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Change Our Condition to the Best of Conditions

The followings are excerpts of the messages by Grand Ayatollah Khamenei; the Supreme Leader of the Islamic Revolution on the occasion of Nowruz (Iranian New Year – ‘Eid).

In the Name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

O Conqueror of hearts and sights,
O Planner of night and day,
O Transformer of power and circumstances,
Change our condition to the best of conditions.

We all prayed to “the Transformer of power and circumstances” at the beginning of this year to “change our condition to the best of conditions.” This prayer is about Allah’s will, but it is undoubtedly necessary for all of us to make efforts. These efforts prepare the requirements for God’s blessings and mercy. We must make efforts to transform our own situation. We must make efforts to improve our lives, minds, hearts, and conditions in this world and the hereafter. That is the duty of the entire Iranian nation. A variety of spiritual and religious issues, subjective and objective realities and daily experiences in our personal and social lives are all included in the divine order that is repeated each year in the form of this prayer: “Change our condition into the best of conditions.” March 2009

This prayer, which we recite every New Year, contains a very interesting point. It says: “...transform our condition into the best condition.” It does not say transform us to a better state or better condition. It is a request to the Almighty to transform our condition to the best of conditions. The sincere and dedicated effort of Muslim individuals is the one that allows them to reach the best in all areas and affairs. March 2010





In spite of all the enmity, in spite of all the propaganda and in spite of all the hostile and malevolent attacks, last year, the Iranian people managed to show and prove their presence on the scene, their dynamism, and their preparedness in different scientific, social, political and economic arenas with all their heart. Thankfully, in spite of all the hardships, we made great achievements last year. As I have pointed out before, the conditions were the conditions of Badr and Khaybar - that is to say, conditions in which we had to accept and overcome challenges and hardships. March 20, 2012

The moment a new year starts is, in fact, the interval between an end and a beginning: the end of one year and the beginning of a new year. Of course, we should mainly focus on what lies ahead. We should look at the New Year and we should make plans and prepare ourselves for it. However, looking back on the path that we have traversed will also be beneficial for us so that we see what we have done, how we have moved forward, and what results our efforts have produced, and we should learn lessons from it and gain experience. March 2013

It is necessary for us to evaluate ourselves in the case of our personal matters. As the narration says, "Evaluate yourselves before you are evaluated." We should evaluate our work and actions. Similarly, it is important and valuable to carry out an evaluation at the national level. We should evaluate ourselves. We should review everything that has happened to us and try to learn lessons for the future. March 2013

The passage of different years should both be an experience and a source of foresight for us. We should learn from the past and we should look to the future and make decisions for it with open eyes and with wise hearts. I ask Allah the Exalted to bestow health, enthusiasm, psychological security, peace of mind, progress, transcendence, and happiness on our dear Iranians in this new year. I hope He bestows enthusiasm and dynamism on our youth. I hope He bestows firm determination and willpower on our men and women so that they can take great steps. I hope He bestows happiness and health on our children and I hope He bestows security, kindness, and compassion on our families. March 2014

Allah the Exalted has laid down a condition for those whom He has promised to help: *"And most surely Allah is well able to assist them... They are those who, if We establish them in the land, establish regular prayer and give regular charity, enjoin to do good and forbid evil. With Allah rests the end of all affairs."* The Holy Quran, 22: 39-41.

In this Holy ayah, Allah the Exalted has laid down four conditions and criteria for those believers whom He offers power and whom He saves from cruel rulers. He has said: *"And most surely Allah is well able to assist them"*. Allah the Exalted is able to help such people and He will definitely do so. March 2015

