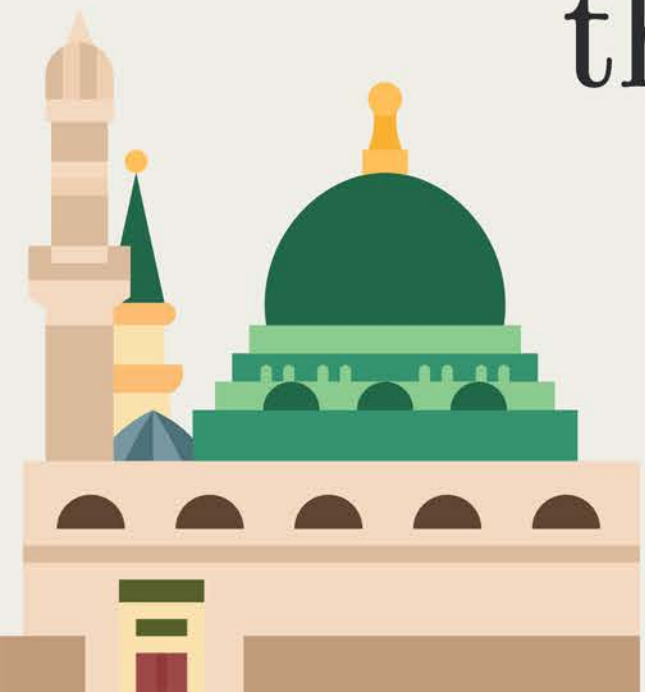
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الدُّنْيَا مَتَاعٌ وَخَيْرُ مَتَاعِ الدُّنْيَا الْمَرْأَةُ الصَّالِحَةُ

“The whole world is a provision, and  
the best object of benefit of the world is  
the pious woman.”

(Saheeh Muslim)



What Dua Does the Holy  
Qur'an Teach Us for a  
Righteous Wife and  
Children?

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا  
وَذُرِّيَّتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ  
وَأَجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

**‘Our Lord, grant us of our wives  
and children the delight of our eyes,  
and make us a model for the righteous.’**



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