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Foreword

Parents lovingly teach their children good manners and how to speak. They coach their children to say simple words such as "mum", "dad", "water" and "milk". When the child learns to say these words and in his childlike manner utters them, the parents are filled with joy and readily fulfil his desires. At times their love for the child overwhelms their hearts so much that they are ready to sacrifice everything for it, even though the demands of these little one's do not amount to much, nor are the parents capable of granting everything. As compared to this, Our Lord Who loves His creation immensely, has taught us the manner of supplications and has told us to pray to Him and He would accept our prayers. He has taught us the loving and humble words of prayers. Does this not prove that He wants to cherish His servants? Surely these are the pretexts for bestowing favours. It is as if God's mercy is looking for openings to descend on mankind.

In the Qur'anic prayers, God has Himself bestowed upon us the standards of seeking this help. The magnitude of His Graciousness is unfathomable. This is why these prayers carry so much impact. The person who knew the secrets and effectiveness of these prayers was our master and patron, the Holy Prophet^{sa}. The beloved servant of God Almighty recited these revealed prayers for the first time and his prayers attained acceptance.

God taught prayers to Adam^{as} and Yunus^{as} which were accepted and became a means of their deliverance from affliction. It is impossible to think that the prayers taught to the Chief of the Prophets and the beloved of God should not carry impressive effectiveness. No other spiritual book has presented the prayers of all the prophets with such magnificence and in a complete and preserved form in the manner that the Holy Qur'an has. Another excellence is that the best examples of prayers for every need have been preserved in the Holy Qur'an.

In this book, these prayers have been presented with their related background information so that the supplicant is able to comprehend the full import of the prayer and his prayers never fall short of his objective. May Allah fulfil this purpose.

An attempt has been made to include those prayers or verses containing prayers which are not found in the common prayer books of prayers. In the earlier collections of prayers the existing Qur'anic arrangement was adhered to and parts of the prayers were given common titles. In this book a natural order has been followed and comparatively more meaningful titles have been given

to the prayers.

In every prayer the reference number includes the first verse beginning with "Bismillah" as number one. Verses are quoted by stating the chapter name, chapter number followed by the verse number. The translation of the Arabic text is idiomatic rather than literal. I pray that God Almighty accepts this righteous effort and grants acceptance to all our prayers, which He Himself has taught us for our various needs.

Wassalam

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Translator's Note

Alhamdu Lillah my dream of translating Khazina-tud-Du'a has been fulfilled. I feel very humbled that God Almighty has given me this opportunity. The beauty and the impact of the words of the Holy Prophet^{sa} and the Promised Messiah^{as} can never be fully captured in any translation; therefore, any corrections or suggestions for improvement from readers are welcome.

The English text of the Qur'anic verses is from Hadhrat Maulavi Sher Ali's translation of the Holy Qur'an. At places an attractive translation has been suggested by Hadhrat Khalifa tul Masih the Fourth^{ra}. I have modernised the language by substituting Thee with You etc.

I am indebted to my late father Chaudhry Zafar Ali who despite difficult circumstances provided the best available education to me. May Allah bless his soul.

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In need of your prayers,

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1. A Perfect and Comprehensive Prayer

The Holy Prophet^{sa} proclaimed surah Al-Fatiha as the foremost and the Best of the Holy Qur'an.

(Mustadrik Hakim)

It was revealed to the Holy Prophet^{sa} that perfect prayers, not given to any earlier prophet, were surah Al-Fatiha and the last few verses of the surah Al-Baqarah. And whosoever prays with reference to these verses will be granted whatever he supplicates

(Sahih Muslim)

In a tradition revealed to the Holy Prophet^{sa} Allah Almighty said

"I have divided Namaz between My servant and Myself. And My servant will certainly get whatsoever has been supplicated in this prayer."

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۝ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ۝
 مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ ۝ إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ ۝
 اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ ۝ صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ
 أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ ۝ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ ۝

(Sahih Muslim)

*In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful.
 All praise belongs to Allah, Lord of all the worlds,
 Gracious, the Merciful, Master of the Day of
 Judgement. You alone do we worship and You alone
 do we implore for help. Guide us in the right path - the
 path of those on whom You have bestowed Your
 blessings, those who have not incurred displeasure,
 and those who have not gone astray. (Al-Fatiha, 1:1-7)*

2. Prayer for Affirmation of Faith and Attainment of Piety

This prayer is attributed in the Holy Qur'an to that group of sincere and pious people especially from Christianity who recognised and accepted truth and prayed.

رَبَّنَا أَمَّا فَاكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾ وَمَا لَنَا لَا نُؤْمِنُ
بِاللَّهِ وَمَا جَاءَنَا مِنَ الْحَقِّ وَنَطْمَعُ أَنْ يُدْخِلَنَا
رَبَّنَا مَعَ الْقَوْمِ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٨٥﴾

(Al Maidah 5: 84-85)

Our Lord, we believe, so write us down among those who bear witness. And why should we not believe in Allah and in the truth, which has come to us, while we earnestly wish that our Lord should include us among the righteous people?

3. Prayer for Affirmation of Faith and its Acceptance

When the apostles of Jesus Christ^{as} saw rejection from every quarter they raised this proclamation in his support, believed in him and prayed in these words:

رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا بِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ وَاتَّبَعْنَا الرَّسُولَ فَاكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ ﴿٥١﴾

(Al Imran 3: 54)

Our Lord we believe in that which You have sent down and we follow this Messenger, so write us down among those who bear witness.

4. Hadhrat Abraham^{as}'s Prayer to Offer Everything to His Lord

The righteous people have been advised in the Holy Qur'an to follow the example of Hadhrat Abraham^{as} and offer this prayer

رَبَّنَا عَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْنَا وَإِلَيْكَ أَنبْنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ ﴿٥١﴾

(Al Mumtahanah 60: 5)

O Lord, in You do we put our trust, and to You do we turn repentant, and towards You is the final return.

5. Prayer for Attaining the Good in this World and Hereafter

Hadhrt Anas bin Ma'lik^{ra} was asked to recite a prayer and he recited the following verses. When requested to add to the prayer, he replied that they did not need anything else as he had already supplicated for their welfare in this world and the world Hereafter.

(Tafseer Qurtabi, vol. 2 page 433)

Hadhrt Anas bin Ma'lik^{ra} relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite

this prayer with great frequency. (Bukhari, Kitabul Tafseer)

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ
حَسَنَةً ۖ وَنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ۝

(Al- Baqarah 2: 202)

Our Lord, grant us good in this world as well as good in the world to come and protect us from the torment of the Fire.

6. Prayer of Beneficence in this world and in the world Hereafter

Hadhrat Moses^{as} prayed for his people in these words:

وَكَتُبْ لَنَا فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ إِنَّا هَدَدْنَا إِلَيْكَ

(Al A'raf 7: 157)

And ordain for us good in this world as well as in the next; we have turned to You with repentance.

7. Prayer Against the Evil Insinuations of Satan

Amr bin Saeed^{RA} relates the Holy Prophet^{SA} taught his companions some prayers to recite when retiring for the night. This prayer is one of them.

(Al Durrul- Munthoor lis Sayuti vol. 5, page14)

رَبِّ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ هَمَزَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ ۝
وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ رَبِّ أَنْ يَحْضُرُونِ ۝

(Al Muminun 23: 98-99)

My Lord, I seek refuge in You from the incitements of the satans, and I seek refuge in You, My Lord, lest they come near me.

8. Prayer for Being Steadfast in Guidance

Hadhrat Umm-i-Salma^{RA} relates the Holy Prophet^{SA} used to often recite this prayer:

O the One, Who can turn the hearts, make my heart steadfast in Your faith.

She narrates that she asked the Holy Prophet^{SA}, whether hearts can change? He replied that the following Qur'anic prayer should be recited and said that as there was a possibility of stumbling so this

prayer should be recited frequently.

(Al Durrul Manthoor Iis Sayuti vol 2 page 8)

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً
إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ ﴿١﴾

(Al-'Imran 3:9)

Our Lord, let not our hearts become perverse after You have guided us; and bestow upon us mercy from Yourself, surely You alone are the Bestower.

9. Prayer for Steadfastness and Victory over the Disbelievers

From the Holy Qur'an we learn that when Hadhrat Talut^{ra} faced his enemy Jalut, he prayed thus, and God gave him victory and his enemy was roundly defeated.

رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَثَبِّتْ أقدامَنَا
وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿٥١﴾

(Al-Baqarah 2:251)

O our Lord, pour forth steadfastness upon us, and make our steps firm, and help us against the disbelieving people.

10. Prayers for Escaping Divine Chastisement, for His Forgiveness, Righteous End, Fulfilment of God's Promise and Escaping the Humiliation of the Day of Resurrection

Hadhrat Ayesha^{ra} relates when these verses were revealed the Holy Prophet^{sa} started namaz and he was crying. Hadhrat Bilal^{ra} asked him the reason for his weeping. He replied that these verses had been revealed to him and added that whosoever recites these verses and does not ponder over them was very unfortunate. The traditions also tell us that the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite these verses daily and at night time and told his followers that whosoever recites these verses of Al-Imran at night will have the reward equal to worshipping all the night.

(Tafseer Qurtabi, vol- 4, page 31)

رَبَّنَا مَا خَلَقْتَ هَذَا بَاطِلًا ۖ سُبْحٰنَكَ فَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿١٠١﴾

(Al-'Imran 3:192)

Our Lord, You have not created this, in vain, no, Holy are You; save us, then, from the punishment of the Fire.

رَبَّنَا إِنَّا سَمِعْنَا مُنَادِيًا يُنَادِي لِلْإِيمَانِ أَنْ آمِنُوا بِرَبِّكُمْ فَآمَنَّا ۗ
رَبَّنَا فَغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَكَفِّرْ عَنَّا سَيِّئَاتِنَا وَتَوَقَّنَا مَعَ الْأَبْرَارِ ۗ

(Al-'Imran 3:194)

Our Lord, we have heard a Crier calling us unto faith, 'Believe you in your Lord', and we have believed. Our Lord, forgive us, therefore our sins and remove from us our evils, and in death join us with the righteous.

رَبَّنَا وَآتِنَا مَا وَعَدْتَنَا عَلَىٰ رُسُلِكَ وَلَا تُخْزِنَا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ ۗ
إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ ۝

(Al-'Imran 3:195)

Our Lord, give us what You have promised us through Your Messengers and disgrace us not on the Day of Resurrection. Surely, You break not Your promise.

11. Comprehensive Prayer for Forgiveness of Sins, for Mercy and for Victory over the Enemy

This prayer comprises of the last two verses of surah Al-Baqarah. Hadhrat Abu Mas'ud^{RA} relates that reciting these two verses before retiring at night is more than enough. Moreover they are from the treasure of Heavens which has not been given to any prophet before the Holy Prophet^{SA}.

(Tafseer Tabari vol-3 page 434)

Regarding these two verses the Holy Prophet^{SA} emphasised that we must remember them and make our family remember them because these are based jointly on the Salat, Qur'an and supplication. (Only the supplication part of these verses is being printed here).

(Al Durrul-Manthoor lis Sayuti vol 1, page378)

سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا غُفْرَانَكَ رَبَّنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ

(Al-Baqarah 2:286)

We hear and we obey. We implore Your forgiveness, O our Lord, and to You is the returning.

12. Next Verse

رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِنْ نَسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا ۗ رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا

إِصْرًا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِّلْنَا
 مَا لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ ۗ وَاعْفُ عَنَّا ۖ وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا ۖ وَارْحَمْنَا ۖ وَ أَنْتَ
 مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

(Al-Baqarah 2:287)

Our Lord, do not punish us, if we forget or fall into error; and our Lord, lay not on us a responsibility as You did lay upon those before us; Our Lord, burden us not with what we have not the strength to bear; and efface our sins, and grant us forgiveness and have mercy on us; You are our Master; so help us You against the disbelieving people.

13. Prayer for Steadfastness and Good End

When in the court of the Pharaoh the designs of the magicians were frustrated and Pharaoh threatened them with revenge, supplicating God, they replied:

رَبَّنَا أَفْرِغْ عَلَيْنَا صَبْرًا وَتَوَقَّانَا مُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١٢٧﴾

(Al-A'raf 7:127)

Our Lord, pour forth upon us steadfastness and cause us to die resigned unto You.

14. Prayer for Forgiveness and for Escaping Wrath of God

This prayer is for seeking forgiveness from Allah. The Holy Prophet^{sa} said that when God intends to punish a people, He looks at the ones who offer Tahajjud prayers and ones who seek pardon from Him and because of them He postpones the punishment.

(Tafseer Qurtabi vol. 4, page 39)

رَبَّنَا إِنَّا أَمَّا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ﴿١٧﴾

(Al 'Imran 3:17)

Our Lord, we do believe; forgive us, therefore, our sins and save us from the punishment of the Fire.

15. Prayer for Forgiveness of Sins and Transgressions and Prayer for Steadfastness

Allah praises those Godly people who believe in His prophets and joining the prophets do not hesitate in confronting the enemies. The

Holy Qur'an mentions their prayers as a result of which, God will grant them rewards in this world and in the Hereafter.

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَإِسْرَافَنَا فِي أَمْرِنَا وَثَبِّتْ أَقْدَامَنَا
وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ ﴿١٤٨﴾

(Al-'Imran 3:148)

Our Lord, forgive us our errors and our excesses in our conduct, and make firm our steps and help us against the disbelieving people.

16. Prayer for Mercy and Forgiveness

When Adam^{as} by mistake ate from the forbidden tree, God taught him some prayers and as a result turned to him with compassion.

(Al Durrul Manthoor liis Sayuti vol 3, page 75)

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا
لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٢٠﴾

(Al Baqarah 2:38, Al A'raf 7:24)

Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves, and if You forgive us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the lost.

17. Prayer of Forgiveness in Asking Questions in Ignorance

When the son of Noah^{as} was drowning in the Flood, Noah supplicated God for the safety of his son. God reprimanded him that as a result of his son's misdeeds, the son was not amongst his people. Then Noah^{as} implored God with the following humble prayer and became the recipient of God's mercy and blessings.

رَبِّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَسْأَلَكَ مَا لَيْسَ لِي بِهِ عِلْمٌ
وَإِلَّا تَغْفِرْ لِي وَتَرْحَمْنِي أَكُنُّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾

(Hud 11:48)

'My Lord, I beg You to protect me from asking You that whereof I have no knowledge. And unless You forgive me and have mercy on me, I shall be among the losers.'

18. Prayer for Deliverance from Misfortune

Hadhrat Sa'ad bin Abi Waqqas^{ra} relates that the Holy Prophet^{sa} said

that whosoever recites this prayer, which Jonah^{as} offered in the belly of the whale, his prayer will be accepted. It is in the traditions that there is a promise of *كَذَلِكَ نُنْجِي الْمُؤْمِنِينَ* meaning "thus do We deliver those who believe". Whosoever confesses his transgression will have his prayers accepted.

(Tafseer Qurtabi vol, 11 page 334)

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ ۞

(Al-Anbiya 21:88)

There is no God but You, Holy are You. I have indeed been of the wrongdoers.

19. Prayer for Attaining Strength whilst Confronting Evil

When the wife of Aziz of Egypt conspired with her friends to incline Hadhrat Yusuf^{as} towards evil he offered this humble prayer, acceptance of which is mentioned in the Holy Qur'an. God saved Hadhrat Yusuf^{as} from the evil designs of the women.

رَبِّ السَّجُنِ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِمَّا يَدْعُونَنِي إِلَيْهِ وَإِلَّا تَصْرِفْ عَنِّي كَيْدَهُنَّ أَصْبُ إِلَيْهِنَّ وَأَكُنُ مِنَ الْجَاهِلِينَ ۝

(Yusuf 12:34)

O My Lord, I would prefer prison to that which they invite me; and unless You turn away their guile from me I shall incline towards them and be of the ignorant.

20. Prayer for Recovery from Disease

Hadhrat Job^{as} prayed for recovery from his grave illness. With the following words he begged mercy from Allah. This prayer was accepted and he was miraculously cured.

إِنِّي مَسَّنِيَ الضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّحِيمِينَ ۞

(Al-Anbiya 21:84)

'Affliction has touched me and You are the Most Merciful of all who show mercy'.

21. Prayer for Seeking God's Protection, Forgiveness and Mercy

On receiving Divine sign Prophet Moses^{as} went to Mount Toor with seventy followers. An earthquake occurred and Prophet Moses^{as} thought that this was a punishment for his people for associating

partners with Allah. He prayed in these words:

أَنْتَ وَلِيُّنَا فَاعْفُرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْغَافِرِينَ ﴿١٥٦﴾

(AL A'raf 7:156)

You are our Protector; forgive us then, and have mercy on us, for You are the Best of those who forgive.

22. Confessing Unintentional Transgression and Seeking Forgiveness

While trying to stop a fight a person was accidentally killed by Prophet Moses^{as}'s blow. Prophet Moses^{as} prayed in the following words and God forgave him.

رَبِّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي فَاغْفِرْ لِي

(Al-Qasās 28:17)

Lord, I have indeed wronged my soul, therefore, forgive me.

23. Prayers for Forgiveness and Mercy

During the absence of Prophet Moses^{as} the Israelites took a calf as their god. When Prophet Moses^{as} returned he was very angry with his brother, his deputy and successor and reprimanded his people. His people prayed in repentance. This prayer can also be called "prayer of repentance by the followers of Moses^{as}".

لَيْسَ لَكَ إِلَهٌ إِلَّا أَنَا فَاعْفُرْ لَنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ ﴿١٥٧﴾

(Al-A'raf 7:150)

If our Lord does not have mercy on us, and forgive us, we shall surely be among the losers.

24. Prayer For Mercy

On the same occasion Prophet Moses^{as} prayed for forgiveness for his brother and himself.

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِإِخِي وَأَدْخِلْنَا فِي رَحْمَتِكَ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ ﴿١٥٨﴾

(Al-A'raf 7:152)

My Lord, forgive me and my brother, and admit us to Your mercy, and You are the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.

25. Prayer for Seeking Forgiveness for People gone Astray

Hadhrat Abu Dharr^{RA} relates that the Holy Prophet^{SA} stayed up all night reciting this prayer. I enquired, "O Messenger of Allah, You know the whole of the Holy Qur'an by heart, why did you keep repeating one verse?" He replied, 'I was praying for my followers.' I asked him about the reply he received from God. He said, 'If I tell you of it, most people will forsake prayer.' This is the same prayer that Prophet Moses^{AS} recited for his followers.

(Ad Durrul Manthoor li Sayuti, vol. 3, page 75)

إِنْ تُعَذِّبُهُمْ فَإِنَّهُمْ عَبَادُكَ ۚ وَإِنْ تُغْفِرْ لَهُمْ
فَإِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ﴿١١٩﴾

(Al-Maidah 5:119)

If You punish them, they are Your servants; and if You forgive them, You surely are the Mighty, the Wise.

26. Prayer for Safety from Divine Wrath

Enumerating the attributes of the servants of the Gracious Lord, Allah says that these servants are the ones who pass the hours of the night prostrating and standing before their Lord and seek safety from Divine wrath.

رَبَّنَا أَصْرِفْ عَنَّا عَذَابَ جَهَنَّمَ ۚ إِنَّ عَذَابَهَا كَانَ غَرَامًا ﴿٦٦﴾

(Al-Furqan 25:66)

Our Lord, avert from us the punishment of Hell; for the punishment thereof is a lasting torment.

27. Prayer for Attaining Forgiveness and Removal of Rancour

A companion of the Holy Prophet^{SA} offered prayers with him. The Holy Prophet^{SA} said that this person is heaven-bound. Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar^{RA} was curious about what deed on the part of that person had deserved God's Beneficence and so he went and stayed overnight with him and was shown great hospitality. Ibn Umar^{RA} said, "I offered 'Tahajjud' prayers while this person slept. I observed an obligatory fast the next day while he did not. I questioned him about his actions which entitled him to be heaven-bound. He answered: 'As the Holy Prophet^{SA} has told you about it you better enquire from him.'" Ibn Umar^{RA} went to the Holy Prophet^{SA} and asked him. The Holy Prophet^{SA} told him to go back and ask him about it with his permission.

This companion of the Holy Prophet^{SA} said, "Firstly, I do not value

worldly things. If I get them it is fine and if I do not get them it does not matter to me. Secondly, I do not have jealousy or bear rancour against anyone." Hadhrat Ibn-e-Umar^{RA} admitted that most surely God had given him superiority over others. This is a prayer Allah has taught to believers.

(Ad Durrul Manthoor lis Sayuti, vol. 5, page 199)

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ
فِي قُلُوبِنَا غِلًّا لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ رَءُوفٌ رَحِيمٌ ﴿١٧﴾

(Al Hashr 59:11)

Our Lord, forgive us and our brothers who preceded us in the faith, and leave not in our hearts any rancour against those who believe. Our Lord, You are indeed Compassionate, Merciful.

28. Prayer for Mercy and Forgiveness

Hadhrat Abu Bakr^{RA} requested the Holy Prophet^{SA} for a prayer to recite during namaz. The prayer which was taught to him contains special supplications for mercy and forgiveness.

(Ad Durrul Manthoor lis Sayuti, vol. 5, page 18)

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ وَارْحَمْ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّحِيمِينَ ﴿١٣﴾

(Al Mominun 23:119)

My Lord, forgive and have mercy, and You are the Best of those who show mercy.

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Mas'ud^{RA} recited these prayers along with the previous three verses of the surah and blew on a patient. The patient got better. He said, "By God if these verses are recited with full conviction and faith, even over a mountain it will move from its place"(meaning that it is a very potent prayer).

