

Sayyid al-Istighfaar
(the Master Supplication for Seeking Forgiveness)

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ،

Allaahumma Anta Rabbee laa ilaaha illaa Anta,

‘O Allaah, You are my Lord, there is nothing which deserves to be worshipped except You;

خَلَقْتَنِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ،

khalaqtanee wa anaa 'abduka,

You have created me and I am Your servant;

وَأَنَا عَلَىٰ عَهْدِكَ وَوَعْدِكَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ،

wa anaa 'alaa 'ahdika wa wa-'dika mas-tata-'tu,

and I am obligated to fulfill Your covenant [i.e. that I made with You]
and Your promise [i.e. that I made to you] as much as I can.

أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ،

a-'oothu bika min sharri maa sana-'tu,

I seek refuge in You from the evil of what I have done.

أَبُوءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ، وَأَبُوءُ بِذُنُوبِي

aboo'u laka bi-ni-'matika 'alayya, wa aboo'u bi-thanbee

I acknowledge Your favors upon me, and I acknowledge my sins;

فَاغْفِرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

faghfir lee fa-innahu laa yagh-firuth-thunooba illaa Anta.

so forgive me, for indeed no one forgives sins except You.’