29. Humble Prayers of Throne-Bearing Angels for the Believers

The companions of the Holy Prophet^{SA} were gathered together and were talking about God's Greatness when the Holy Prophet^{SA} came and said, "I also will tell you something about God's Greatness." Then he mentioned the throne-bearing angels of God who are His magnificent creation.

(Tafseer Ad Durrul Manthoor lis Sayuti, vol. 5, page 347)

Yahya bin Ma'aad Razi^{RA} used to say that if one heavenly angel prays for the forgiveness of the believers, there is hope for God's

pardon of sins, let alone the whole host of angels praying collectively.

رَبَّنَا وَسِعْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ رَّحْمَةً وَعِلْمًا فَاغْفِرْ لِلَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَاتَّبَعُوا
سَبِيلَكَ وَقِهِمْ عَذَابَ الْجَحِيمِ ⑤ رَبَّنَا وَأَدْخِلْهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ
الَّتِي وَعَدْتَهُمْ وَمَنْ صَلَحَ مِنْ آبَائِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجِهِمْ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِمْ
إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ ⑥ وَقِهِمُ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَمَنْ تَقِ السَّيِّئَاتِ
يَوْمَئِذٍ فَقَدْ رَحِمْتَهُ ⑦ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ الْعَظِيمُ ⑧

(Al-Mumin 40:8-10)

'Our Lord, You do comprehend all things in Your mercy and knowledge. So forgive those who repent and follow Your way; and protect them from the punishment of Hell. And make them, our Lord, enter the Gardens of Eternity which You have promised them, as well as such of their fathers and their wives and their children as are virtuous. Surely You are the Mighty, the Wise. And protect them from evils; and he whom You do protect from evils on that day-him has You surely shown mercy. And that indeed is the supreme triumph.

30. Prayer of a Patient Believing Wife for Deliverance from a Cruel Husband

Pharaoh used to treat his wife cruelly because she changed her religion. His wife prayed for escaping his bad treatment. It is related that her prayer was accepted and her heavenly abode was shown to her in this very world.

رَبِّ ابْنِ لِي عِنْدَكَ بَيْتًا فِي الْجَنَّةِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنْ
فِرْعَوْنَ وَعَمَلِهِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ①

(Al Tahrim 66:12)

My Lord, build for me a house with You in the Garden; and deliver me from Pharaoh and his work, and deliver me from the wrongdoing people.

31. Prayer for Safety from Transgression on Seeing the End of the Transgressors

Having seen heaven, As'hab-e-Araf (Perfect Believers) will spontaneously start to recite this verse on seeing the people of Fire.

رَبَّنَا لَا تَجْعَلْنَا مَعَ الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٤٨﴾

(Al Ara'af 7:48)

Our Lord, put us not with the unjust people.

32. Prayer for Safety from Tyrannical People

Hadhrat Moses^{as} advised a small company of believing young men from among his people. 'You have believed in Allah, so put your trust in Him.' These young men prayed in response.

عَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا رَبَّنَا لَا تَجْعَلْنَا فِتْنَةً لِّلْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ ﴿٦١﴾

وَنَجِّنَا بِرَحْمَتِكَ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الْكٰفِرِينَ ﴿٦٢﴾

(Yunus10: 86-87)

In Allah do we put our trust. Our Lord, make us not a trial for the wrongdoing people. And deliver us by Your mercy from the disbelieving people.

33. Prayer for Migration and Escaping Cruel People

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas^{ra} (whose mother, Umme Fazal, believed in Islam in the early period) used to relate that, when the Holy Prophet^{sa} migrated from Makkah, his mother and he were amongst the weak women and children who were mentioned in the Holy Qur'an. that they used to pray for the success of the migration. (Bukhari: Kitab-ul-Tafseer). God delivered these oppressed people at the time of the conquest of Makkah.

رَبَّنَا أَخْرِجْنَا مِنْ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ الظَّالِمِ اٰهْلِهَا وَاَجْعَلْ

لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ وَلِيًّا وَاَجْعَلْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ نَصِيْرًا ﴿٧٦﴾

(Al Nisa 4:76)

Our Lord, take us out of this town, whose people are oppressors, and make for us some friend from Thyself and make for us from Yourself some helper.

34. Prayer for Safety from Being Unjust in Times of Strength

The Holy Prophet^{sa} instructed his followers to treat the vanquished

people with kindness.

رَبِّ اِمَّا تَرِيْتِي مَا يُوْعَدُوْنَ ﴿١٤﴾
 رَبِّ فَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي فِي الْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِيْنَ ﴿١٥﴾

(Al Muminun 23: 94-95)

'My Lord, if You will show me that with which they are threatened. My Lord, then place me not, with the wrongdoing people.'

35. Prayer for Increase of Knowledge

The Holy Prophet^{sa} was taught the following prayer so that his decisions be Divinely guided.

رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا ﴿١٥﴾

(Ta Ha 20:115)

O my Lord, increase me in knowledge.

36. Prayer for Open-Heartedness, Ease of Affairs and Effectiveness of Speech

When Hadhrat Moses^{as} was instructed to deliver God's message to the Pharaoh's court, he prayed in these words. Hadhrat Asmaa bint Aamees^{ra} relates " I heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} offering this prayer at the foot of Mount Thabir. He was praying to his God and saying, "O my Lord, I pray to You in the same words as my brother Moses."

(Tafseer Ad Durrul Manthoor Iis Sayuti, vol. 4 . page 295)

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي ﴿١٦﴾ وَيَسِّرْ لِي اَمْرِي ﴿١٧﴾

وَاحْلُلْ عُقْدَةً مِّنْ لِّسَانِي ﴿١٨﴾ يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي ﴿١٩﴾

(Ta Ha 20:26-29)

My Lord, open up for me my heart. And ease for me my task. And untie the knot of my tongue, That they may understand my speech.

37. Prayer for Spiritual Progress and Forgiveness

God advises believers to repent sincerely. God will forgive their sins and place them in the heavens of His pleasure. There will be light in front of these believers and light behind them and they will pray.

رَبَّنَا اَتِمِّمْ لَنَا نُورَنَا وَاغْفِرْ لَنَا ۗ اِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ ﴿٢٠﴾

(Al Tahrim 66:9)

Our Lord, perfect our light for us and forgive us: surely You have power over all things.

38. Prayer for the Righteous End and Death in the State of being a Muslim

When God granted Hadhrat Yusuf^{as} sovereignty after the ordeal of imprisonment, his brothers came to his court and brought their father with them: Hadhrat Yusuf^{as} thanked God and prayed.

رَبِّ قَدْ آتَيْتَنِي مِنَ الْمَلِكِ وَعَلَّمْتَنِي مِنْ تَأْوِيلِ الْأَحَادِيثِ ۚ
فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ۗ أَنْتَ وَلِيِّ الْدُنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ۚ
تَوْفِّقْنِي مُسْلِمًا وَالْحَقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٠٢﴾

(Yusuf 12:102)

'O my Lord, you have blessed me with a share of sovereignty and taught me the interpretation of things. O Maker of the heavens and the earth, You are my Protector in this world and the Hereafter. Let death come to me in a state of submission to Your will and join me to the righteous.people.'

39. Humble Prayer for Receiving Goodness

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas^{ra} relates that Hadhrat Moses^{as}. was so hungry, he became desperate even for a piece of a date. God not only provided food and shelter for him in a foreign land but also arranged a home and a wife for him.

رَبِّ إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ ﴿٢٥﴾

(Al Qasas 28:25)

O my Lord, a beggar I am of whatever good You bestow upon me.

40. Prayer for Sustenance and Peace

All the prayers that the Prophet Abraham^{as} recited when he was building the Ka'ba were accepted. These prayers were for Makkah to be a peaceful town, its inhabitants to receive sustenance and his progeny to be saved from idolatry and associating partners with God.

رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا بَلَدًا آمِنًا وَارْزُقْ أَهْلَهُ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ
مَنْ آمَنَ مِنْهُمْ يَاللَّهِ وَالْيَوْمِ الْآخِرِ ۗ

(Al Baqarah 2:127)

My Lord, make this a town of peace and provide with fruits such of its dwellers as believe in Allah and the Last Day.

41. Prayer for Spiritual and Worldly Advancement of Children

The prayer Hadhrat Abraham^{as} offered for the spiritual and worldly advancement of his progeny was:

رَبَّنَا إِنِّي أَسْكَنْتُ مِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي بُوَادِعَ غَيْرِ ذِي زَرْعٍ عِنْدَ بَيْتِكَ
الْمُحَرَّمِ رَبَّنَا لِيَتَّقِيُمُوا الصَّلَاةَ فَاجْعَلْ أَفْئِدَةً مِنَ النَّاسِ
تَهْوِي إِلَى إِلِهِمُ وَأَرْزُقْهُمْ مِنَ الثَّمَرَاتِ لَعَلَّهُمْ يَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٣٨﴾

(Ibrahim 14:38)

'Our Lord, I have settled some of my children in an uncultivable valley near Your Sacred House-our Lord-that they may observe Prayer. So make men's hearts incline towards them and provide them with fruits, that they may be thankful.

42. Another Verse

رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ أَمِنًا وَاجْنُبْنِي وَبَنِيَّ أَنْ نَعْبُدَ الْأَصْنَامَ

(Ibrahim 14:36)

'My Lord, make this city, a city of peace, and keep me and my children away from worshipping idols.

43. Prayer of the Apostles of Jesus Christ^{as}

Jesus^{as} prayed on the insistence of his apostles for sustenance from Heaven. God replied, 'Surely I will send it down to you, but whosoever of you disbelieves afterwards-I will surely punish them wherewith I will not punish any other of the peoples'.

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا أَنْزِلْ عَلَيْنَا مَائِدَةً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ تَكُونُ لَنَا عَيْدًا لِأَوَّلِنَا
وَآخِرِنَا وَآيَةً مِنْكَ ۚ وَأَرْزُقْنَا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّزُقِينَ ﴿١١٥﴾

(Al Maidah 5:115)

O Allah, our Lord, send down to us a table from heaven spread with food that it may be to us a festival, to the first of us and to the last of us, and a Sign from You; and provide sustenance for us, for You are the

Best of sustainers.

44. Prayer for Strength, Superiority, Increase of Sustenance and Deliverance from Debt

The Holy Prophet^{sa} advised Hadhrat Mu'adh^{ra} to recite these two verses for deliverance from debt. He said that if a believer in distress recites these verses, God would rid him of the burden of debt and misery. Moqatal^{ra} said that the Holy Prophet^{sa} was taught this prayer for victory over Persia and Rome.

(Tafseer Qurtabi, vol. 4, page 54)

اللَّهُمَّ مَلِكِ الْمَلِكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُعِزُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ ﴿١﴾ تُوَجِّعُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَتُوَجِّعُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ وَتُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَمِيتِ وَتُخْرِجُ الْمَمِيتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَتَرزُقُ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ ﴿٢﴾

(Al-'Imran 3: 27-28)

O Allah, Lord of sovereignty, You give sovereignty to whomsoever You please; and You take away sovereignty from whomsoever You please. You exalt whomsoever You please and You abase whomsoever You please. In Your hand is all good. You surely have the power to do all things. You make the night pass into the day and You make the day pass into the night. And You bring forth the living from the dead and the dead from the living. And You give to whomsoever You please without measure.

45. Prayer for Just Decision and Victory

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas^{ra} relates that Hadhrat Shuaib^{as} despaired of his people's non-belief. He prayed to God for arbitration. As a result of this prayer his people were completely destroyed by an earthquake.

(Tafseer Qurtabi, vol. 7, page 251)

وَسِعَ رَبُّنَا كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا عَلَى اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا رَبَّنَا افْتَحْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْفَاتِحِينَ ﴿١﴾

(Al-'A'raf 7:90)

Our Lord comprehends all things. In Allah have we put our trust. So, O Our Lord, decide You between us and between our people with truth, and You are the Best of those who decide.

46. Cry for Help on being Overwhelmed

When the denial of Noah^{as}'s people reached an extreme, they called him a liar and a madman. In vexation, Noah^{as} prayed to God.

أَنتِ مَعْلُوبٌ فَاتَّصِرُ ﴿١١﴾

(Al-Qamar 54:11)

I am overcome, so come, You to my help.

47. Prayer for Arbitration

Hadhrat Noah^{as} was distressed by his people. He prayed to God for a decisive sign. He prayed for his safety and the safety of his followers. God accepted his prayer and saved him and his followers in an Ark and destroyed the disbelievers.

رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي كَذَّبُونِ ﴿٣٥﴾ فَافْتَحْ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَهُمْ فَتْحًا

وَنَجِّنِي وَمَنْ مَعِيَ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿٣٦﴾

(Al-Shu'ara 26:118-119)

My Lord, my people have treated me as a liar. Therefore, judge You decisively between them and me and save me and the believers that are with me.

48. Prayer regarding Disbelievers and Atheists

Hadhrat Qatadah^{ra} relates that Hadhrat Noah^{as} ultimately prayed against his people when God revealed to him, 'None of your people will believe except those who have already believed'.

رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْ عَلَى الْأَرْضِ مِنَ الْكٰفِرِينَ دَيًّا رَّا ﴿٣٧﴾ إِنَّكَ إِنْ تَذَرَهُمْ

يُضِلُّوْا عِبَادَكَ وَلَا يَلِدُوْا اِلَّا فٰجِرًا كٰفِرًا ﴿٣٨﴾

(Nuh 71:27-28)

My Lord, leave not in the land a single one of the disbelievers as dwellers therein. For, if You do leave them, they will only lead astray Your servants and will not give birth but to a sinner and a disbeliever.

49. Prayer for Forgiveness for Parents, Believers and for One's Own Self

After praying for Divine decree against non-believers, Hadhrat Noah^{as} prayed for the believers.

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِيْ وَ لِوَالِدَيَّْ وَ لِمَنْ دَخَلَ بَيْتِيْ مُؤْمِنًا وَ لِلْمُؤْمِنِيْنَ
وَ الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ ۗ وَ لَا تَزِدِ الظَّالِمِيْنَ اِلَّا تَبَارًا ۝۲۹

(Nuh 71:29)

My Lord, forgive me and my parents, and him who enters my house as a believer, and the believing men and the believing women; and increase You not the wrongdoers but in perdition.

50. Prayer for the Guidance of Mankind

At the time of building the Ka'ba, the House of God, Hadhrat Abraham^{as} offered a grand prayer for the guidance of mankind. A prayer about which the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that he was the product of his father Abraham^{as}'s prayer.

(Tafseer Qurtabi, part 2, page 117)

رَبَّنَا وَابْعَثْ فِيْهِمْ رَسُوْلًا مِنْهُمْ يَتْلُوْا عَلَيْهِمْ اٰیٰتِكَ وَ يُعَلِّمُهُمُ
الْكِتٰبَ وَ الْحِكْمَةَ وَ يَزَكِّيْهِمْ ۗ اِنَّكَ اَنْتَ الْعَزِيْزُ الْحَكِيْمُ ۝۱۳۰

(Al Baqarah 2:130)

And, our Lord, raise up among them a Messenger from among themselves, who may recite to them Your signs and teach them the Book and Wisdom and may purify them; surely, You are the Mighty, the Wise.

51. Prayer for Victory over Enemies

God says about this prayer of Hadhrat Moses^{as} that he was informed of the acceptance of his supplication. He was advised to be steadfast and not follow the ignorant people.

رَبَّنَا اِنَّكَ اَتَيْتَ فِرْعَوْنَ وَ مَلَاةَ زَيْنَةَ وَاَمْوَالًا فِي الْحَيٰوةِ الدُّنْيَا
رَبَّنَا لِيُضْلُوْا عَنْ سَبِيْلِكَ ۗ رَبَّنَا اطْمِسْ عَلٰى اَمْوَالِهِمْ وَاَشْدُدْ عَلٰى
قُلُوْبِهِمْ فَلَا يُؤْمِنُوْا حَتّٰى يَرُوْا الْعَذَابَ الْاَلِيْمَ ۝۸۹

(Yunus 10: 89)

Our Lord, you have bestowed upon Pharaoh and his chiefs ornaments and wealth in this life. Our Lord, it results only in their leading people astray from Your path. Our Lord, obliterate their riches and be severe on their hearts, because it seems they would not believe until they see a grievous punishment.

52. Prayer for Victory over Mischief Makers

Hadhrat Lot^{as} advised his people to refrain from lewd actions. They replied that if he was a true prophet he should call down punishment on them. Hadhrat Lot^{as} prayed in these words:

رَبِّ انصُرْنِي عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

(Al-Ankabut 29:31)

Help me, my Lord, against the wicked people.

53. Prayer for Escaping the Evil Influences of Wicked People

In response to Hadhrat Lot^{as}'s advice, his people threatened him with expulsion from the country. He prayed and God accepted his prayer. God saved Hadhrat Lot^{as} and his family (except his wife) and his people were annihilated.

رَبِّ نَجِّنِي وَأَهْلِي مِمَّا يَعْمَلُونَ

(Al-Shu'ara 26:170)

My Lord, save me and my family from what they do.

54. Requesting Divine Signs against Disobedient People

Hadhrat Moses^{as} informed his followers of the victory over the Promised Land and asked them to enter it. They refused. On this, Moses^{as} prayed and as a result the land was denied to the followers of Moses^{as} for forty years.

رَبِّ إِنِّي لَأَمْلِكُ إِلَّا نَفْسِي وَأَخِي فَافْرِقْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ الْقَوْمِ الْفَاسِقِينَ

(Al-Maidah 5:26)

My Lord, I have power over none but myself and my brother; therefore, make You a distinction between us and the rebellious people.

55. Thanksgiving by Moses^{as} and a Prayer for the Release from Cruel People

Hadhrat Moses^{as} killed a person unintentionally. He prayed for forgiveness and God informed him of the acceptance of his prayer.

Hadhrat Moses^{as} was grateful and offered this prayer in response.

رَبِّ بِمَا أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ فَلَنْ أَكُونَ ظَهِيرًا لِّلْمُجْرِمِينَ ﴿١٧﴾

(Al-Qasas 28:18)

My Lord, because You have bestowed favour upon me, I will never be a helper of the guilty.

56. Prayer for Just Decisions

Hadhrat Qatadah^{ra} relates that whenever the Holy Prophet^{sa} faced a battle, he offered in particular this prayer:

(Tafseer Al Durrul Manthoor liS Sayuti vol 4 page 342)

رَبِّ احْكُم بِالْحَقِّ ۗ وَرَبُّنَا الرَّحْمَنُ الْمُسْتَعَانُ
عَلَىٰ مَا تَصِفُونَ ﴿١٣٢﴾

(Al-Anbiya 21:113)

My Lord, judge You with truth. Our Lord is the Gracious God, Whose help is to be sought against that which you assert.

57. Prayer for God's Mercy and Ease in Affairs

While mentioning As'hab-i-Kahf, God says that they were few young men who hid themselves in caves for safeguarding their belief in the unity of God. They prayed in these words:

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً وَهَيِّئْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا رَشَدًا ﴿١١﴾

(Al-Kahf 18:11)

Our Lord, bestow on us mercy from Yourself, and provide for us right guidance in our affair.

58. Prayer for Virtuous Children

Hadhrat Abraham^{as} prayed for virtuous children who could continue his mission. God gave him glad tidings of a forebearing son.

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١١٥﴾

(Al-Saffat 37:101)

My Lord, grant me a righteous son.

59. Prayer for Obedient and Worshipping Children

Hadhrat Abraham^{as} offered this prayer while re-building the Ka'ba with Hadhrat Ishmael^{as}.

رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمِينَ لَكَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِنَا أُمَّةً مُسْلِمَةً لَكَ
وَإِرْنَا مَتَابِعَنَا وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ ﴿٣١﴾

(Al-Baqarah 2:129)

Our Lord, make us submissive to You and make of our offspring a people submissive to You. And show us our ways of worship, and turn to us with mercy; for You are Oft-Returning with compassion and are Merciful.

60. Prayer for Steadfastness in Worship for Oneself, One's Children and Forgiveness for Parents and Believers

Hadhrrat Ibn Jareej^{RA} used to say that the followers of Hadhrrat Abraham^{AS} were always steadfast in worshipping God. Ullama Sha'bi^{RA} said that the prayer which Hadhrrat Noah^{AS} and Hadhrrat Abraham^{AS} offered for the forgiveness of believing men and believing women, gave him so much pleasure that even the wealth of the whole world would not have been equal to it.

رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةِ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي ۖ رَبَّنَا وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَاءِ ﴿١١﴾
رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ ﴿١٢﴾

(Tafseer Ad Durrul Manthoor Lis Sayuti, vol. 4, page 46)
(Ibrahim 14:41-42)

My Lord, make me observe prayer and my children too. Our Lord, accept my prayer. Our Lord, grant forgiveness to me and to my parents and to the believers on the day when the reckoning will take place.

61. Prayer for the Ability to Decide, Virtue, One's Good Repute and for Paradise

The Holy Prophet^{SA} said that if after performing ablution, a person offers this Abrahami prayer in the name of Allah, God bestows heavenly food and drink on him. His illness becomes an atonement of his sins. His life is the life of an obedient one and his death is that of the martyr, even though his sins are as numerous as the foam of the seas. The ability to decide and piety are bestowed on him. His good name lives in the world.

(Tafseer Ad Durrul Manthoor Lis Sayuti, vol. 4, page 89)

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي حُكْمًا وَالْحَقْنَِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ ﴿١٣﴾ وَاجْعَلْ لِي

لِسَانَ صِدْقٍ فِي الْآخِرِينَ ﴿٨٦﴾ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنْ وَرَثَةِ جَنَّةِ النَّعِيمِ ﴿٨٧﴾

(Al-Shu'ara 26:84-86)

My Lord, bestow wisdom on me and join me with the righteous; and give me a true reputation among posterity; and make me one of the inheritors of the Garden of Bliss.

62. Prayer for Extraordinary Strength and Sovereignty

Hadhrat Sulaiman^{as}'s prayer was accepted and big rebellious people became obedient to him. Hadhrat Salma bin Al Kawa^{ra} said that whenever the Holy Prophet^{sa} prayed, he mentioned God's attribute 'Wahab'. For example he would say, سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى الْوَهَّابِ. Holy is my Lord the 'Bestower.'

(Tafseer Ad Durrul Manthoor li Sayuti,

vol. 4 page 213)

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَهَبْ لِي مُلْكًا لَا يَنْبَغِي لِأَحَدٍ مِّنْ بَعْدِي ۗ
إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ ﴿٣٦﴾

(Sad 38: 36)

O my Lord, grant me forgiveness and bestow on me a kingdom which none unworthy of it may possess after me. Surely, You are so Generous.

63. Prayer of Thanks for Righteous Actions and Pious Children

It is mentioned in the traditions that the first person to offer this prayer was Hadhrat Abu Bakr^{ra}. His prayer was accepted and as a result his parents, brother and all his children accepted Islam.

(Al-Ahqaf 46:16)

رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ
وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي فِي ذُرِّيَّتِي ۗ إِنِّي تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ
وَإِنِّي مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ ﴿١٧﴾

My Lord, grant me power that I may be grateful for Your favour which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents, and that I may do such good works as may please You. And make my seed righteous for me. I do turn to You; and truly, I am of those who

submit to You.

64. Prayer of Thanks and for Piety

When the army of Hadhrat Sulaiman^{as} passed by the valley of Namla, its inhabitants were afraid and hid themselves in their houses. On seeing this Hadhrat Sulaiman^{as} prayed spontaneously.

رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ
وَعَلَى وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَذِلِّلْنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ
فِي عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ ﴿٢٠﴾

(Al-Naml 27:20)

My Lord, enable me to be grateful for Your favour which You have bestowed upon me and upon my parents, and to do such good works as would please You, and admit me, by Your mercy, among Your righteous servants.

65. Prayer for Chaste Progeny

On seeing out of season fruits near Hadhrat Maryam^{as}, Hadhrat Zacharia^{as} her guardian asked her where they had come from? She answered spontaneously, 'It is from Allah'. On hearing this Hadhrat Zacharia^{as} prayed fervently and the glad tidings of its acceptance were given to him while he was still praying. Hadhrat Yahya^{as} was granted to him.

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ ذُرِّيَّةً طَيِّبَةً إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ ﴿٣٩﴾

(Al-Imran 3:39)

My Lord, grant me from Yourself pure offspring; surely You are the Hearer of prayer.

66. Prayer for Children in Old Age

The beautiful style that Hadhrat Zacharia^{as} adopted for this prayer was bound to be accepted.

رَبِّ إِنِّي وَهَنَ الْعَظْمُ مِنِّي وَاشْتَعَلَ الرَّأْسُ شَيْبًا وَلَمْ أَكُنْ بِدُعَائِكَ
رَبِّ شَقِيًّا ﴿٦٠﴾ وَإِنِّي خِفْتُ الْمَوَالِيَ مِنْ وَرَائِي وَكَانَتِ امْرَأَتِي

عَاقِرًا فَهَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ وَلِيًّا ۖ يَرِثُنِي وَيَرِثُ مِنْ آلِ يَعْقُوبَ ۗ

وَاجْعَلْهُ رَبِّ رَضِيًّا ۝

(Maryam 19:5-7)

My Lord, the bones have indeed waxed feeble in me, and the head glistens with hoariness, but never, my Lord, have I been unblessed in my prayer to You. And I fear my relations after me, and my wife is barren. Grant me, therefore, a successor from Yourself, that he may be heir to me and to the House of Jacob. And make him, my Lord, well-pleasing to You.

67. Prayer for Riddance of Loneliness and for Children to be Good Heirs

God says that when Hadhrat Zacharia^{as} prayed, We accepted his prayers. His wife recovered and Yahya was bestowed upon him.

رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي فَرْدًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْوَارِثِينَ ۝

(Al-Anbiya 21: 90)

My Lord, leave me not childless, and You are the best of Inheritors.

68. Prayer for a Righteous Wife, for Children and Setting a Good Example for them

Whilst mentioning the characteristics of the servants of God, the Holy Prophet^{sa} told us that they used to say the following prayers:

وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا قُرَّةَ أَعْيُنٍ

وَاجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ۝

(Al-Furqan 25:75)

And those who say, ' Our Lord, grant us of our spouses and children the delight of our eyes and make each of us a leader of the righteous.'

69. Prayer for Remembering Parent's Kindness and a Prayer of Mercy for them

The Holy Prophet^{sa} was taught this prayer for his parents and the parents of his followers. Huzur used to say that the son could never

repay his parents' favours unless he frees his enslaved father.

(Tafseer Qurtabi, vol. 1, page 244)

رَبِّ اَرْحَمُهُمَا كَمَا رَبَّيْتَنِي صَغِيرًا ۝

(Bani Israel 17:25)

My Lord, have mercy on them even as they nourished me in my childhood.

70. Prayer on Boarding a Boat

At the time of the Flood, Hadhrat Noah^{as} prayed according to God's instructions and his Ark anchored at Mount Judi. The Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say that this prayer would safeguard his followers' boat from sinking.

(Tafseer Qurtabi vol 9 page 37)

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ مَجْرِبَهَا وَ مَرْسَهَا ۝ اِنَّ رَبِّيْ لَغَفُوْرٌ رَّحِيْمٌ ۝

(Hud: 11:42)

In the name of Allah be its course and its mooring. My Lord is assuredly Most Forgiving, Merciful.

71. Another Prayer on Boarding a Boat

God instructed Hadhrat Noah^{as} to say *الحمد لله الذي نجتنا من القوم الضالين* first, meaning, 'all praise belongs to Allah, who saved us from the cruel people.' Then this prayer which Hadhrat Ali^{ra} used to say upon entering a mosque should be recited.

(Tafseer Qurtabi, vol. 12, page 120)

(Al-Mu'minun 23:30)

رَبِّ اَنْزِلْنِيْ مُنْزَلًا مُّبْرَكًا وَاَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْمُنْزِلِيْنَ ۝

My Lord, cause me to land a blessed landing, for You are the Best of those who bring men to land.

72. Prayer of Riding a Mount

The Holy Prophet^{sa} used to offer this prayer on riding a mount:

(Musnad Abu Dawud Al Ti'yasi)

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرْنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ ۝

وَإِنَّا إِلَى رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ ۝

(Al-Zukhruf 43:14-15)

Holy is He Who has subjected this to us, and we, by ourselves, were unable to harness it. And to our Lord surely shall we return.

73. Believing in God's Absolute Power and Belief in His Promises

The Holy Prophet^{sa} is reported to have said that a lost or missing thing can be found by reciting these verses of the Holy Qur'an:

(Ad Durul Manthoor lis Sayuti, vol. 2, page 9)

رَبَّنَا إِنَّكَ جَامِعُ النَّاسِ لِيَوْمٍ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهِ.
إِنَّ اللَّهَ لَا يُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ ﴿١٠﴾

(Al 'Imran 3:10)

Our Lord, You will certainly assemble mankind together on the Day about which there is no doubt; surely, Allah breaks not His promise.

74. Prayer for a Good Beginning and End and Special Victory

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas^{ra} relates that these verses were revealed near the time of migration (Bukhari and Muslim). For a good beginning and end this prayer is tried and tested.

وَقُلْ رَبِّ أَدْخِلْنِيْ مُدْخَلَ صِدْقٍ وَأَخْرِجْنِيْ مُخْرَجَ صِدْقٍ
وَاجْعَلْ لِّيْ مِنْ لَّدُنْكَ سُلْطٰنًا نَّصِيْرًا ﴿٨١﴾

(Bani Isra'il 17:81)

O my Lord, make my entry a good entry and then make me come forth with a good forthcoming. And grant me from Yourself a helping power.

75. Prayer for Appreciation of Deeds

The Holy Prophet^{sa} said that whosoever will recite this prayer after salat or on leaving a meeting, God will weigh his actions with good measure and grant extra favours.

(Tafseer Ad Durul Manthoor lis Sayuti, vol. 4, page 295)

سُبْحٰنَ رَبِّكَ رَبِّ الْعِزَّةِ عَمَّا يَصْفُوْنَ ﴿٨١﴾ وَسَلٰمٌ عَلٰى الْمُرْسَلِيْنَ ﴿٨٢﴾
وَالْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ رَبِّ الْعٰلَمِيْنَ ﴿٨٣﴾

(Al-Saffat 37:181-183)

Holy is your Lord, the Lord of Honour and Power, far above that which they assert. And peace be upon the Messengers. And all praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

76. Prayer of Peace for Godly People

The Holy Prophet^{sa} was taught this prayer of peace for the holy people:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِهِ الَّذِينَ اصْطَفَىٰ ط

(Al-Naml 27:60)

All praise belongs to Allah, and peace be upon those servants of His whom He has chosen.

77. Prayer of Inclination towards God and Declaration of Total Belief

When Hadhrat Moses^{as} could not bear the manifestation of God he became unconscious. On recovering he offered this supplication.

سُبْحَانَكَ تُبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ ﴿١١٤﴾

(Al-A'raf 7:144)

Holy are You, I turn towards You, and I am the first to believe.

78. Prayer for God's Protection

When Hadhrat Abraham^{as} was thrown into the fire, he offered this prayer:

حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ ﴿١٦٦﴾

(Al-Imran 3:174)

Sufficient for us is Allah, and an excellent Guardian is He.

79. Prayer for God's Arbitration

Saeed bin Hasna^{ra} relates that he knew of a verse, which when recited, a supplicant would receive whatever he begged. The Holy Prophet^{sa} used to begin his Tahajjud with it and added words of, "Allah the Lord of Gabriel, Michael and Israfeel."

اللَّهُمَّ فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ عِلْمَ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ

أَنْتَ تَحْكُمُ بَيْنَ عِبَادِكَ فِي مَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ ﴿١٧٠﴾

(Al-Zumar 39:47)

O Allah! Originator of the heavens and the earth;
 Knower of the unseen and the seen; You alone will
 judge between Your servants concerning that in which
 they differed.

80. On the Rejection by People, and a Prayer for Victory

God delivered Hadhrat Noah^{as}'s Ark from the Flood.

رَبِّ أَنْصُرْنِي بِمَا كَذَّبُونِ ﴿٢٧﴾

(Al-Muminun 23: 27)

O my Lord, help me, for they have treated me as a liar.

81. Declaration of Belief in God's Promises upon Hearing His Verses

The learned believers prostrated themselves on hearing the
 revealed verses.

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّنَا إِنْ كَانَ وَعْدُ رَبِّنَا لَمَفْعُولًا ﴿١٧﴾

(Bani-Isra'il 17:109)

Holy is our Lord. Surely, the promise of our Lord is
 bound to be fulfilled.

82. Prayer Recited at Dawn and Dusk for Recompense of Failings

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas^{RA} relates that the Holy Prophet^{SA} said:
 "if a person recites these verses at dawn he would recompensate
 his day's failings in advance and if he recites them at dusk, his sins
 during the night will be atoned".

(Abu Dawud)

فَسُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ حِينَ تُمْسُونَ وَحِينَ تُصْبِحُونَ ﴿١٧﴾ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ
 فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَعَشِيًّا وَحِينَ تُظْهِرُونَ ﴿١٨﴾ يُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ
 مِنَ الْمَمِيتِ وَيُخْرِجُ الْمَمِيتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ وَيَعِی الْأَرْضَ بَعْدَ مَوْتِهَا
 وَكَذَلِكَ تُخْرَجُونَ ﴿١٩﴾

(Al-Rum 30:18-20)

So glorify Allah when you enter the evening and when
 you enter the morning- And to Him belongs all praise
 in the heavens and the earth - and glorify Him in the

afternoon and when you enter upon the time of the decline of the sun. He brings forth the living from the dead and He brings forth the dead from the living; and He gives life to the earth after its death. And in like manner shall you be brought forth.

83. Prayer at Times of Adversity

When the believers who are patient face a calamity or receive a shock they pray in the following manner. God bestows His blessings and mercy on them. These are the rightly guided people.

(Ibn Maja)

Hadhrat Husain bin Ali^{RA} relates that if a believer recites "Inna Lillahhi" God grants him reward equal to his adversity.

Lost things are found by the blessings of this prayer.

إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَإِنَّا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ ﴿١٥٧﴾

(Al-Baqarah 2:157)

Surely, to Allah we belong and to Him shall we return.

84. Prayer for Dedicating Children and Making Vows

Hadhrat Maryam^{AS}'s mother offered this prayer before giving birth to her child. This prayer was accepted and she was granted a daughter like Hadhrat Maryam^{AS}.

رَبِّ إِنِّي نَذَرْتُ لَكَ مَا فِي بَطْنِي مُحَرَّرًا فَتَقَبَّلْ مِنِّي
إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ ﴿٣٦﴾

(Al 'Imran 3:36)

My Lord, I vowed to You what is in my womb to be dedicated to Your service. So do accept it of me, verily, You alone are All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

85. Prayer of God's Holy Servants in the Face of Ridicule by Non-believers

On the Day of Judgement, when the non-believers and those who reject God's words will confess to their sins, God will tell them to go away and not talk to Him. 'You are the ones who ridiculed my servants who prayed and I have rewarded them in ample measure'.

رَبَّنَا أَمَّا فَاغْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّاحِمِينَ ﴿١١٠﴾

(Al-Muminun 23:110)

Our Lord, we believe; forgive us therefore our sins, and have mercy on us; for You are the Best of those who show mercy.

86. Prayers for Deliverance from Grief and Sorrow

Hadhrat Abu Darda^{RA} relates that whosoever repeats this prayer seven times at dawn and dusk, God will deliver him from grief and sorrows of this world and the world hereafter.

حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ
وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ ﴿١٢٩﴾

(Al-Tauba 9:129)

Allah is sufficient for me. There is no God but He. In Him do I put my trust, and He is the Lord of the mighty Throne.

87. Prayers for Seeking Allah's Shelter and Safety from every type of Evil

Hadhrat Abdullah^{RA} relates that the Holy Prophet^{SA} said, 'Repeat the last three surahs of the Holy Qur'an. There is nothing like these for bestowal of refuge.'

(Nasai)

Hadhrat Ayesha^{RA} relates that whenever the Holy Prophet^{SA} fell ill, he would recite the last two surahs of the Holy Qur'an and blow on himself. When his last illness became severe, she recited these last three surahs, blew on my hands and rubbed on his body.

(Bukhari and Muslim)

88. Surah Ikhlas

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ ﴿١﴾
قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ ﴿٢﴾ اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ ﴿٣﴾ لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ ﴿٤﴾
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ ﴿٥﴾

(Al-Ikhlās112: 1-5)

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful. Say, 'He is Allah, the One; Allah, the Independent and Besought of all. He begets not, nor is He begotten; and there is none like unto Him'.

89. Surah Al-Falaq

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful. Say,

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ ۝
 قُلْ اَعُوْذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ ۝ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ ۝ وَمِنْ شَرِّ
 غَاسِقٍ اِذَا وَقَبَ ۝ وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفّٰثٰتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ ۝
 وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ اِذَا حَسَدَ ۝

'I seek refuge in the Lord of cleaving, from the evil of that which He has created, and from the evil of the night when it overspreads, and from the evil of those who blow into knots to undo them, and from the evil of the envier when he envies'.

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ ۝
 قُلْ اَعُوْذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ ۝ مَلِكِ النَّاسِ ۝ اِلٰهِ النَّاسِ ۝
 مِنْ شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَفٰیصِ ۝ الَّذِیْ یُوسِّسُ فِیْ صُدُوْرِ النَّاسِ ۝
 مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ ۝

90. Surah Al-Nas

In the name of Allah, the Gracious, the Merciful. Say, 'I seek refuge in the Lord of mankind, the King of mankind, the God of mankind, from the evil of the sneaking whisperer, who whispers into the hearts of men, from among the Jinn and mankind.

رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا ۙ اِنَّكَ اَنْتَ السَّمِیْعُ الْعَلِیْمُ ۝

91. A Beautiful Prayer for Acceptance of Prayers

At the time of building the Ka'ba Hadhrat Abraham^{as} finished his prayers with this supplication.

(Al-Baqarah 2:128)

Our Lord, accept this from us; for You are All-Hearing, All-Knowing.

PART II

A: ROUTINE PRAYERS OF THE HOLY PROPHET^{SA}

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Preface

There is a great need for a comprehensive and authentic collection of the Holy Prophet^{sa}'s prayers. This collection of our Holy Prophet^{sa}'s prayers includes both the background information as well as references to their authenticity. Insha Allah this collection will fulfil this need.

Every facet of the pure life of our Holy Prophet^{sa} reflects variety and originality therefore he often offered several prayers for a single task or purpose. The object of this variety is to improve concentration and understanding so that the blind repetition of a few memorised prayers should not become a customary practice.

In this collection of two hundred prayers, the first part contains a range of traditional prayers and the second is a collection of prayers, which the Holy Prophet^{sa} offered with utmost sincerity and the deepest feelings of his heart. The choice of words, depth of feelings and the immensity of meanings are a proof of the sublime status of this unlettered prophet. These supplications reveal his total humility, faith and complete trust in God. They also reflect the purity of his heart, which was full of love for his Master.

The additions that this great benefactor of Mankind made to the prayers of the earlier prophets, is such a great favour that our gratitude can only be expressed by saying Durud and calling blessings of Allah on him.

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

May Allah bestow upon us, with the help of these prayers, the true love of our Holy Prophet^{sa} and reward us with the acceptance of these prayers. Ameen

I humbly request the prayers of my friends and respected people for this offering of a gift of collection of prayers.

Wassalam

Hafiz Muzafer Ahmad

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The gift of collection of prayers of the Holy Prophet^{sa} is being presented to the readers at the beginning of the 21st century. This new edition includes forty additional prayers, in an improved format and with more detailed references.

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"If this offer is accepted, it will be an honour for me"

Hafiz Muzaffer Ahmad
November 13th 2000

Prayer for Blessings in Intentions and Actions

Hadhrat Abu-bakr Siddique relates that whenever the Holy Prophet^{sa} intended to do something he used to pray:

اللَّهُمَّ جِرْلِي وَأَخْتَرِي .

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, bestow means of goodness on me and choose better for me.

Prayer for Attaining Love of God

Abdullah bin Yazid-al-Ansari relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} offered this prayer for attaining love of God along with his other prayers:

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي حُبَّكَ وَحُبَّ مَنْ يَنْفَعُنِي حُبَّهُ عِنْدَكَ اللَّهُمَّ مَا رَزَقْتَنِي بِمَا أَحِبُّ فَأَجْعَلْهُ قُوَّةً لِي فِيَمَا تُحِبُّ، وَمَا رَوَيْتَ عَنِّي بِمَا أَحِبُّ فَأَجْعَلْهُ فَرَاغًا لِي فِيَمَا تُحِبُّ-

(Tirmidhi Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, bestow upon me Your love and the love of the one whose love would benefit me. Oh Allah! grant me the things I love and make them a means of attaining Your favourite things. Help me to withdraw from the things that I am attached to and rather, guide me towards those things that You love.

Hadhrat Dawud^{sa}'s Prayer

Hadhrat Abu Darda relates the Prophet Dawud^{sa} worshipped God more than any one else. He used to recite this prayer for attaining the love of God:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ حُبَّكَ وَحُبَّ مَنْ يُحِبُّكَ وَالْعَمَلَ الَّذِي يُبَلِّغُنِي حُبَّكَ ، اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ حُبَّكَ أَحَبَّ إِلَيَّ مِنْ نَفْسِي وَمَالِي وَأَهْلِي وَمِنَ الْمَاءِ الْبَارِدِ-

(Tirmidhi Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, I beg You for Your love and the love of one who loves You. I beg You for the ability to do such good actions, which make me achieve Your love. O

Allah pour such love into my heart, which is stronger than my love for myself, my wealth, my family and cold water.

Prayer for going to the Lavatory

Hadhrat Anas relates that when the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to go the lavatory, he recited this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْخُبْثِ وَالْخَبَائِثِ -

(Bukhari Kitabud Da'awat)

O Lord I seek refuge in You from all filthy things, lewd actions and discourses.

Prayer on coming out of the Lavatory

Hadhrat Ayesha relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer when coming out of the lavatory:

غُفْرَانَكَ

(Tirmidhi Kitabud Da'awat)

I seek Your forgiveness.

Hadhrat Abu Dhar Ghafari relates that when the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to come out of the lavatory, he recited these words of prayer:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَذْهَبَ عَنِّي الْإِذْيَ وَعَافَانِي

(Ibn Maja Kitabud Taharat)

All praise belongs to Allah, who delivered me from this burden and bestowed health upon me.

Prayer for Ablution

Hadhrat Umar Ibn Al-Khattab relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite these words after performing ablution. He said that the doors of the heaven are opened for one who recites these words:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ
وَرَسُولُهُ - اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ التَّوَّابِينَ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ الْمُتَطَهِّرِينَ -

(Tirmidhi Kitabud Da'awat)

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partners. And I bear witness that Muhammad^{sa} is His servant and His

messenger. Oh Allah! make me one of those who repent and keep themselves pure and clean.

Prayer at the Time of Adhan

Hadhrt Abu Saeed Khudri relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said whenever one hears Adhan, he should repeat the words of the 'muazzin'. Hadhrt Umar relates that whoever repeats the words of Adhan with sincerity of heart and at the words *حَيُّ عَلَى الصَّلَاةِ حَيُّ عَلَى الْفَلَاحِ* says *لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ* meaning: no one has the power or authority except Allah. Allah will bestow paradise upon him.

(Bukhari Kitabus Salat)

Prayer after Adhan

Hadhrt Jaber bin Abdullah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that whoever listens to Adhan and prays in this way will deserve my intercession on the day of judgement.

(Bukhari Kitabal Adhan)

اللَّهُمَّ رَبِّ هَذِهِ الدَّعْوَةَ التَّامَّةَ وَالصَّلَاةَ الْقَائِمَةَ ابْتِغَاءً لِمُحَمَّدٍ الْوَسِيلَةَ
وَالْفَضِيلَةَ وَأَبِيعْتَهُ مَقَامًا مَحْمُودًا الَّذِي وَعَدْتَهُ، إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ.

O Lord of this perfect prayer and salat, which is about to be observed, make Muhammad^{sa} an intermediary. Grant him excellence and a lofty station. Establish him on "Maqam-e-Mahmood" (a praiseworthy status), which You have promised. You never break Your Promise

Prayer when Leaving the House for Namaz

Hadhrt Abu Saeed Khudri relates I heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} say if a person recites this prayer when leaving his house for namaz, God appoints seventy thousand angels to seek forgiveness for him and favours him with His special attention during namaz.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّ السَّائِلِينَ عَلَيْكَ وَبِحَقِّ مُمْسِكِي هَذَا فَإِنِّي
لَمْ أَخْرُجْ أَشْرًا وَلَا بَطْرًا وَلَا رِيَاءً وَلَا سُمْعَةً خَرَجْتُ هَرْبًا وَفِرَارًا مِنْ
ذُنُوبِي إِلَيْكَ خَرَجْتُ إِتْقَانًا سَخِطَكَ، وَإِيتِعَاءً مَرْضَاتِكَ فَاسْأَلُكَ أَنْ
تُعِيدَنِي مِنَ النَّارِ وَأَنْ تَغْفِرَ لِي ذُنُوبِي

(Ibn Maja Kitabal Masajid)

Oh Allah! I beseech you with the rights of those who beg from You and with my right of leaving for namaz on foot. You know that pride, vanity, false pretence or desire for fame has not forced to me come out. Fleeing from my sins I have come running to You. I have come out to escape Your displeasure and for seeking Your pleasure. I beg You to save me from punishment of the Fire and forgive my sins.

Prayer for Going to the Mosque.

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Amr bin A'as relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer on entering the mosque. The traditions describe that if this prayer is recited, Satan says, "this person is safe from me

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ وَبِوَجْهِهِ الْكَرِيمِ وَسُلْطَانِهِ الْقَدِيمِ مِنَ
الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

for today":

(Abu Dawud Kitabus Salat)

I seek refuge in Allah, the Greatest, from the rejected Satan. I seek refuge in His Exalted Countenance and in His Eternal Sovereignty.

Prayer on Entering the Mosque

Fatima, daughter of the Holy Prophet^{sa} relates that he used to say

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي
ذُنُوبِي وَافْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ

this prayer on entering the mosque:

(Ibn Maja Kitabul Masajid, Tirmidhi Kitabus Salat)

I enter in the name of Allah. Peace and blessings be upon His messenger. O my Lord forgive my sins and open the doors of Mercy for me.

On leaving the mosque he used to say:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ أَللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي
ذُنُوبِي وَافْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ فَضْلِكَ

(Ibn Maja Kitabul Masajid, Tirmidhi Kitabus Salat)

In the name of Allah. Peace and blessings of Allah be upon His messenger. O my Lord forgive my sins and open the doors of prosperity for me.

Prayers for Starting Salat

Hadhrat Ali relates when the Holy Prophet^{sa} started salat he used to say these words after Takbir.

وَجَّهْتُ وَجْهِيَ لِلدَّيِّ فَطَرَ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ حَنِيفًا
وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ، إِنَّ صَلَاتِي وَنُسُكِي وَمَحْيَايَ
وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أُمِرْتُ
وَأَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ- اَللّهُمَّ اَنْتَ الْمَلِكُ لَا اِلَهَ اِلَّا اَنْتَ
، اَنْتَ رَبِّي وَاَنَا عَبْدُكَ- ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي وَاَعْتَرَفْتُ
بِدُنْيِي فَاغْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي جَمِيعًا اِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ اِلَّا
اَنْتَ وَاَهْدِنِي لِاَحْسَنِ الْاَخْلَاقِ لَا يَهْدِي لِاَحْسَنِهَا
اِلَّا اَنْتَ وَاَصْرِفْ عَنِّي سَيِّئَهَا لَا يَصْرِفُ عَنِّي سَيِّئَهَا اِلَّا
اَنْتَ لَبِيكَ وَسَعْدِيكَ وَالْخَيْرُ كُلُّهُ فِي يَدَيْكَ وَالشَّرُّ
لَيْسَ اِلَيْكَ اَنَا بِكَ وَاِلَيْكَ تَبَارَكْتَ وَتَعَالَيْتَ
اَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَاَتُوبُ اِلَيْكَ

(Muslim Kitabus Salat)

Believing in one God, I have turned my attention towards the Being who has created the Heavens and the Earth. I am not one of those who associate partners with Him. Without doubt my salat, my worship, my life and my death are for Allah, the Lord of the Universe. He has no partner. I am instructed to do this and I am among the Muslims.

O Allah, You are the Sovereign. There is none worthy of worship except You. You are my Lord and I am Your servant. I have wronged my soul and I confess my sins. Pray forgive all my sins, as there is no one else who can forgive. O Allah, guide me to high morals.

There is none besides You who can lead me to good morals, and safeguard me from corrupt morals as there is no one who can safeguard me from bad morals except You.

I am here and it is my good fortune. All goodness is in Your control and evil cannot be attributed to You. I am with You and incline towards You. You are the Blessed and the Exalted One. I seek forgiveness from You and incline towards You.

Hadhrat Abu Saeed Khudri relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this before surah Al-Fatiha:

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ وَتَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ وَتَعَالَى جَدُّكَ وَلَا

إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ

(Tirmidhi, Kitaas Salat)

Holy are You O Allah with Your attributes. Blessed is Your name. Exalted is Your Majesty. There is none worthy of worship except You.

Abu Hurairah asked the Holy Prophet^{sa} "why you stay silent between Takbir and the recitation of surah Al-Fatiha. What do you recite in the middle"? In reply the Holy Prophet^{sa} told him of this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ بَاعِدْ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ خَطَايَايَ ، كَمَا بَاعَدْتَ بَيْنَ الْمَشْرِقِ
وَالْمَغْرِبِ ، اللَّهُمَّ تَقْنِي مِنَ الْخَطَايَا كَمَا يُتَقَّى الثُّوبُ الْاَبْيَضُ
مِنَ الدَّنَسِ ، اللَّهُمَّ اغْسِلْ خَطَايَايَ بِالْمَاءِ وَالثَّلْجِ وَالْبَرَدِ

(Bukhari, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah! place the same distance between my sins and me as you have created between East and West. O Allah! purify me of my sins as a dirty cloth is washed of soil. O Allah! wash away my sins with water, snow and hail.

Prayers of Ruku

Hadhrat Huzaifa relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say:

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْعَظِيمِ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabus Salat)

Holy is my Lord, the Most High.

Hadhrat Ayesha relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this in ruku and sajdah:

سُبُّوحٌ قُدُّوسٌ رَبُّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ

(Muslim Kitabus Salat)

Worthy of Glory. Ultimately Pure. Lord of angels and souls.

Hadhrat Ayesha relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite in ruku and sajdah:

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا وَبِحَمْدِكَ اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي

(Bukhari, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah, our Lord, Holy are You with Your attributes. O Allah, forgive me.

Hadhrat Auf bin Maalik heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} say this in ruku:

سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْجَبْرُوتِ وَالْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالْكِبْرِيَاءِ وَالْعَظَمَةِ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

Holy is the Being who is, All Powerful, The Sovereign, the Greatest and the Magnificent

Hadhrat Ali and Jaber bin Abdullah relate the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer during ruku.

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ رَكَعْتُ، وَبِكَ أَمَنْتُ، وَلَكَ أَسَلْتُ

وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ، أَنْتَ رَبِّي، خَشَعَ سَمْعِي وَبَصَرِي

وَلَحْمِي وَدَمِي وَعَظْمِي وَمُخِّي وَعَصْبِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ

الْعَالَمِينَ

(Nasai, Kitabul Ifitah)

O Allah! I have bowed for Your sake and have believed in You. I am obedient to You and trust in You. You are my Sustainer. My ears, eyes, flesh, blood, bones, nerves and my mind are bowing in submission to the One who sustains all the Universe.

Prayers during Qiyam after Ruku

Hadhrat Abu Saeed Khudri narrats when the Holy Prophet^{sa} raised himself from ruku he used to say the following prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا لَكَ الْحَمْدُ، بِلَاءِ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَبِلَاءِ
الْأَرْضِ، وَبِلَاءِ مَا شِئْتَ مِنْ شَيْءٍ بَعْدَ، أَهْلِ الثَّنَاءِ
وَالْمَجْدِ أَحَقُّ مَا قَالَ الْعَبْدُ وَكُلُّنَا لَكَ عَبْدٌ، اللَّهُمَّ لَا
مَانِعَ لِمَا أَعْطَيْتَ، وَلَا مُعْطِيَ لِمَا مَنَعْتَ، وَلَا يَنْفَعُ
ذَا الْجَدِّ مِنْكَ الْجَدُّ

(Muslim, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah! our Sustainer, all praise belongs to You. Such praise that fills Heavens and Earth and fills everything else that is willed by You. O High and Praiseworthy! You are entitled to all the praise that Your servants can offer. We are all obedient to You. O Lord! Whatever You bestow there is none who can prevent it and whatever You withhold, there is no one who can bestow. In comparison to You, no great person's greatness can benefit him at all.

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates when the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to stand up after ruku to say: سَمِعَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ حَمِدَهُ meaning : Allah hears him who praises Him. Then he offered this prayer: اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ (Bukhari, Kitabus Salat) meaning, our Lord all praise belongs to You.

Hadhrat Rufaah bin Rafay Zerqi relates one day we offered our salat with the Holy Prophet^{sa}. When he raised his head from ruku and said: سَمِعَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ حَمِدَهُ meaning, Allah hears him who praises Him. One person said, رَبَّنَا وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا مُتَارِكًا فِيهِ (Bukhari, Kitabus Salat) meaning, O Lord all kinds of praise is for You. Such immense praise which is pure and contains great blessings. After salat the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that he saw more than thirty angels rushing to record it first.

Prayers during Prostration

Hadhrat Huzaifa relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say: سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى meaning, Holy is my Lord, Most High.

(Tirmidhi, Kitabus Salat)

Hadhrat Ayesha relates that one night when it was her turn for the Holy Prophet's^{sa} stay, she found him missing from the bed. She became worried and started to search for him in the dark. she found him in prostration reciting the following prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي مَا أَسْرَرْتُ وَمَا أَعْلَنْتُ

(Nasai, Kitabul Iftitah)

O Allah! forgive all my sins, both the hidden and the manifest.

Hadhrat abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer in his prostrations:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذَنْبِي كُلَّهُ، دِقَّةَ وَجَلِّهِ، وَأَوَّلَهُ وَالْآخِرَةَ

وَعَلَانِيَتَهُ وَسِرَّهُ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah! forgive all my sins, major and minor, earlier and later and hidden and manifest.

Hadhrat Muhammad bin Mo'salma relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to offer this prayer while prostrating in Salat-e-Tahajjud:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ سَجَدْتُ، وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ، وَلَكَ أَسَلْتُ اللَّهُمَّ

أَنْتَ رَبِّي، سَجَدَ وَجْهِي لِلَّذِي خَلَقَهُ وَصَوَّرَهُ وَشَقَّ

سَمْعَهُ وَبَصَرَهُ تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ

(Muslim, Kitabus Salat ul Musaffirin)

O Allah! I prostrate for You. I have faith in You and submit to You. O my Lord! You are my Sustainer. My face is bowing before its Creator, who brought it into existence, gave it countenance and gave it eyes and ears. Beneficent is the Being who is the Best Creator.

Hadhrat Ayesha relates one night I found the Holy Prophet^{sa} missing and searching for him I went to the mosque. He was prostrate with his feet digging into the floor and he was praying:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِرِضَاكَ مِنْ سُخْطِكَ، وَبِمُعَافَاتِكَ مِنْ

عُقُوبَتِكَ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْكَ، لَا أَحْصِي ثَنَاءً عَلَيْكَ أَنْتَ
كَمَا أَثْنَيْتَ عَلَيَّ نَفْسِكَ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah, I seek refuge in Your pleasure from Your displeasure, I seek shelter in Your forgiveness from Your punishment. I supplicate for Your protection. I cannot enumerate Your attributes. You are exactly like how You have defined Yourself.

Prayer between Prostrations

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer between two prostrations:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَارْحَمْنِي وَاهْدِنِي وَعَافِنِي وَاجْبُرْنِي
وَارزُقْنِي وَارزُقْنِي

(Ibn Maja, Aqamatus Salat. Mustadrik Hakim, Beirut, vol 1, page 262-271)

O Allah, forgive me, have mercy on me, guide me, keep me safe, reform me, give me sustenance and bestow dignity upon me.

Prayers after Tashahhud

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Masood relates we used to offer salat with the Holy Prophet^{sa} and used to say, "Peace be upon Allah." Huzur^{sa} said, "God is Peace Himself, meaning that He is source of all peace. When in Qa'dah you should say this":

التَّحِيَّاتُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَوَاتُ وَالطَّيِّبَاتُ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا
النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَى عِبَادِ اللَّهِ
الصَّالِحِينَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا
عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ-

(Bukhari, Kitabus Salat)

All homage belongs to Allah, all worship and pure attributes are His alone. Peace be upon You O prophet of God and mercy of Allah and His blessings.

Peace be upon us and the pious servants of Allah. I bear witness that there is no god except Allah and I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and His Messenger.

Durud Sharif

Hadhrat Abdur Rehman bin Abi Laila met Hadhrat Ka'ab bin Ujrah who said, "May I give you a gift?" In response to his request, he told him this tradition of the Holy Prophet^{sa} that we know the manner of offering peace upon the Prophet of God in the words: *السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ* peace be on you O the messenger of God and God's Mercy and Blessings. What is the manner of offering Durud upon him according to the Quranic injunction of *صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا* (Al Ahzab: 57). He instructed me to say Durud in these words

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ
عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ، اللَّهُمَّ
بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى
إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ۔

(Bukhari, Kitabul Anbiya)

Bless, O Allah, Muhammad and his people as You blessed Abraham and his people. You are indeed the Praiseworthy, the Exalted.

Prosper, O Allah, Muhammad and his people as You prospered Abraham and his people. You are indeed the Praiseworthy, the Exalted.

Prayer for the Best in this World and Hereafter

Hadhrat Anas, an attendant of the Holy Prophet^{sa} was asked about the most repeated prayer of his master. He narrated this prayer which is recited after Tashahhud.

اللَّهُمَّ اتِّبَانِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً، وَقِنَا
عَذَابَ النَّارِ

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, grant us the best of this world as well as the best of the life Hereafter and shield us from the torment of the Fire.

Prayer for Safety from Punishment of the Grave and other Trials

As per narration of Hadhrat Ayesha, during salat and Hadhrat Abu Hurairah, after Tashahhud, the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ
الْمَسِيحِ الدَّجَالِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْمَحْيَا
وَالْمَمَاتِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْمَأْثَمِ وَالْمَغْرَمِ

(Bukhari, Kitabul Isti'atha)

O Allah, I seek refuge in You from the punishment of the grave. I seek refuge in You from the mischief of the Anti-Christ. I seek refuge in You from the trials of life and death. I seek refuge in You from sins and burden of debt.

Another Comprehensive Prayer

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Masood relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught him this prayer for recitation after Tashahhud:

اَللّٰهُمَّ عَلٰى الْخَيْرِ قُلُوْبِنَا، وَاَصْلِحْ ذَاتَ بَيْنِنَا وَاِهْدِ
سُبُلَ السَّلَامِ، وَنَجِّنَا مِنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ اِلَى النُّوْرِ، وَجَنِّبْنَا
الْفَوَاحِشَ وَالْفِتْنَ، مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَّنَ، وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِي
اَسْمَاعِنَا وَاَبْصَارِنَا وَقُلُوْبِنَا وَاَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرِّيَّاتِنَا، وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا
اِنَّكَ اَنْتَ التَّوَابُ الرَّحِيْمُ، وَاَجْعَلْنَا شَاكِرِيْنَ لِنِعْمَتِكَ
مُشْتَرِكِيْنَ بِهَا قَابِلِيْهَا وَاَتَمِّهَا عَلَيْنَا -

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

Guide our hearts towards goodness O Allah, and establish reconciliation amongst us. Show us the path

to peace. Deliver us from darkness and guide us to the light. Save us from evil deeds and mischief whether these are manifest or hidden.

O Lord! bless our eyes, our ears and our hearts, bless our spouses and children and incline towards us with mercy. Surely You accept repentance and are off-returning with Mercy. Make us thankful for Your blessings. Make us acknowledge and accept Your Beneficence and accomplish that bounty for us.

Prayers for Salat-e-Tahajjud

Hadhrat Ayesha relates when the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to wake up during the night, he used to recite this prayer:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ اسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِذَنْبِي
وَأَسْأَلُكَ رَحْمَتَكَ اللَّهُمَّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا وَلَا تُرِغْ قَلْبِي بَعْدَ إِذْ
هَدَيْتَنِي وَهَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

(Abu Dawud Kitabul Adab)

There is none worthy of worship except You. Holy are You. O Allah, I seek Your forgiveness for my sins and beg for Your Mercy. O Allah, increase my knowledge and do not let my heart become perverse after You have guided it. You Yourself bestow Mercy upon me. Surely You are the Greatest Giver.

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas narrates that when the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to stand for Tahajjud prayer he used to say:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ قَيِّمُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ
فِيهِنَّ وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ لَكَ مَلِكُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ
فِيهِنَّ وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ نُورُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ
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حَقٌّ وَقَوْلُكَ حَقٌّ وَالْجَنَّةُ حَقٌّ وَالنَّارُ حَقٌّ وَالنَّبِيُّونَ حَقٌّ
 وَمُحَمَّدٌ ﷺ حَقٌّ وَالسَّاعَةُ حَقٌّ اَللّٰهُمَّ لَكَ اَسَلْتُ
 وَبِكَ اَمَنْتُ وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَآلَيْكَ اَنْبَتُ وَبِكَ
 خَاصَمْتُ وَآلَيْكَ حَاكَمْتُ فَاغْفِرْ لِيْ مَا قَدَّمْتُ
 وَمَا اَخَّرْتُ وَمَا سَرَرْتُ وَمَا اَعْلَنْتُ اَنْتَ الْمُقَدِّمُ وَاَنْتَ
 الْمُؤَخِّرُ لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اَنْتَ -

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, all praise belongs to You. You are the Sustainer of heaven and earth and whatever is in them. All praise belongs to You. Yours is the Sovereignty of heavens and earth and whatever is in them. All praise belongs to You, You are the light of heaven and earth and whatever is in them. All Praise belongs to You, You are the Sovereign of heavens and earth and whatever is in them. All praise belongs to You. You are the Truth, Your promise is true, returning to You is true and Your word is true. Heaven and Hell are true. All prophets are true and Muhammad^{sa} is the rightly guided one and the day of Judgement is true.

O Allah, I have taken on Your obedience, believe in You, trust in You, and incline towards You. With Your help I pit myself against the enemy. I have come to You for judgement in my case, so forgive all my earlier and later sins, the secret and the obvious ones. You cause people to advance and also restrain them. There is none worthy of worship except You.

Hadhrat Ayesha, while mentioning the prayers which the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say in the beginning of Tahajjud prayer, said: that he repeated Allahu Akbar, Alhamdo Lillah, Subhan Allah and La, ilaaha illallah' ten times and used to seek forgiveness from Allah ten times and used say some other prayers as well.

(Nasai, Kitab Qayyamul Lail)

Abdullah bin Umar relates once we were offering our salat with the Holy Prophet^{sa} when another person arrived. Before starting his

salat he said these words: اللهُ أَكْبَرُ كَبِيرًا وَالْعَسَدُ لَيْدٌ كَبِيرًا وَسُبْحَانَ اللهِ بُكْرَةً وَأَمْسِلًا meaning, Allah is the Greatest, excessive praise belong to Him and Holy is He at dawn and dusk.

After the prayer the Holy Prophet^{sa} said, "These citations were so much loved by God, that the doors of the heaven were opened for them."

Ibn Umar says "After that I always recite these words during salat"
(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

Hadhrat Ayesha relates that generally the Holy Prophet^{sa} started his Tahajjud prayer with the following words:

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ جِبْرِيلَ وَمِيكَالَ وَإِسْرَافِيلَ فَاطِرَ السَّمَوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضِ، عَالِمَ الْغَيْبِ وَالشَّهَادَةِ، أَنْتَ تَحْكُمُ بَيْنَ
عِبَادِكَ فِيمَا كَانُوا فِيهِ يَخْتَلِفُونَ، إِهْدِنِي لِمَا اخْتَلَفَ فِيهِ
مِنَ الْحَقِّ بِإِذْنِكَ، إِنَّكَ تَهْدِي مَنْ تَشَاءُ إِلَى صِرَاطٍ
مُسْتَقِيمٍ -

(Muslim, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah! Lord of Gabriel, Michael, Israfeel and Creator of the Heavens and the Earth. You are the Knower of the hidden and the manifest. You are the final Arbitrator in the matters over which people differ. O Allah, with Your special decree, guide me towards the truth in the matters which have been disputed. You are the One, who guides whomsoever You will, towards the right path.

Hadhrat A'sim relates he asked Hadhrat Ayesha, how did the Holy Prophet^{sa} begin his Tahajjud prayer? In reply she said "You have asked a question, which nobody has asked me before". She said "When the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to stand up for prayer, he would praise and glorify God and seek forgiveness ten times. He would then recite the following prayer":

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَاهْدِنِي، وَارْزُقْنِي وَعَافِنِي وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ
مِنَ ضَيْقِ الْمَقَامِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

(Nasai, Kitab Quyyaul Lail)

O Lord! forgive me, guide me, give me sustenance and safeguard me. I seek refuge in You from the hardship and severity of retribution on the Day of Judgement.

Abu Saeed Khudri states when the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to stand up for worship during the night, after praising and glorifying God, he used to say this prayer:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ السَّمِيعِ الْعَلِيمِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ، مِنْ
هَمَزِهِ وَنَفَخِهِ وَنَفَثِهِ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabus Salat)

I seek refuge in Allah, who is All Hearing and All Knowing, from the rejected Satan, from his insinuations, evil influences and wicked discourses.

On request from Hadhrat Abu Bakr the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught him this prayer to recite during namaz:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي ظُلْمًا كَثِيرًا، وَلَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ
إِلَّا أَنْتَ، فَاعْفِرْ لِي مَغْفِرَةً مِنْ عِنْدِكَ وَارْحَمْنِي، إِنَّكَ
أَنْتَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah! I have wronged my soul excessively. There is none except You who forgives sins. I beg You for Your special forgiveness. Have mercy on me. No doubt You are the Most Forgiving and Oft-returning with mercy.

Hadhrat Shaddad bin 'Aus relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} offered this prayer in nafal prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الثَّبَاتَ فِي الْأَمْرِ، وَالْعَزِيمَةَ عَلَى
الرُّشْدِ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ شُكْرَ نِعْمَتِكَ، وَحُسْنَ عِبَادَتِكَ
وَأَسْأَلُكَ قَلْبًا سَلِيمًا، وَلِسَانًا صَادِقًا، وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ

مَا تَعَلَّمُ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا تَعَلَّمُ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا
تَعَلَّمُ-

(Timidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Lord! Grant me steadfastness in actions and firm resolve in following guidance and piety. I beg You to make me grateful to You and enable me to offer worship in the best manner. I request You to bestow upon me a gentle heart and a truthful tongue. I supplicate for every good that You know of and seek refuge in You from every evil which is in Your knowledge. I seek forgiveness for all my sins, which You know.

Hadhrat Ammar bin Yasir narrates the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught him to recite these prayers in salat:

اللَّهُمَّ بِعِلْمِكَ الْغَيْبِ وَقُدْرَتِكَ عَلَى الْخَلْقِ أَحْيِنِي
مَا عَلِمْتَ الْحَيَاةَ خَيْرًا لِي، وَتَوَفَّنِي إِذَا عَلِمْتَ
الْوَفَاةَ خَيْرًا لِي اللَّهُمَّ وَأَسْأَلُكَ حَشِيَّتَكَ فِي الْغَيْبِ
وَالشَّهَادَةِ وَأَسْأَلُكَ كَلِمَةَ الْحَقِّ فِي الرِّضَى
وَالْغَضَبِ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ الْقَضَاءَ فِي الْفَقْرِ وَالْغِنَى، وَأَسْأَلُكَ
نَعِيمًا لَا يَنْفَدُ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ قُرَّةَ عَيْنٍ لَا تَنْقَطِعُ وَأَسْأَلُكَ الرِّضَا
بَعْدَ الْقَضَا، وَأَسْأَلُكَ بَرْدَ الْعَيْشِ بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ وَأَسْأَلُكَ
لَدَّةَ النَّظَرِ إِلَى وَجْهِكَ، وَالشُّوقَ إِلَى لِقَائِكَ فِي غَيْرِ
ضَرَاءٍ مُضِرَّةٍ وَلَا فِتْنَةٍ مُضِلَّةٍ، اللَّهُمَّ زَيِّنَا بِزِينَةِ
الْإِيمَانِ، وَاجْعَلْنَا هُدَاةً مُهْتَدِينَ-

(Nasai, Kitabus sahw)

O Allah, in the name of Your knowledge of the unseen

and by Your authority over all creation, I beg You to keep me alive as long life is better for me and cause me to die when You know death is better for me. O Lord, Grant me fear of You in every situation, seen or unseen. Grant me the ability to speak the truth in happiness and in adversity. Enable me to follow the middle path in poverty and affluence. I supplicate You for such blessings, which will never end, and such delight of the eyes, which will never terminate. I beg You to bestow contentment upon me over whatever fate holds for me and grant me tranquillity in the life hereafter.

I beseech You to show me Your countenance and grant me Your audience without undergoing trials that might overwhelm me.

O Allah, adorn us with the beauty of faith and make us rightly guided leaders.

Du'a -e- Qunut

Hadhrat Hassan bin Ali relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught me this prayer to recite during Vitr:

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي فِيمَنْ هَدَيْتَ وَعَافِنِي فِيمَنْ عَافَيْتَ
وَتَوَلَّنِي فِيمَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ وَبَارِكْ لِي فِيمَا أَعْطَيْتَ وَقِنِي شَرَّ
مَا قَضَيْتَ فَإِنَّكَ تَقْضِي وَلَا يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ إِنَّهُ لَا يَدُلُّ مَنْ
وَالَيْتَ وَلَا يَعْزُزُ مَنْ عَادَيْتَ تَبَارَكْتَ رَبَّنَا وَتَعَالَيْتَ
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabul Vitr, Ibn Maja, Kitabus Salat)

O Lord, guide me and make me one of those whom You guide. Grant me health and include me in those to whom You grant health. Make me Your friend and one of those whom You Yourself befriend. Put blessings in whatever You bestow. Safeguard me from the harmful effects of Your decree. Surely, You decree and there is never a decree against You. Whosoever befriends You, is never humiliated. Whosoever is Your enemy, is not respected. You are the Blessed One. O our Lord!

You are the Exalted One. Peace and blessings be upon the Holy Prophet^{sa}

Khalid Bin Abi Umar relates the angel Gabriel taught the Holy Prophet^{sa} this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْتَعِينُكَ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَنُؤْمِنُ بِكَ وَتَتَوَكَّلُ
عَلَيْكَ وَتُثْنِي عَلَيْنَا الْخَيْرَ وَنَشْكُرُكَ وَلَا نَكْفُرُكَ
وَنَخْلَعُ وَنَتْرِكُ مَنْ يَفْجُرُكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَعْبُدُكَ
نُصَلِّي وَنَسْجُدُ وَإِلَيْكَ نَسْعَى وَنَحْفِدُ وَنَرْجُو رَحْمَتَكَ
وَنَخْشَى عَذَابَكَ إِنَّ عَذَابَكَ بِالْكَفَّارِ مُلْحِقٌ

(Tohfat- tul- Fuqaha babus Salatul Vitr, published in Damascus)

O Allah, we beg You for help and seek Your forgiveness. We believe in You and trust in You. We offer best praise to You. We thank You and we are not ungrateful. We cast off and forsake the one who disobeys You. O Allah, we worship You and to You alone do we pray and make obeisance. To You we flee and present ourselves for service. We hope for Your mercy and we fear Your chastisement, for surely Your chastisement overtakes the disbelievers.

NOTE: This famous prayer is found in the following books without any change in the words.

(Muraseel Abu Daud, Baihaqi, Sh'rah al Sunnah Kitabul Vitr Sheikh Muhammad bin Nasr al-Maruzi)

Prayer after Salam in Salat

As per narration of Holy Prophet^{sa}'s freed slave Hadhrat Soban, Holy Prophet^{sa} would say Istighfar (seeking forgiveness from God) three times and then pray.

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّلَامُ وَمِنْكَ السَّلَامُ، تَبَارَكْتَ يَا
ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

(Muslim, Kitabul Masajid)

O Allah! you are the peace. Only You can bestow peace. O Lord of Honour and Glory, You are full of blessings.

Hadhrat Mughira bin Sho'ba relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite these words three times after salam:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ
وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

There is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partner. His is the Sovereignty and all praise belongs to Him and He has authority over everything.

Then he used to offer this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ لَا مَانِعَ لِمَا أَعْطَيْتَ وَلَا مُعْطِيَ لِمَا مَنَعْتَ وَلَا
يَنْفَعُ ذَا الْجَدِّ مِنْكَ الْجَدُّ-

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah! there is none who can hinder the bounties that You bestow. Whatever You withhold there is none who can give and when compared to You, no great person's greatness is beneficial at all.

Praising and Glorifying God

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates some poor migrants came to the Holy Prophet^{sa} and solicited him that the rich people surpass them because as well as their acts of worship they are able to spend in the way of Allah. Huzur^{sa} said, "Should I tell you something which would make you equal or even surpass those people who would come after you". They answered, "O Prophet of God, please do." He instructed them to repeat Subhan Allah, Alhamdu Lillah, and Allahu Akbar thirty-three times after salat. In an other narration, Allahu Akbar should be repeated thirty-four times.

(Muslim, Kitabus Salat)

Hadhrat Javairiya, the wife of the Holy Prophet^{sa} was busy in the remembrance of Allah after the morning prayer. Huzur^{sa} passed from nearby and on his return the sun was quite high in the sky and Hadhrat Javairiya was still engaged in remembrance of Allah. The

Holy Prophet^{sa} said, "Since I have passed by you I have recited four phrases three times each and these words carry higher reward than your citations." He told her these words:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَدَدَ خَلْقِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رِضًا نَفْسِهِ سُبْحَانَ
اللَّهِ زِينَةَ عَرْشِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ بِمَدَادِ كَلِمَاتِهِ

(Muslim, Kitabudh Dhikr)

Holy is Allah, as much as His creations. Holy is Allah, to the extent that He likes for Himself. Holy is Allah, as much as the weight of His Throne (which is limitless). Holy is Allah, as much as the ink of His words.

Hadhrat Abu Saeed Khudri and Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relate the Holy Prophet^{sa} said, "God has chosen four words for Himself. The words are: Subhan Allah, Alhamdo Lillah, La Illaaha illallah and Allahu Akbar. Whosoever says Subhan Allah, twenty good deeds are recorded for him and his twenty sins are forgiven. Whosoever says Allahu Akbar and La Illaaha illallah, gets the same reward. If a person adds Rabbil A'lameen with Alhamdu Lillah he is rewarded with thirty good deeds and his thirty sins are forgiven."

(Musnad Ahmad bin Hunbal, vol. 2, page 35, published in Beirut)

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said, "Two words are very light on the tongue but carry very high reward, the words are,"

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ

(Bukhari, Kitabut Taw'heed)

Holy is Allah with His attributes. Holy is Allah, the Most High.

Hadhrat Abu Musa al-Ash'ari relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} asked him that should he tell him of one of the treasures of heaven." On my reply in affirmative, he told me about this treasure of heaven:

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

(Muslim, Kitabudh Dhikr)

No one has the power or the authority except Allah,

Who is Most High, the Greatest.

Hadhrat Mu'az bin Jabal relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} advised him to recite this prayer in every salat and as per another narration after every salat:

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِنِّي عَلَى ذِكْرِكَ وَشُكْرِكَ وَحُسْنِ عِبَادَتِكَ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah, help me in remembering You, being grateful to You and performing acts of exquisite worship.

Hadhrat Muslim bin Harith Taimi relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} advised him to say this prayer seven times after the morning and the evening salats and he would be shielded from the Fire:

اللَّهُمَّ أَجِرْنِي مِنَ النَّارِ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

O Allah, shield me from the Fire.

Prayer for Poignancy in Salat

Hadhrat Abdullah relates from his father, Hadhrat Umar bin Al-Khattab that the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنِي عَيْنَيْنِ هَطَّالَتَيْنِ، تَشْفِيَانِ الْقَلْبَ بِدُرُوفِ
الدُّمُوعِ مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ، قَبْلَ أَنْ تَكُونَ الدُّمُوعُ دَمًّا
، وَالْأَجْرَاسُ جَمْرًا،

(Kitabud Du'a, vol 3, page 480, from Tabarany, 360 Hijri, published in Beriut)

O Allah, grant me eyes which shed tears in fear of You and thus calm my heart, before the tears turn into blood and the stones become ambers (before the day of Judgement).

Prayers after Salat

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas relates one night I heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} offer this prayer after salat.

As per Bukhari, the part of this prayer that is underlined and refers

to "Noor" (light) is the section, which the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite before the morning salat.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ رَحْمَةً بَيْنَ عَيْنَيْكَ تَهْدِي بِهَا قَلْبِي
وَتَجْمَعُ بِهَا أَسْرِي، وَتَلْمُ بِهَا شَعَثِي، وَتَرُدُّ بِهَا
غَائِبِي، وَتَرْفَعُ بِهَا شَاهِدِي، وَتُرْكَئِي بِهَا عَمَلِي
وَتُلْهِمُنِي بِهَا رُشْدِي، وَتَرُدُّ بِهَا الْفِتْيَ، وَتَعْصِمُنِي بِهَا مِنْ
كُلِّ سُوءٍ اللَّهُمَّ أَعْطِنِي إِيمَانًا وَيَقِينًا لَيْسَ بَعْدَهُ
كُفْرٌ، وَرَحْمَةً أَنَالُ بِهَا شَرَفَ كَرَامَتِكَ فِي الدُّنْيَا
وَالْآخِرَةِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْفَوْزَ فِي الْقَضَاءِ وَنُزُلَ
الشُّهُدَاءِ، وَعَيْشَ السُّعْدَاءِ، وَالنُّصْرَ عَلَى
الْأَعْدَاءِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَنْزِلْ بِكَ حَاجَتِي، وَإِنْ قَصُرَ رَأْيِي
وَضَعُفَ عَمَلِي، وَافْتَقَرْتُ إِلَى رَحْمَتِكَ فَاسْأَلُكَ يَا
قَاضِيَ الْأُمُورِ، وَيَا شَافِيَ الصُّدُورِ، كَمَا تُجِيرُ بَيْنَ
الْبُحُورِ أَنْ تُجِيرَنِي مِنْ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ، وَمِنْ
دَعْوَةِ الثُّبُورِ، وَمِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْقُبُورِ، اللَّهُمَّ وَمَا قَصَرَ عَنْهُ
رَأْيِي، وَلَمْ تَبْلُغْهُ مَسْأَلَتِي، وَلَمْ تَبْلُغْهُ نِيَّتِي مِنْ خَيْرٍ
وَعَدَّتْهُ أَحَدًا مِنْ خَلْقِكَ، أَوْ خَيْرٍ أَنْتَ مُعْطِيهِ أَحَدًا مِنْ
عِبَادِكَ، فَإِنِّي أَرْغَبُ إِلَيْكَ فِيهِ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا
رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ، اللَّهُمَّ يَا ذَا الْحَبْلِ الشَّدِيدِ، وَالْأَمْرِ
الرَّشِيدِ، أَسْأَلُكَ الْإِسْمَ الْيَوْمَ الْوَعِيدِ وَالْجَنَّةَ يَوْمَ الْحُلُودِ

مَعَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ الشُّهُودِ، الرُّكَّعِ السُّجُودِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
 بِالْعُهُودِ، إِنَّكَ رَحِيمٌ وَدُودٌ، وَإِنَّكَ تَفْعَلُ مَا تَرِيدُ، اَللّٰهُمَّ
 اجْعَلْنَا هَادِيْنَ مُهْتَدِيْنَ، غَيْرِ ضَالِّيْنَ وَلَا مُضِلِّيْنَ، سَلْمًا
 لِأَوْلِيَآئِكَ، عَدُوًّا لِأَعْدَائِكَ، نُحْسِبُ بِحُبِّكَ مَنْ
 أَحَبَّكَ، وَنُعَادِيْ بِعَدَاوَتِكَ مَنْ خَالَفَكَ، اَللّٰهُمَّ هَذَا
 لِدُعَاءٍ وَإِلَيْكَ الْإِجَابَةُ، اَللّٰهُمَّ هَذَا الْجُهْدُ وَعَلَيْكَ
 التَّكْلَانُ،

اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْ لِيْ نُورًا فِيْ قَلْبِيْ وَنُورًا فِيْ قَبْرِىْ، وَنُورًا مِنْ
 بَيْنِ يَدَيْ، وَنُورًا عَن شِمَالِيْ، وَنُورًا مِنْ فَوْقِيْ، وَنُورًا مِنْ
 تَحْتِيْ وَنُورًا فِيْ سَمْعِيْ، وَنُورًا فِيْ بَصَرِيْ، وَنُورًا فِيْ
 شَعْرِيْ، وَنُورًا فِيْ بَشَرِيْ، وَنُورًا فِيْ لَحْمِيْ وَنُورًا فِيْ
 دَمِيْ، وَنُورًا فِيْ مُخِّيْ، وَنُورًا فِيْ عِظَامِيْ، اَللّٰهُمَّ اَعْظِمْ
 لِيْ نُورًا، وَاَعْظِمْنِيْ نُورًا وَاجْعَلْ لِيْ نُورًا،

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي تَعَطَّفَ بِالْعِزِّ وَقَالَ بِهِ، سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي لَبَسَ
 الْمَجْدَ وَتَكْرَمَ بِهِ، سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي لَا يَنْبَغِيْ التَّسْبِيْحُ إِلَّا لَهُ
 سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْفَضْلِ وَالنِّعَمِ، سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْمَجْدِ
 وَالكَرَمِ، سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah! I seek Your mercy, which can guide my heart
 and accomplish my affairs. Bestow success upon my
 dis-organised affairs. Unite me with my separated
 loved one. Grant dignity to those who are with me.

Purify my actions. Inspire me with wisdom and guidance. Bestow upon me things that I love and save me from every evil. O Lord, grant me such faith and the certainty that prevents disbelief. And bestow upon me such mercy, which make me recipient of Your Generosity in this world and in the Hereafter. O Lord, make every decision of mine fruitful, grant me the company of the martyrs and the life of Your obedient servants and victory over my enemies.

O Lord, I have come to Your threshold with my needs. Although my thinking is faulty and my planning is weak, I still depend on Your mercy. So, O the Arbitrator of all affairs and Bestower of peace of mind, I beg you to save me from the punishment of the Fire, as You save people from the raging seas. Protect me from perdition and the trials of the grave.

O my Lord, Grant me those things which I have not even thought about. The matters which I have not even begged of You. The good things for which the intention has not yet arisen in my heart, but You have promised these blessings to any of Your servants or You are going to give these blessings to any of Your creation, I too have liking for them O Lord of the Universe, I beseech you in the name of Your mercy to grant me every such blessing.

O Allah, the Firm Friend and the Master of guidance and wisdom, I beg You to grant me peace on the day of Resurrection. In that eternal period I am desirous of attaining paradise in the company of Your pious people, who bow and prostrate before You, and who fulfil their covenants. Surely You are Gracious and loving. Without doubt You do what You will. O Allah, make us such guided leaders who do not go astray themselves and do not lead others astray. Make us harbingers of peace for Your loved ones and enemy for Your enemies.

I beg You in the name of Your love, to make us love everyone who loves You and make us, for Your sake, hostile to Your enemies.

O Lord, This is our humble supplication. Its acceptance depends on You. This prayer is all we have

laboured for. We now, put our complete trust in You.

O Lord, Enlighten my heart for me, light up my grave, put light in front of me and behind me, put light on my right and on my left, put light above me and beneath me, enlighten my sight and my hearing, brighten up my hair and skin, fill my flesh and blood with light, enlighten my mind, and make light penetrate into my bones. O Lord, increase light in my heart and bestow such light on me that it makes me an embodiment of light.

Holy is the One, Who presides over the universe with greatness. Holy is the Being, except Whom praising anyone else is not justified. Holy is the Bestower of blessings and favours. Holy is the Lord of Honour and Glory. His is the Majesty and Honour.

Supplication in Time of Need

Abdullah bin Abi Oufa relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} advised us that whosoever is in need from either God Almighty or any person should do ablution, say two rakats of salat and after praise and glorification of God, and Durud, should say this prayer:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ
الْعَظِيمِ، الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ، أَسْأَلُكَ مُوجِبَاتِ
رَحْمَتِكَ، وَعَزَائِمِ مَغْفِرَتِكَ وَالْغَنِيمَةَ مِنْ كُلِّ بَرٍّ
وَالسَّلَامَةَ مِنْ كُلِّ إِثْمٍ، لَا تَدْعُ لِي ذَنْبًا إِلَّا غَفَرْتَهُ وَلَا
هَمًّا إِلَّا فَرَّجْتَهُ، وَلَا حَاجَةً هِيَ لَكَ رِضَى إِلَّا قَضَيْتَهَا يَا
أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ-

(Tirmidhi, Kitabus Salat)

There is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is Most Honourable and Most Forbearing. Holy is He, the Lord of the Magnificent Throne. All praise belongs to Allah, who is the Lord of all the worlds. O Allah, I beseech You for the things, that attract Your mercy, and beg You for the firm means of attaining Your

forgiveness. Enable me to do good and consider it as my good fortune. I beg You to grant me the ability to refrain from sins. Forgive all my sins and leave not a single one unforgiven. Leave none of my sorrows, unremoved. Fulfill my needs, the ones that meet Your approval. O the Most Merciful, of all those who show mercy. (Have mercy)

Istikhara Prayer (Seeking Divine Blessings)

The Holy Prophet^{sa} instructed his companions to pray for blessings and success before starting any matter of faith or worldly affair. It is called Istikhara prayer. Two rakats of salat should be offered for Istikhara. In the first rakat, after reciting surah Al-Fatiha, recitation of surah Al-Kafirun and in the second rakat, surah Al-Ikhlâs is traditional. In Q'ada (sitting down after sajdah), after tashahhud, Durud and traditional prayers, this prayer should be recited with humility:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَخِيرُكَ بِعِلْمِكَ وَأَسْتَقْدِرُكَ بِقُدْرَتِكَ وَ
 أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْعَظِيمِ، فَإِنَّكَ تَقْدِرُ وَلَا أَقْدِرُ وَ تَعْلَمُ
 وَلَا أَعْلَمُ وَأَنْتَ عَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ
 هَذَا الْأَمْرَ خَيْرٌ لِي فِي دِينِي وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي
 فَاقْدُرْهُ لِي وَيَسِّرْهُ لِي ثُمَّ بَارِكْ لِي فِيهِ وَإِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ
 أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ شَرٌّ لِي فِي دِينِي وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَةِ أَمْرِي
 فَاصْرِفْهُ عَنِّي وَاصْرِفْنِي عَنْهُ وَاقْدِرْ لِي الْخَيْرَ حَيْثُ كَانَ
 ثُمَّ رَضِّنِي بِهِ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat, Ibn Maja, Kitabul Aqamatus Salat)

O Allah, I seek the good which is in Your knowledge. I beseech good fortune which is in Your control. I beg great blessings from You. For You are All-Powerful and I have no power. You are All-Knowing and I have no knowledge. Your knowledge encompasses the unseen. O Allah, if it be within Your knowledge that

this project is to my good, in the matters of my spiritual and worldly affairs and it results in good then ordain it for me, facilitate it for me and bless it for me, If it is within Your knowledge that this matter is detrimental for my faith, my worldly affairs and is eventually harmful, then remove it from me and cause me to move away from it. Enable me to attain good wherever it may be and then make me satisfied and at peace with it.

Salat-ul-Tasbeeh

As per a single and unauthenticated narration of Hadhrat Abu Raffay, the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught his uncle, Hadhrat Abbas, the manner in which this nafal prayer should be offered. He explained its blessings and said, "O uncle, shall I give you something, with which all your sins will be forgiven. All sins, former and the later, old and the new, sins of omission or the commission, trivial or large, hidden or manifest" On Hadhrat Abbas enquiring as to who has the capacity to offer this prayer daily? Huzur replied that this prayer can be offered according to one's capacity, daily, weekly, monthly, annually or once in a life time. The manner in which this four rakat salat is offered is as follows:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ

(Tirmidhi, kitabus Salat)

In each rakat after reciting surah Al-Fatiha and another surah the above should be repeated fifteen times. The above prayer should then be repeated ten times after praising and glorifying God in each ruku, Q'ada, sajdah, between the sajdahs and while sitting after the sajdah in each rakat. In this way in every rakat it is repeated seventy-five times, which equals to three hundred times in the four rakats.

Various Prayers for Everyday Life

For blessings every important task should be started with Bismillah ir Rehmanir Rahim. If Bismillah is forgotten at the beginning of a meal, بِسْمِ اللَّهِ فِي أَوَّلِهِ وَآخِرِهِ, in the name of Allah in the beginning and in the end, should be recited.

(Tirmidhi, Kitabul Al'emah)

After partaking food اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ should be recited as thanks to Allah.

While walking, going into a meeting or entering a house, Assalamo

Alaikum should be said. The one on foot should greet the one who is sitting. The one who is riding should greet the one who is one foot. The reward for the full greetings **السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ** meaning, peace, mercy and Allah's blessings be upon you, is equal to thirty good deeds. The recipient should respond with, **وَعَلَيْكُمْ السَّلَامُ** meaning peace be on you too.

In response to a favour, **جَزَاكَ اللَّهُ خَيْرًا** meaning, may Allah reward you, should be said.

(Timidhi, Kitabul Birr)

On hearing the cock crow, Allah's blessings should be sought. On hearing dog's barking or the donkey braying, **أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ** I seek refuge in Allah, should be said.

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul Adab)

On seeing an angry person, the Holy Prophet^{sa} said, "I know the words which will subside his anger". **اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ** meaning O Allah! I seek refuge in You from the accursed Satan.

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul Adab)

On seeing a good dream **أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** should be said and there is no harm in relating it to others. On seeing a bad dream **أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ** should be recited. The bad dream should not be told to anyone.

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Du'a)

On sneezing **أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ** ; all praise belongs to Allah should be said. The listener then should reply **يَرْحَمُكَ اللَّهُ** ; Allah have mercy on you. The person sneezing should in return offer this prayer: **يَهْدِيكُمْ اللَّهُ وَيُضْلِحْ بِأَلْسِنَتِكُمْ** may Allah guide you and make your affairs prosper.

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul Adab)

Prayers for Recitation of the Holy Qur'an

Before the recitation of the Qur'an, **أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ** meaning I seek refuge in Allah from the accursed Satan, should be said. **بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ** should also be said as we say before starting every important work as it carries blessings.

Hadhrat Auf bin Maalik Ashjay relates I was standing with the Holy Prophet^{sa} for salat. He recited surah Al-Baqarah. On every verse referring to mercy, he would pause and seek Allah's mercy and on every verse referring to punishment, he would pause and seek protection from punishment.

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

Hadhrat Huzaifa also mentions the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say Subhan Allah wherever God's glory was referred.

(Muslim, Kitabus Salat)

Hadhrat Va'ill bin Hajr relates that he heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} recite surah Al-Fatiha and at the end he said Ameen in a prolonged manner.

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

Hadhrat Abu Maisarah relates the angel Gabriel advised the Holy Prophet^{sa} to say Ameen at the end of the verses containing prayers in surah Al-Baqarah.

(Al Itqan Fi Ulumul Quran, vol. 1, page 107, by 'Allama Soyouty)

Hadhrat Jaber bin Abdullah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} recited surah Al-Rahman in front of his companions. They listened in silence. He said that even the jinns are better people than you. They say *لا بئس ما آتانا ربنا نكذب* meaning, "O Lord, we do not deny any of Your favours, so all praise belongs to You," whenever they hear the words *فبأي آلاء ربكما تكذبان* meaning, which favours of your Lord would you twain deny?

(Al Durul Manthour Fi Tafseer ul Manthour lil Haythamy lis Soyouty, Tafseer Surah Al- Rahman)

Hadhrat Uqba bin A'mer relates when this verse of surah Al Waqiah *فَسَبِّحْ بِاسْمِ رَبِّكَ الْعَظِيمِ* meaning, glorify the name of your Lord, the Great, was revealed, the Holy Prophet^{sa} said, "recite this in ruku. He advised that *سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْعَظِيمِ* meaning, Holy is my Lord, the Great. Saying of these words is also recorded when reciting this surah. In the same manner when this verse *سَبِّحْ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى* was revealed, the Holy Prophet^{sa} advised that it should be recited in sajdah.

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas relates that when the Holy Prophet^{sa} recited this verse of surah Al'Ala *سَبِّحْ اسْمَ رَبِّكَ الْأَعْلَى* he would recite *سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْأَعْلَى* meaning, Holy is my Lord, the Most High.

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} advised that whosoever reaches the last verse of surah Al-Tin *أَلَيْسَ اللَّهُ بِأَحْكَمَ الْحَاكِمِينَ* meaning, is not God the Greatest Master of all masters? should recite *بلى وأنا على ذلك من الشاهدين* meaning, why not and I am one of the witnesses.

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

Hadhrat Musa bin Ayesha relates a person was offering salat on the roof of his house. When he recited the last verse of surah Al-

Qiyamah, أَلَيْسَ ذَلِكَ بِقَادِرٍ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يُحْيِيَ الْمَوْتَىٰ he said “Subhana ka” meaning, Holy are you, and cried. When asked about it he explained that he had heard the Holy Prophet say the same words.

Whosoever recites surah Al-Qiyamah and reaches the last verse أَلَيْسَ ذَلِكَ بِقَادِرٍ عَلَىٰ أَنْ يُحْيِيَ الْمَوْتَىٰ (بلى) meaning, why not (God is All-Powerful)

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

A person reciting surah Al-Mursalat and reaching the last verse أَسْمَأُ بِاللَّهِ should say قَبَائِلِي خَدِيدٍ بَعْدَهُ يُؤْبَسُونَ meaning we believe in Allah.

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

Hadhrrat Ayesha relates after the revelation of surah Al-Nasr, the Holy Prophet^{sa} always recited this prayer of forgiveness according to the Qur'anic injunction. On reciting the verse فَسَبِّحْ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّكَ وَاسْتَغْفِرْهُ meaning, praise and glorify your Lord, and seek His forgiveness, he recited the prayer سُبْحَانَكَ رَبَّنَا وَبِعَدْلِكَ اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي meaning, Holy are You our Lord with Your attributes, O Lord forgive our sins.

(Bukhari, Kitabut Tafseer)

Reciting this prayer at the end of surah Al-Nasr is also recorded.

Prayers of Sajdah-e-Tilawat

Wherever sajdah occurs in the verses of the Holy Qur'an prostration should be done. Wudhu is not obligatory nor is facing the Ka'ba. In prostration besides the words of glorification of God, repetition of these prayers is recorded in the traditions.

سَجْدٌ وَجْهِي لِلَّذِي خَلَقَهُ وَشَقَّ سَمْعَهُ وَبَصَرَهُ بِحَوْلِهِ وَ
قُوَّتِهِ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabut Da'awat)

My face is in prostration for the Being, Who created it and with His special Divine power and strength bestowed upon me the faculty of hearing and seeing.

اللَّهُمَّ اكْتُبْ لِي بِهَا عِنْدَكَ أَجْرًا وَضَعْ عَنِّي بِهَا وِزْرًا
وَاجْعَلْهَا لِي عِنْدَكَ ذُخْرًا وَتَقَبَّلْهَا مِنِّي كَمَا تَقَبَّلْتَهُمَا مِنِّي

عَبْدِكَ دَاوُدَ

(Tirmidhi, kitabud Da'awat)

O Lord, grant me (by virtue of this prostration) a reward, and make it the means of lessening my burden. Store it as a reward for me and accept this prostration from me as You accepted the prostration of Your servant David.

Prayer on Seeing the New Moon

Hadhrat Talha bin Ubaidullah and Hadhrat Qatadah relate that this was the Holy Prophet's^{sa} prayer on seeing the new moon

اللَّهُمَّ أَهْلُهُ عَلَيْنَا بِالْأَمْنِ وَالْإِيمَانِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ وَالْإِسْلَامِ
رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ اللَّهُ، هَلَالٌ خَيْرٌ وَرُشْدٌ، هَلَالٌ خَيْرٌ وَ
رُشْدٌ، هَلَالٌ خَيْرٌ وَرُشْدٌ، أَمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَكَ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat, Mustadrik Hakim Kitabud Du'a)

Our Lord, make this moon ascend on us while we are in the state of peace, safety, belief and submission. O moon, Your Lord and my Lord is Allah. May this moon bring goodness and prosperity. May this moon bring goodness, and prosperity. May this moon bring goodness and prosperity. I believe in the Lord, Who created you.

Prayers for Breaking Fast

Hadhrat Mu'az bin Zuhrah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer at the time of breaking the fast:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ صُيِّمْتُ وَعَلَى رِزْقِكَ أَفْطَرْتُ

(Abu Dawud, kitabus Saum)

O Allah, I fasted for You and break the fast with the food given by You.

Hadhrat Amr-ibn-ul A's relates he heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} say that the time of breaking the fast, is the time of acceptance of supplications. He used to pray in these words:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ الَّتِي وَسِعَتْ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ أَنْ
تَغْفِرَ لِي ذُنُوبِي

(Mustadrik Hakim, Kitabus Saum)

O Allah, I beseech You in the name of Your all encompassing mercy to forgive my sins.

Prayer of Night of Destiny (Laila tul Qadr)

Hadhrat Ayesha asked the Holy Prophets^{sa} as to which prayer she should recite if she finds Laila tul Qadr the Holy Prophets^{sa} said:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوٌّ كَرِيمٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Lord, You are the Most Forgiving, the Noble. You like forgiveness, therefore forgive my sins.

Prayer Of Ahraam (Talbiyah)

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar relates that I have seen the Holy Prophet^{sa} put on Ahraam (unstitched cloth worn during Ummra and Hajj) and recite this prayer:

لَبَّيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ لَبَّيْكَ لَبَّيْكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ لَبَّيْكَ إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ
وَالنِّعْمَةَ لَكَ وَالْمُلْكَ لِأَشْرِيكَ لَكَ

(Bukhari, Kitabul Libas)

I am present, O Allah, I am present. I am present, there is no partner for You. I am present. To You belong all the praise, favours and blessings. And all Sovereignty belongs to You. There is no partner for You.

Prayer on seeing the House of God

Hadhrat Huzaifa bin Aseed relates whenever the Holy Prophets^{sa} used to see Ka'aba, he prayed in these words:

اللَّهُمَّ زِدْ بَيْتَكَ هَذَا تَشْرِيفًا وَتَعْظِيمًا وَتَكْرِيمًا وَبِرًّا وَ
مَصَابَةً وَزِدْ مَنْ شَرَّفَهُ وَعَظَّمَهُ بِمَنْ حَجَّهَ وَاعْتَمَرَهُ

تَعْظِيمًا وَتَشْرِيفًا وَبِرًّا وَمَصَابَةً

(Majma' Azawaid Haythamy, vol. 3, page 238, published in Beirut)

O Allah, increase Your house in honour, greatness, reverence and piety. Increase greatness, rank, dignity and piety of the people who honour it and respect the sanctity of this House.

Prayer while Circuiting Ka'aba

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Sa'ib heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} reciting this prayer while circuiting Ka'aba.

رَبَّنَا اتِّنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا
عَذَابَ النَّارِ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul Manasik)

O Lord, grant us the best of this world as well as the best in the world to come and shield us from the torment of the Fire

Note: It is recorded that this prayer should also be repeated in Muzdalifa.

Prayers for Safa and Murwah

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abi Aufa relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say Allahu Akbar twentyone times while running between Safa and Murwah.

(Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaibah, vol. 10, page 367, published in Beirut)

Hadhrat Jaber narrates when the Holy Prophet^{sa} climbed mount Safa during the Hajj and saw Ka'aba, he repeated these words three times:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

(Muslim Kitabul Hajj)

There is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partner. Sovereignty belongs to Him and all the praise. He has power over everything.

Other narrations also record that these three words were repeated in Arafat.

Prayer on visiting Mount Safa

While performing Hajj, Hadhrat Umar offered this prayer on mount Safa:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ قُلْتَ أَدْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ وَإِنَّكَ لَا
تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ، وَإِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ كَمَا هَدَيْتَنِي لِلْإِسْلَامِ
أَنْ لَا تَنْزِعَهُ مِنِّي، حَتَّى تَتَوَفَّانِي وَأَنَا مُسْلِمٌ

(Muatta, Kitabull Hajj)

O Lord, You Yourself have promised, supplicate and I will listen to your prayers. You are never in default of Your promises. I pray to You in the name of this promise. You have guided me to Islam, do not withdraw this blessing from me. Do not cause me to die except in the state of being a Muslim.

An Anguished and Poignant Prayer in Arafat

Hadhrt Abdullah bin Abbas relates on the occasion of Hajja-tul-Wida (the last pilgrimage) the Holy Prophet^{sa} offered this prayer in the evening of Arafat.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ تَسْمَعُ كَلَامِي وَتَرَى مَكَانِي وَتَعْلَمُ سِرِّي
وَعَلَانِيَتِي لَا يَخْفَى عَلَيْكَ شَيْءٌ مِنِّ أَمْرِي وَأَنَا الْبَائِسُ
الْفَقِيرُ الْمُسْتَعِيثُ الْمُسْتَجِيرُ الْوَجِلُ الْمُسْفِقُ الْمَقْرُ
الْمُعْتَرِفُ بِذَنْبِهِ أَسْأَلُكَ مَسْئَلَةَ الْمِسْكِينِ، وَأَبْتَهُلُ
إِلَيْكَ إِتِهَالِ الْمَذْنِبِ الدَّلِيلِ وَأَدْعُوكَ دُعَاءَ الْخَائِفِ
الضَّرِيرِ مَنْ خَضَعَتْ لَكَ رَقَبَتَهُ وَفَاضَتْ لَكَ عَبْرَتُهُ
وَذَلَّ لَكَ جِسْمُهُ وَرَعِمَ لَكَ أَنْفُهُ، اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَجْعَلْنِي
بِدَعَائِكَ شَقِيًّا وَكُنْ بِي رُوْفًا رَحِيمًا يَا خَيْرَ الْمَسْئُولِينَ

وَيَا خَيْرَ الْمُعْطِينَ

(Majma' Azwaid Haythami, published in Beirut, vol. 3, page 252,
Tabarany, vol. 11, page 174, published in Beirut)

O Allah, You listen to my supplications and You know my condition. You are well aware of my hidden thoughts and visible actions. None of my affairs is at all hidden from You. I am a destitute beggar and a needy person seeking Your shelter. I am shaking and trembling and confess my sins at Your door. I beg You like a helpless person. I supplicate like an abject sinner. I pray to You like a blind beggar terrified of stumbling, whose neck is bowing in obedience and tears are flowing in Your court. My body is prostrating in abject humility and my honour is sullied.

O Allah! do not render me an unfortunate one by rejecting my prayers. Be Kind and Merciful to me. O the One! who is the Best Listener and the Greatest Giver.

Prayer of Yaum-un-Nahr (Day of Sacrifice)

Hadhrat Jaber bin Abdullah saw the Holy Prophet^{sa} standing at 'Qarn ul Sa'alib and praying in these words:

يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ
فَاكْفِنِيْ شَأْنِيْ كُلَّهُ وَلَا تَكِلْنِيْ إِلَى نَفْسِيْ طُرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ

(Kitabud Du'a lil Tabarany, vol. 2, page 1209, published in Beirut)

O the Living and Self Sustaining One, there is none worthy of worship except You. With Your Mercy I seek Your help. Become sufficient for all my needs and do not entrust me to my evil self even for a moment.

Prayer for Rummi Jimaar (Stoning the Satan at Hajj)

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar said Allahu Akbar and recited this prayer while throwing pebbles at Satan.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ حَجًّا مَبْرُورًا وَذَنْبًا مَّغْفُورًا

(Kitabud Du'a, lil Tabarany, vol. 2, page 1209, published in Beirut)

O Allah! make this Hajj an accepted one and forgive

the sins.

Takbirat-e-Eidayn

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} advised them to repeat Allahu Akbar, Alhamdu Lillah and La illaaha illallah a great deal in the Ayyamul Asher (first ten days of Zil Hajjah)

(Musnad Ahmad bin Hunble, vol. 2. page 75, published in Beirut)

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Masood used to say traditional takbirat in this manner:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ
وَلِلَّهِ الْحَمْدُ

(Musannaf Ibn Abi Shaiba, Kitabus Salat)

Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest. There is none worthy of worship except Allah. Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest and all praise belongs to Allah.

Hadhrat Umar, Hadhrat Ali and Hadhrat Ibn Abbas used to recite these Takbirats from the morning of 9th Zil Hajjah to the Asr time of Ayyamul-Tashriq (the 13th day of Zil Hajjah).

(Mustadrk Hakim, vol. 1, page 299, published in Beirut)

Hadhrat ibn Umar relates that the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite these takbirats on Eidul Fitr while going from his house to the place of Eid prayer:

(Mustadrk Hakim, vol. 1, page 298, published in B Beirut)

Traditional Friday and Eid Sermons

Hadhrat Jaber bin Sumrah relates on Eid or Friday the Holy Prophet^{sa} delivered two sermons. He used to sit quietly in between the two. In the sermons he used to recite the Holy Qur'an and give advice to people.

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

Hadhrat Jaber bin Abdullah relates that during the Friday sermon the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to glorify and praise Allah first and then in a loud voice he used to deliver the rest of the sermon.

(Muslim, Kitabul Jumma)

(Eid sermon used to follow the same pattern).

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Masood and Abdullah bin Abbas narrate the words of the sermon:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ نَحْمَدُهُ وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ
شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا
مُضِلَّ لَهُ وَمَنْ يُضِلِّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

(Muslim Kitabul Jumma, Abu Dawud Kitabus Salat,
Tirmidhi and Ibn Maja Kitabun Nikah)

All praise belongs to Allah. We glorify Him. We seek His help and His forgiveness. We beseech His shelter from the evils of ourselves and from our bad deeds. Whomsoever Allah guides, no one can lead him astray and whomsoever He causes to go astray, no one can guide him.

I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partner. I bear witness that Muhammad is His servant and His messenger.

The sermon is before the Friday prayer and after the Eid prayer.

(Muslim Kitabul Eidayn)

In traditions the recitation of these words is also recorded.

إِنَّ أَصْدَقَ الْحَدِيثِ كِتَابُ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّ أَفْضَلَ الْهَدْيِ هَدْيُ
مُحَمَّدٍ وَشَرُّ الْأُمُورِ مُحَدَّثَاتُهَا وَكُلُّ مُحَدَّثَةٍ بِدْعَةٌ وَ
كُلُّ ضَلَالَةٍ فِي النَّارِ

(Nasai, Kitabul Salatul Eidayn, Ahmad bin Hunbal Musnad Jaber bin Abdullah)

Indeed the best truth is the book of God and the best tradition is the conduct of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. The

worst thing is to start something new. Every new thing is an innovation and every innovation leads to the Fire.

Nikah Sermon

A sermon is not essential for Nikah as the Holy Prophet^{sa} solemnised the Nikah of his aunt Umma-ma bint Abdul Muttalib with a person from Bani Suleem without a sermon.

(Abu Dawud, Kitabun Nikah)

In the traditions there is no mention of any special sermon. There is a reference to a sermon which can be delivered whenever there is a need. It is called Khutbatul Hajja meaning a sermon for any occasion. This sermon is recited at the time of nikah.

Abdullah bin Masood relates that the Holy Prophet^{sa} has given us Jawame-ul-khair meaning comprehensive and eloquent words containing blessings. He taught us this sermon for any need and this traditional sermon consists of glorifying praising God, tashahhud and reciting some verses. Sufyan Thauri has mentioned these verses:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تَقَاتِهِ

(Al-Imram 3:103)

O ye who believe! fear Allah, as He should be feared.

وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ

(Al-Nisa 4:2)

Fear Him particularly respecting ties of relationship

الَّتِي تَقُولُونَ قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا

(Al-Ahzab 33:71-72)

Fear Allah, and say the right word

(Tirmidhi and Ibn Maja, Kitabun Nikah)

As per a narration in the authentic Muslim at an important occasion, the Holy Prophet^{sa} recited these verses: verse two of Surah Al-Nisa and Al-Hashr verse nineteen.

(Muslim, Kitabul Zakah Babul Hathul Assadaqah)

Giving preference to this second authentic narration of Sahih Muslim and narrations of Tirmidhi and Ibn Majah read together, after the traditional sermon "Alhamdulillahai nahmadohoo", these verses are to be recited after Ta'awuz (refuge in Allah) and Tasmiah

(in the name of Allah).

يَا أَيُّهَا النَّاسُ اتَّقُوا رَبَّكُمُ الَّذِي خَلَقَكُمْ مِنْ نَفْسٍ وَاحِدَةٍ
وَخَلَقَ مِنْهَا زَوْجَهَا وَبَثَّ مِنْهُمَا رِجَالًا كَثِيرًا وَنِسَاءً
وَاتَّقُوا اللَّهَ الَّذِي تَسَاءَلُونَ بِهِ وَالْأَرْحَامَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ كَانَ
عَلَيْكُمْ رَقِيبًا

(Al-Nisa'4:2)

O ye people! fear your Lord, who created you from a single soul and created therefrom its mate, and from the two spread many men and women: and fear Allah, in Whose name you appeal to one another, fear Him particularly respecting ties of relationship. Verily, Allah watches over you.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَقُولُوا قَوْلًا سَدِيدًا لَا
يُضْلِحْ لَكُمْ أَعْمَالَكُمْ وَيَغْفِرْ لَكُمْ ذُنُوبَكُمْ وَمَنْ يُطِيعِ اللَّهَ
وَرَسُولَهُ فَقَدْ فَازَ فَوْزًا عَظِيمًا

(Al-Ahzab 33:71-72)

O ye who believe! fear Allah, and say the right word. He will bless your works for you and forgive your sins. And whosoever obeys Allah and His Messenger shall surely attain a mighty success.

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ وَلْتَنْظُرْ نَفْسٌ مَّا قَدَّمَتْ
لِعَدْوَاتِقُوا اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ خَبِيرٌ بِمَا تَعْمَلُونَ

(Al-Hashr 59:19)

O ye who believe! fear Allah; and let every soul look to what it sends forth for the morrow. And fear Allah; verily Allah is well aware of what you do.

Prayer for Pilgrims of Ka'aba

Abu Hurairah has told us this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa} for the pilgrims.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْحَاجِّ، وَلِمَنْ اسْتَغْفَرَ لَهُ الْحَاجُّ

(Mustadrik Hakim, vol. 1, page 241, published in Beirut)

O Allah, forgive the pilgrims and also forgive the ones for whom pilgrims seek forgiveness.

Prayer at Returning from Ka'aba

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to offer this prayer (for contentment and increase in sustenance). Hadhrat Saeed bin Jubair relates that reciting this prayer is preferable on leaving the Ka'aba:

اللَّهُمَّ قَنِّعْنِي بِمَا رَزَقْتَنِي وَبَارِكْ لِي فِيهِ وَاخْلُفْ عَلَيَّ
كُلَّ غَائِبَةٍ لِي بِخَيْرٍ

(Mustadrik Hakim, Kitabul Tafseer, vol. 2, page 356, published in Beirut)

O Allah, bestow contentment upon me for things You have granted and bless them for me. And grant me a good alternative of what I do not possess.

Prayers at Meal Time

Abu Saeed Khudri informs us whenever the Holy Prophet^{sa} ate or drank he used to say these words:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَنَا وَسَقَانَا وَجَعَلَنَا مُسْلِمِينَ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

All praise belongs to Allah, who fed us, gave us water to drink and made us from among the Muslims.

Hadhrat Abu Ayyub Ansari relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say this prayer whenever he ate or drank something:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَ وَسَقَى وَسَوَّغَهُ وَجَعَلَ لَهُ
مَخْرَجًا

(Abu Daud, Kitabul At'emah)

All praise belongs to the Allah, who gave us food to eat and water to drink. He made it pass down the throat and created means of its discharge.

Hadhrat Abu Umama Bahli relates when the cloth on which food was served was folded up after the meal, the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say this prayer.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا مُبَارَكًا فِيهِ، الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي
كَفَانَا وَآوَانَا، لَكَ الْحَمْدُ رَبَّنَا غَيْرَ مَكْفِيٍّ وَلَا مُوَدَّعٍ وَلَا
مَكْفُورٍ وَلَا مُسْتَعْنَى عَنْهُ رَبَّنَا -

(This prayer is combination of traditions from Bukhari and Tirmidhi, Kitabul At'emah)

All praise belongs to Allah, pure and blessed praise. Allah is worthy of all praise. He is sufficient for us, Who gave us refuge. O Lord, all praise belongs to You, Who feeds us and is sufficient for us. Neither You require no feeding and begging and soliciting from You is never abandoned. Ungratefulness for the food You provide never happens. O Lord, we can never be independent of You.

Hadhrat Mu'az bin Anas relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that God forgives the sins of whosoever recites this prayer after the meal.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَطْعَمَنِي هَذَا الطَّعَامَ وَرَزَقَنِيهِ مِنْ غَيْرِ
حَوْلٍ مِنِّي وَلَا قُوَّةٍ -

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul Libas)

All praise belongs to Allah, Who gave me this meal and bestowed this sustenance upon me without any effort and hard work on my part.

On being Invited for Dinner

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} took Khalid bin Waleed and me to his house, he gave us milk to drink and instructed us to recite this prayer on receiving food from God:

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِيهِ وَأَطْعِمْنَا خَيْرًا مِنْهُ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, bless this food for us and grant us even better food.

Prayer after Drinking Milk

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} gave us milk to drink and advised us that whosoever is given milk to drink by God should pray in these words:

اَللّٰهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِيْهِ وَزِدْ نَا مِنْهُ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud D'awat)

O Allah, Bless this food and increase it for us.

Prayer on Wearing New Clothes

Hadhrat Abu Saeed Khudri relates whenever the Holy Prophet^{sa} wore new clothes, he mentioned it by name for example a shirt, shawl or headgear, and recited this prayer:

اَللّٰهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ اَنْتَ كَسَوْتَنِيْهِ اَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِهِ وَ
خَيْرِ مَا صُنِعَ لَهُ وَاَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهِ وَشَرِّ مَا صُنِعَ لَهُ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabal Libas)

O Lord, all praise belongs to You. You gave me these clothes to wear. I seek Your blessings in this dress and blessings for the purpose for which it was made. I seek refuge in You from the evils of this dress and evils, which can emanate from it.

Hadhrat Umar used to recite a prayer on wearing a new dress and narrated a tradition of the Holy Prophet^{sa} that whosoever gets new clothes and gives his old clothes in charity and recites this prayer, attains God's protection and guardianship both in life and death. He is sheltered by God's connivance of sins and his sins are forgiven.

اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ الَّذِيْ كَسَانِيْ مَا اُوَارِيْ بِهٖ عَوْرَتِيْ، وَ اَتَجَمَّلُ
بِهٖ فِيْ حَيَاتِيْ وَرَزَقْتَنِيْهِ مِنْ غَيْرِ حَوْلٍ بَيْنِيْ وَلَا قُوَّةَ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat, and Abu Dawud Kitabal Libas)

All praise belongs to Allah, who clothed me with such a dress which conceals my nakedness and I attain adornment and beauty in my life. God has granted this dress to me without any effort or labour on my part.

Prayer for Looking in the Mirror

Hadhrat Ayesha relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}:

اللَّهُمَّ كَمَا أَحْسَنْتَ خَلْقِي فَأَحْسِنْ خُلُقِي

(Musnad Ahmad, vol. 6, page 150, published in Beirut)

O Allah, as You have bestowed good looks upon me, now You Yourself make my actions beautiful and appealing.

Prayer on Leaving the House

Hadhrat Anas bin Maalik relates that whosoever recites this prayer on leaving the house:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

With the name of Allah, I put my trust in Him. There is no power or authority except Allah.

Satan leaves him alone. He is told that this prayer is sufficient for him and he has been guided and saved.

There are some additional words in Hadhrat Umme Salma's narration. Both these narrations have been combined in this prayer:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ
إِنَّا نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ نَزِلَّ أَوْ نَصِلَّ، أَوْ نَظْلِمَ أَوْ نُظْلَمَ، أَوْ
نَجْهَلَ أَوْ يُجْهَلَ عَلَيْنَا -

(Tirmidhi and Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

I leave home in the name of Allah. I have put my trust in Him. O Lord, I seek Your shelter from stumbling or going astray. Save us from being unjust to anyone or becoming a victim of injustice. Save us from ignorance and disobedience or being at the receiving end of it through someone's stupidity.

Prayer on Entering the House

Hadhrat Abu Maalik Ash'ari relates on entering the house this prayer should be recited and then greetings offered to the inmates:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ الْمَوْلِجِ، وَخَيْرَ الْمَخْرَجِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ
وَلَجْنَا وَبِسْمِ اللَّهِ خَرَجْنَا، وَعَلَى اللَّهِ رَبِّنَا تَوَكَّلْنَا

(Tirmidhi and Abu Dawud, Kitabul Libas)

O Lord, I seek Your blessings and mercy on entering and leaving the house. We entered the house in Allah's name and leave it in Allah's name. We put our trust in Allah, Who is our Lord.

Prayer on Entering the Market Place

Hadhrat Buraidah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer on entering the market place:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ هَذِهِ السُّوقِ وَخَيْرَ مَا فِيهَا وَ
أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهَا وَشَرِّ مَا فِيهَا اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ
أَنْ أُصِيبَ فِيهَا يَمِينًا فَاجِرَةً أَوْ صَفْقَةً خَاسِرَةً -

(Kitabud Du'a lil Tabarany, vol. 2, page 1128, published in Beirut)

O Allah, I seek Your blessings of this market and whatever is in it. I seek refuge in You from the evil of this market and whatever evil is hidden in it. I seek Your protection from taking a false oath or suffering loss in a transaction in the market.

Prayers for Travel

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar relates whenever the Holy Prophet^{sa} returned from a battle, Ummra or Hajj, he used to say Allahu Akbar three times when ascending an elevated area and recited this prayer on descending:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ
، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ آيْبُون، تَائِبُونَ، عَابِدُونَ لِرَبِّنَا
حَامِدُونَ

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

There is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partner. His is the kingdom. All praise

*belongs to Allah and He has authority over everything.
We are returning in repentance, obedience and are
glorifying God.*

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer at the start of the journey:

*(This is a combined narration of Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar and Hadhrat Abu Hurairah)
(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat and Abu Daud, Kitabul Jihad)*

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ فِي سَفَرِنَا هَذَا الْبِرَّ وَالتَّقْوَى ، وَمِنَ
الْعَمَلِ مَا تَرْضَى ، اللَّهُمَّ اصْحَبْنَا بِنُصْحِكَ ، وَأَقْلِبْنَا بِدِمَّتِهِ ،
اللَّهُمَّ ازْوِلْنَا الْأَرْضَ ، اللَّهُمَّ هَوِّنْ عَلَيْنَا فِي سَفَرِنَا هَذَا ،
وَاطْوِعْنَا بَعْدَ الْأَرْضِ ، اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الصَّاحِبُ فِي السَّفَرِ
وَالْخَلِيفَةُ فِي الْاَهْلِ ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ وَعْثَاءِ
السَّفَرِ ، وَكَآبَةِ الْمَنْظَرِ وَسُوءِ الْمُنْقَلَبِ فِي الْاَهْلِ
وَالْمَالِ

O Lord, we seek piety and righteousness during this journey. We seek Your help in doing the deeds that please You. O Allah, in Your kindness be our travelling companion and bring us back according to Your promise.

O Allah, shorten the distance of the earth and make the journey easier for us. O Allah! You alone are our Companion during this travel and our Guardian in our homes. O Lord, I seek recourse in You from the hardship of the journey and from confronting some terrible scene. I seek Your shelter from undesirable return to my home.

Prayer on Riding

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar relates when the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to ride his camel he repeated Subhan Allah, Alhamdu lillah and Allahu Akbar three times and then recited this prayer:

سُبْحَانَ الَّذِي سَخَّرْنَا هَذَا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقْرِنِينَ وَإِنَّا إِلَى
رَبِّنَا لَمُنْقَلِبُونَ

(Al Zukhruf 43:14-15) (Muslim, Kitabul Hajj)

Holy is He, Who has subjected this to us, while we had not the strength to subdue it by ourselves. To our Lord surely shall we return.

Prayer for Safety from Evil during a Journey

As per narration of Hadhrat Khaula bint Hakim, the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that this prayer should be repeated whilst camping during a journey:

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ

(Muslim, Kitabudh Dhikr)

I seek the protection of Allah's perfect and comprehensive words against the evil in the things which He has created.

Prayer on Confronting a Terrifying Night during a Journey

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar relates when night fell during a journey the Holy Prophet^{sa} would say:

يَا أَرْضُ رَبِّي وَرَبُّكَ اللَّهُ، أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شَرِّكَ، وَشَرِّ مَا
فِيكَ وَشَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ فِيكَ، وَمِنْ شَرِّ مَا يَدُبُّ عَلَيْكَ
أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ أَسَدٍ وَأَسْوَدٍ، وَمِنَ الْحَيَّةِ وَالْعَقْرَبِ، وَمِنْ
سَاكِنِ الْبَلَدِ، وَمِنْ وَالِدٍ وَمَا وَلَدَ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul Jihad)

O earth, Allah is my Lord, and Your Lord. I seek Allah's protection from your evil and the evil of that which is in you and the evil of which He created in you. The evil of the living things which crawl on you. I seek Your protection from lion, terrifying dragon, and every type of snake and scorpion, dwellers of this town and the breeder and the born.

Prayer on Ascending a High Place

Hadhrat Anas bin Maalik has told us to recite this prayer on ascending to a high place:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الشَّرْفُ عَلَى كُلِّ شَرَفٍ وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَى
كُلِّ حَالٍ

(Musnad Ahmad, vol. 3, page 239, Published in Beirut)

*O Lord, all honour belongs to You, on every high place
and all praise belongs to You in every situation.*

Prayer on Going for Jihad

Hadhrat Anas bin Maalik relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this when leaving for Jihad:

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ عَضُدِي وَنَصِيرِي بِكَ أَحُولُ وَبِكَ أَصُولُ
وَبِكَ أَقَاتِلُ-

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat and Musnad bin Hunbal)

*O Allah, You are my support and my helper. With Your
help I plan and with Your support I attack and in Your
name I fight.*

Prayer on Bidding Farewell

The Holy Prophet^{sa} said this prayer on bidding farewell to Abdullah bin Umar:

أَسْتَوْدِعُ اللَّهَ دِينَكَ وَأَمَاتَكَ وَخَوَاتِيمَ عَمَلِكَ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul Jihad)

*I commit thee, your faith, the things given to you in
trust, and the result of your actions, to Allah.*

Hadhrat Anas relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa} at the time of farewell:

رَوَّدَكَ اللَّهُ التَّقْوَى وَغَفَرَ اللَّهُ ذَنْبَكَ وَيَسَّرَكَ الْخَيْرَ
حَيْثَمَا كُنْتَ -

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

May Allah bestow righteousness upon you as provisions for the journey, forgive your sins and provide goodness for you wherever you happen to be.

Prayer on Entering a Township

Hadhrat Suhaib relates whenever the Holy Prophet^{sa} entered a town, he always recited this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَمَا أَظْلَلْنَ وَرَبَّ الْأَرْضِينَ
وَمَا أَقْلَلْنَ وَرَبَّ الشَّيَاطِينِ وَمَا أَضَلَّنَ وَرَبَّ الرِّيَّاحِ وَ
مَا ذَرَبْنَ فَإِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ هَذِهِ الْقَرْيَةِ وَخَيْرَ أَهْلِهَا وَخَيْرَ
مَا فِيهَا وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهَا وَمِنْ شَرِّ أَهْلِهَا وَشَرِّ مَا
فِيهَا -

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِيهَا - اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِيهَا - اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ
لَنَا فِيهَا - اللَّهُمَّ ارزُقْنَا جَنَاهَا وَحَبِّبْنَا إِلَى أَهْلِهَا وَحَبِّبْ
صَالِحِ أَهْلِهَا إِلَيْنَا -

(Mustadrak Hakim, Kitabul Manasik Mu'jamul Awsat Tabarany)

O Allah! the Lord of the seven heavens and everything that is beneath them, O Lord of the seven earths and whatever is on them, O Lord of Satans and the ones whom they have led astray, O Lord of winds and whatever they spread, we seek Your blessings from this town, from its inhabitants and everything which is in it. We seek Your shelter from the evil of this town, its inhabitants and whatever is in it.

O Lord! put blessings in this town for us. Bless us in this town and bless this town for us. Provide us with means to attain these blessings. O Allah! grant us sustenance from the fruits of this town. Infuse our love in the hearts of its inhabitants and inculcate love for its pious people in our hearts.

Prayers for Recitation at Dawn and Dusk

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Masood relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to

recite this prayer at dawn:

أَصْبَحْنَا وَأَصْبَحَ الْمُلْكُ لِلَّهِ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
 وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ، وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ، وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ
 شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، رَبِّ أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ مَا فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ وَخَيْرَ مَا
 بَعْدَهُ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ وَشَرِّ مَا بَعْدَهُ،
 رَبِّ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْكَسَلِ وَسُوءِ الْكِبَرِ، رَبِّ أَعُوذُ بِكَ
 مِنْ عَذَابٍ فِي النَّارِ وَعَذَابٍ فِي الْقَبْرِ -
 اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِيهَا - اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِيهَا - اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ
 لَنَا فِيهَا - اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنَا جَنَاهَا وَحَبِّبْنَا إِلَى أَهْلِهَا وَحَبِّبْ
 صَالِحِ أَهْلِهَا إِلَيْنَا -

(Muslim, Kitabudh Dhikr)

We entered into dawn and the whole country entered into it for the sake of God. All praise belongs to God. There is none worthy of worship except Him. He is One and has no partner. To Him belongs sovereignty and all praise befits Him. He is mighty over everything. O my Lord, I beseech You to grant me goodness of this day and also blessings afterwards. I seek refuge in You from the mischief of this day and evil afterwards. O my Lord, I seek shelter from the evils of lethargy and arrogance. O my Sustainer, I seek refuge in You from the punishment of the Fire and the torment of the grave.

The Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say the same prayer at dusk by changing the word "dawn" to the word "dusk":

أَمْسَيْنَا وَأَمْسَى الْمُلْكُ لِلَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
 وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ

شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٍ، رَبِّ أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ مَا فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ وَخَيْرَ مَا
بَعْدَهَا، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ وَشَرِّ
مَا بَعْدَهَا، رَبِّ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْكَسَلِ وَمِنْ سُوءِ الْكِبَرِ،
رَبِّ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ فِي النَّارِ وَعَذَابِ فِي الْقَبْرِ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

We entered into dusk and the whole country entered into it for the sake of Allah. All praise belongs to Allah. There is none worthy of worship except Him. He is One and has no partner. To Him belongs the sovereignty and all praise befits Him. He is Mighty over everything. O my Lord, I beseech You to grant me goodness of this night and also blessings afterwards. I seek refuge in You from the mischief of this night and evil afterwards. O my Lord, I seek shelter from the evils of lethargy and arrogance. O my Sustainer, I seek refuge in You from the punishment of the Fire and the torment of the grave.

Hadhrrat Abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught his companions this prayer to recite at dawn:

اللَّهُمَّ بِكَ أَصْبَحْنَا وَبِكَ نَحْيَا، وَبِكَ نَمُوتُ، وَإِلَيْكَ
الْمَصِيرُ

(Ibn Maja, Kitabud Du'a)

O Lord, for Your sake we entered into dawn. We live for Your sake and we will die for Your sake and we will ultimately return to You.

An attendant of the Holy Prophet^{sa} Hadhrrat Anas bin Maalik narrates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that whosoever recites this prayer everyday, God forgives his sins of that day and if this prayer is recited at night, God forgives the sins of that night and frees him from the torment of the Fire.

اللَّهُمَّ أَصْبَحْنَا نَشْهَدُكَ وَنُشْهَدُ حَمَلَةَ عَرْشِكَ

وَمَلَائِكَتَكَ وَجَمِيعَ خَلْقِكَ بِأَنَّكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ
وَحَدَّكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُكَ وَرَسُولُكَ -

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

O Allah! we entered dawn. We call upon You, call upon the bearers of Your Throne, call angels and call Your creation as witness that You are the Lord except whom there is none worthy of worship. You are One, without any partner and Muhammad is Your servant and Your Messenger.

Note: The words for the evening prayer are the same; only in the first sentence instead of *اللَّهُمَّ أَصْبَحْنَا* the words *اللَّهُمَّ أَمْسَيْنَا* should be recited.

Hadhrat Abban relates this prayer, which he heard from his father Hadhrat Usman Ghani. The Holy Prophet^{sa} advised that if a person recites this prayer three times daily at dawn and dusk, God safeguards him from sudden calamity on that day or on that night. Hadhrat Abban suffered a stroke and afterwards when he related this tradition The listener was surprised in view of Hadhrat Abban's illness. He replied, "By God! in relating this tradition I have neither lied against my father, Hadhrat Usman, nor has my father lied against the Holy Prophet^{sa}. One day I was angry and forgot to say this prayer. By chance I suffered this stroke on that day and thus God fulfilled this decree as a result of my not offering this prayer."

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الَّذِي لَا يَضُرُّ مَعَ اسْمِهِ شَيْءٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي
السَّمَاءِ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

In the name of Allah, with His name nothing in the heavens and earth can be harmful. He is All-Hearing and All-Knowing.

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah and Abu Raashidul Herrani narrate that Hadhrat Abu Bakr Siddique requested the Holy Prophet^{sa} to teach him a prayer which he could recite morning and evening. The Holy Prophet^{sa} taught him this prayer and advised him to repeat it morning and evening and when retiring to bed:

اَللّٰهُمَّ فَاطِرَ السَّمٰوٰتِ وَالْاَرْضِ، عَالِمَ الْغَيْبِ
وَالشَّهَادَةِ، رَبِّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ وَمَلِيْكَهٗ، اَشْهَدُ اَنْ لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا
اَنْتَ، اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ نَفْسِيْ، وَشَرِّ الشَّيْطٰنِ
وَشَرِّكِهِ، وَاَنْ اَقْتَرِفَ عَلٰى نَفْسِيْ سُوْءًا، اَوْ اَجْرَهُ اِلٰى
مُسْلِمٍ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

O Lord, Creator of the heavens and the earth, Knower of the seen and the unseen, Lord and Master of everything, I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship except You. I seek refuge in You from the mischief of my own self, the evil of Satan and from his associating partners with You. I seek shelter in You from doing any evil deed which can harm me or harm a fellow Muslim.

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} always recited some prayers at dawn and dusk. One of the prayers is as follows:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّىْ اَسْأَلُكَ الْعَافِيَةَ فِى الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّىْ
اَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِى دِيْنِيْ وَدُنْيَاىْ، وَاَهْلِىْ وَمَالِىْ
، اَللّٰهُمَّ اسْتُرْ عَوْرَاتِىْ، وَاَمِنْ رَوْعَاتِىْ، اَللّٰهُمَّ احْفَظْنِىْ
مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْ وَاَمِنْ خَلْفِىْ وَعَنْ يَمِيْنِىْ وَعَنْ شِمَالِىْ
وَمِنْ فَوْقِىْ، وَاَعُوْذُ بِعَظَمَتِكَ اَنْ اُغْتَالَ مِنْ تَحْتِىْ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

O Allah, I seek well-being and safety in this world and in the world Hereafter. O Lord, I seek Your forgiveness and protection in faith, in worldly life, in my home and in my wealth. O Allah, cover up my weaknesses and grant me peace from my fears. O Allah, You Yourself

protect me from front and behind, from left and right and from above and below. I seek shelter in Your Greatness lest any hidden hardship touches me from below.

Hadhrat Abu Salaam Habish relates, he asked Hadhrat Anas, an attendant of the Holy Prophet^{sa} to narrate a tradition, which he himself had heard from Huzur^{sa}. Anas replied that he had heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} say that whosoever recites this prayer at dawn and dusk, God takes upon Himself the responsibility make him happy on the Day of Judgement.

رَضِينَا بِاللَّهِ رَبًّا، وَبِالْإِسْلَامِ دِينًا، وَبِمُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولًا

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

We are happy and content to believe in Allah as our Creator and Islam our faith and Muhammad^{sa} as our Prophet.

Hadhrat Abudallh bin Ghunnam narrates, the Holy Prophet^{sa} said whosoever recites these words at dawn and dusk has offered his gratitude for the day or the night.

اللَّهُمَّ مَا أَصْبَحَ بِي مِنْ نِعْمَةٍ فَمِنْكَ وَحَدِّكَ، لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ، فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ وَلَكَ الشُّكْرُ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

O Allah, every blessing and good thing that I have, is solely and purely from You. You have no partner. You are entitled to all praise and gratefulness.

Hadhrat Abu Ay'yash relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that whosoever recites these prayers at dawn and dusk receives a reward equal to freeing a slave, who in status is equal to Hadhrat Ishmael^{as}'s progeny. Ten good deeds are credited to him and his ten sins are forgiven. His status is raised ten levels and he is safe from the Satan. One of the narrators of this tradition, Hadhrat Hamaad says that a person saw the Holy Prophet^{sa} in a dream and asked him that Abu Ay'yash told him this; the Holy Prophet^{sa} replied that he had told the truth. These are the words of the prayer:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

(Abu Dawud, Kitab ul A'dab)

There is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partner. His is the Sovereignty and all praise belongs to Him. He has power over everything.

Ummul Momineen Hadhrat Salma relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught her this prayer to recite in the evening:

اللَّهُمَّ عِنْدَ اسْتِقْبَالِ لَيْلِكَ، وَإِذْ بَارِ نَهَارِكَ، وَأَصْوَاتِ دُعَاتِكَ وَحُضُورِ صَلَوَاتِكَ أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَغْفِرَ لِي

(Tirmidhi, kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, I supplicate You at the arrival of Your night, return of the day, at the times of the voices of the callers to You and during the timings of salat, to forgive my sins.

Hadhrat Abu Bakr used to recite these prayers three times every morning and evening and said that he heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} recite them so he liked to keep up his tradition by repeating them.

(i) اللَّهُمَّ عَافِنِي فِي بَدَنِي اللَّهُمَّ عَافِنِي فِي سَمْعِي، اللَّهُمَّ عَافِنِي فِي بَصَرِي، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

O Lord, protect my body and my hearing. My Benefactor safeguard my eyes. There is none worthy of worship except You.

(ii) اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْكُفْرِ وَالْفَقْرِ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ -

O Allah, I take You as shelter from disbelief and poverty. I seek refuge in You from the torment of the

grave. There is none worthy of worship except You.

Sayyad-ul-Istighfar
(Best Prayer for Seeking Forgiveness)

Hadhrat Buraidah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that whosoever recites this prayer morning or evening and dies on that day or that night he will enter heaven.

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ ، خَلَقْتَنِي ، وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ
وَأَنَا عَلَى عَهْدِكَ وَوَعْدِكَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ
شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ ، أَبُوءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ ، وَأَبُوءُ لَكَ
بِدُنْيِي ، فَاعْفِرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ -

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, You are my Lord, there is none worthy of worship except You. You created me and I am Your servant. And I am steadfast in Your covenant and Your promise to the best of my capability. I seek refuge in You from the evil effects of my deeds. I acknowledge Your blessings and favours. I confess my sins, so You forgive me, as there is none except You who forgives sins.

Prayer for Safety from Evil Moment and Evil Neighbour

Hadhrat Uqbah bin A'mer relates this tradition for safety from the evils of the day and the night and a bad neighbour:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ يَوْمِ السُّوءِ وَمِنْ لَيْلَةِ السُّوءِ
وَمِنْ سَاعَةِ السُّوءِ، وَمِنْ صَاحِبِ السُّوءِ، وَمِنْ جَارِ
السُّوءِ، فِي ذَارِ الْمُقَامَةِ -

(Tabarany, vol. 17, page 294, published in Beirut)

O Lord, I seek refuge in You from the evils of a bad day, bad night and a bad moment. I seek shelter from bad companions and living with bad neighbours.

Prayers for Rain

The Holy Prophet^{sa} offered this prayer when a request for prayer was made to him during time of famine. It did start to rain heavily and immediately. It continued to rain till the next Friday when he prayed for a break in the rain.

اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا، اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا، اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا

O Allah, saturate us, O Allah, saturate us, O Allah, saturate us.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْنِنَا، اللَّهُمَّ اغْنِنَا، اللَّهُمَّ اغْنِنَا

O Allah, shower Divine Mercy of rain upon us

(Bukhari, Kitabul Istisqaa)

Another Prayer for Rain

Hadhrat A'bad bin Tamim relates from his uncle that during famine the Holy Prophet^{sa} went to an open place to offer prayer for rain. He led two rakats of salat in which he recited surah Al-Fatiha and some verses of the Holy Quran in a loud voice and prayed for rain. After the salat he turned over his sheet and facing Ka'aba raised his hands and prayed in these words:

اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا غَيْثًا مُغِيثًا مَرِيئًا مُرِيئًا نَافِعًا غَيْرَ ضَارٍّ
عَاجِلًا غَيْرَ آجِلٍ - اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِ عِبَادَكَ وَبِهَائِمَكَ وَ
أَنْشُرْ رَحْمَتَكَ وَأَحْيِ بَلَدَكَ الْمَيِّتَ - اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا
اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا

(Abu Dawud, kitabus Salat)

O Lord, grant us rainwater which removes our anxieties, is beneficial, free from harm and which comes early rather than late. O Lord, provide water for Your people and animals. Extend Your mercy and quicken this dead township with life. O Lord, give us water to drink. O Lord, give us water to drink. O Lord, give us water to drink.

Prayer on Hearing the Thunder and for Safety from Wrath of God

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar relates whenever the Holy Prophet^{sa}

heard the thunder or lightning, he used to recite this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَقْتُلْنَا بِغَضَبِكَ وَلَا تُهْلِكْنَا بَعْدَابِكَ، وَوَعَافِنَا
قَبْلَ ذَلِكَ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Lord, do not cause us to die in Your wrath. Do not annihilate us with Your punishment and save us before it happens.

Prayer for Safety from the Harm of Dust-storms

Hadhrat Ayesha relates whenever a storm would blow the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَهَا وَخَيْرَ مَا فِيهَا، وَخَيْرَ مَا
أُرْسِلَتْ بِهِ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهَا وَشَرِّ مَا فِيهَا، وَشَرِّ مَا
أُرْسِلَتْ بِهِ

(Muslim, Kitabus Salat-e-Istisqaa)

O Lord, I seek Your blessing in whatever goodness is hidden or manifest in this storm and seek Your beneficence with which it has been sent. I seek refuge in You from its hidden or manifest harm and the evil with which it has been sent.

Prayer for Safety in a Downpour

Hadhrat Anas bin Maalik relates that it rained for one whole week. On Friday, on request from a petitioner, the Holy Prophet^{sa} prayed in these words and the rain stopped immediately:

اللَّهُمَّ حَوَالَيْنَا وَلَا عَلَيْنَا، اللَّهُمَّ عَلَى الْآكَامِ وَالظَّرَابِ
وَالْأُودِيَةِ وَمَنَابِتِ الشَّجَرِ

(Bukhari, Kitabal Istisqaa)

O Lord, make it rain around us but not on us. O Allah, make it rain on the hills, rocks, valleys and the trees of the forests.

Prayers of Bedtime

Hadhrat Huzaifa bin-ul-Yamaan relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say this prayer on retiring to bed:

اللَّهُمَّ بِاسْمِكَ أَمُوتُ وَ أَحْيَا-

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Lord, I die in Your name and I come to life in Your name.

Hadhrat Braa bin Aazib relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught someone this bedtime prayer and said that if he dies during the night, his death will be as a guided one, and if he wakes up in the morning, his life will prosper with the blessings of this prayer.

اللَّهُمَّ اسَلَّمْتُ نَفْسِي إِلَيْكَ، وَوَجَّهْتُ وَجْهِي إِلَيْكَ وَ
فَوَّضْتُ أَمْرِي إِلَيْكَ، وَالْجَأْتُ ظَهْرِي إِلَيْكَ، رَغْبَةً وَ
رَهْبَةً إِلَيْكَ، لَا مَلْجَأَ وَلَا مَنَاجَا مِثْلَكَ إِلَّا إِلَيْكَ آمَنْتُ
بِكِتَابِكَ الَّذِي أَنْزَلْتَ وَبِنَبِيِّكَ الَّذِي أَرْسَلْتَ -

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Lord, I have entrusted my life to You, and I am inclined towards You. I have submitted all my affairs to You. With great love for You and with Your fear in my heart, I have taken You as my support. There is no refuge or salvation except in You. I believe in Your revealed book and in the Messenger ordained by You.

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} instructed him that when retiring to bed at night, he should dust the bed and recite this prayer.

بِاسْمِكَ رَبِّي وَضَعْتُ جَنْبِي، وَبِكَ أَرْفَعُهُ، إِنْ
أَمْسَكْتَ نَفْسِي فَارْحَمْهَا، وَإِنْ أَرْسَلْتَهَا فَاحْفَظْهَا بِمَا
تَحْفَظُ بِهِ عِبَادَكَ الصَّالِحِينَ-

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Lord, in Your name, I lie in bed and in Your name I will raise my body from it. If You decide to take possession of my soul, bestow mercy upon it and if You decide to return it, protect it, as You protect Your pious servants.

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar told someone to say this prayer at bedtime and said that he learnt it from the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ خَلَقْتَ نَفْسِي، وَأَنْتَ تَوَفَّاهَا، لَكَ مَمَاتُهَا
وَمَحْيَاهَا، إِنْ أَحْيَيْتَهَا فَاحْفَظْهَا، وَإِنْ أَمَتَهَا فَاعْفِرْ لَهَا
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَافِيَةَ-

(Muslim, Kitabudh Dhikir)

O Lord, You have created my being and You will cause it to die. It's life and death are in your control. My Master, if You give me life, protect it and if You cause me to die, bestow forgiveness upon it. O Allah, I beg welfare from You.

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this on retiring to bed:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي كَفَانِي وَآوَانِي وَأَطْعَمَنِي وَسَقَانِي
وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي مَنَّ عَلَيَّ فَأَفْضَلَ، وَالَّذِي أَعْطَانِي
فَأَجْزَلَ، الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَى كُلِّ حَالٍ، اللَّهُمَّ رَبِّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
وَمَلِيكُهُ وَإِلَهَ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ-

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

All praise belongs to the Allah, Who is sufficient for me, protects me, feeds me and provides drink for me. All praise belongs to Allah, Who bestowed grace and vast beneficence upon me, Who endowed me immensely. His is the praise at all times. O Allah, Who is the Creator and the Master of everything. O the Object of Worship of all things. I seek refuge in You

from the torment of the Fire.

Ummul Momineen Hadhrat Hafsa relates at night the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to put his right hand under his cheek and repeat this prayer three times:

اللَّهُمَّ قِنِي عَذَابَكَ يَوْمَ تَبْعَثُ عِبَادَكَ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

*O Lord, save me from punishment of the day when
You resurrect mankind.*

Hadhrat Ali relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this at bedtime:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِوَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيمِ وَكَلِمَاتِكَ التَّامَّاتِ
مِنْ شَرِّ مَا أَنْتَ آخِذٌ بِنَاصِيَتِهِ، اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ تَكْشِفُ
الْمَغْرَمَ وَالْمَأْتَمَ اللَّهُمَّ لَا يُهْزَمُ جُنْدُكَ، وَلَا يُخْلَفُ
وَعْدُكَ، وَلَا يَنْفَعُ ذَا الْجَدِّ مِنْكَ الْجَدُّ سُبْحَانَكَ
وَبِحَمْدِكَ-

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

*O Lord, I seek shelter in Your Exalted Countenance. I
seek shelter with Your perfect and comprehensive
words from every evil that is in Your control. O Allah
You alone remove the burdens of trials and sins. O
Allah! Your forces are never defeated and Your
promise is not apposed. No great person's greatness
can benefit in apposition to You. O Allah, Holy are You
with Your praise.*

Hadhrat Abu-al-Azhar relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say this prayer while retiring at night:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ، وَضَعْتُ جَنِي، اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذَنْبِي، وَاحْسِبْ
شَيْطَانِي، وَفُكَّ رَهَانِي، وَاجْعَلْنِي فِي النَّدِيِّ الْأَعْلَى-

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

In the name of Allah, I lie down in bed O Lord, forgive my sins and frustrate the Satan in me. Enable me to fulfil my obligations and covenants and accommodate me in the company of Your angels.

Prayers on Waking up from Sleep

Hadhrat Huzaifa narrates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to say this prayer on waking up:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَحْيَانَا بَعْدَ مَا أَمَاتَنَا وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ۔

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

All praise belongs to Allah, who granted us life after death and to Him is the return.

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} told us to recite this prayer on waking up:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَافَانِي فِي جَسَدِي وَرَدَّ عَلَيَّ رُوحِي، وَ
أَذِنَ لِي بِذِكْرِهِ۔

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

All praise belongs to Allah, who bestowed health and safety upon my body, returned my soul and enabled me to remember Him.

Hadhrat Ubada bin Al-Saamit relates if a person startles in his sleep and wakes up. If he recites these words and supplicates for a need, God accepts that prayer. If he performs ablution and stands up for salat, God grants his prayer special acceptance.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ وَ
هُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ، سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ
إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ، وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ، اللَّهُمَّ
اغْفِرْ لِي

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

There is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is One and has no partner. To Him belongs all the

sovereignty and praise. He has authority over everything. All praise belongs to Him. Holy is He. There is none worthy of worship except Him. He is the Greatest. All power and might belongs to Him. O Allah, forgive me.

Prayers for Cure of Sleeplessness

Hadhrat Buraidah relates Hadhrat Khalid bin Waleed complained of sleeplessness and the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught him this prayer to recite at night:

اَللّٰهُمَّ رَبَّ السَّمٰوٰتِ السَّبْعِ وَمَا اَظْلَمَتْ، وَرَبَّ
الْاَرْضَيْنِ وَمَا اَقْلَمَتْ، وَرَبَّ الشَّيَاطِيْنِ وَمَا اَضَلَّتْ، كُنْ
لِيْ جَارًا مِنْ شَرِّ خَلْقِكَ كُلِّهِمْ جَمِيْعًا، اَنْ يَّفْرِطَ عَلَيَّ
اَحَدٌ، اَوْ اَنْ يَّبْغِيَ عَلَيَّ، عَزَّ جَارُكَ وَجَلَّ تَنَاوُكَ، وَلَا اِلٰهَ
غَيْرُكَ، لَا اِلٰهَ اِلَّا اَنْتَ۔

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah! Lord of the seven heavens and everything that is below them, Creator of seven earths and everything that is flourishing on them. Lord of the Satans and of the beings misguided by them, You be my shield against the evil in every creature, lest it harms me and transgresses against me. Your shelter is most dignified and Your praise is high. There is none worthy of worship except You and I affirm that there is none worthy of worship except You.

Prayer on Seeing a Nightmare

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Amr relates, the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that if someone is scared in sleep and offers this prayer, nothing will harm him. Hadhrat Abdullah made his children memorise this prayer.

Hadhrat Maalik bin Anas narrates Khalid bin Waleed used to have nightmares and the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught him this prayer:

اَعُوْذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللّٰهِ التَّامَّةِ مِنْ غَضَبِهِ وَشَرِّ عِبَادِهِ، وَمِنْ
هَمَزَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ وَاَنْ يَّحْضُرُوْنَ۔

(Mutta Imam Maalik, Kitabul Jamae)

I seek refuge in God's complete and perfect words, from His wrath, His chastisement, the evil which is in His mankind, Satanic insinuations and that I might confront those things.

Prayer for the Newly Weds

Amr bin Shuaib relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} instructed us that when you marry or employ a slave, recite this prayer.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَهَا وَخَيْرَ مَا حَمَلَتْهَا عَلَيْهِ وَأَعُوذُ
بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّهَا وَشَرِّ مَا حَمَلَتْهَا عَلَيْهِ -

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul Nikah)

Note; if women recite this, the personal pronoun should be changed from "Ha" to "Ho" which denotes the masculine gender.

O Allah! I seek its goodness and gain and goodness which You have endowed in his/her nature. I seek refuge in You from its evil and every evil which is hidden in his/her nature.

Prayer at the time of Copulation

Hadhrat Abdullah bin 'Abbas relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} instructed us that whosoever recites this prayer at the time of copulating with his wife God grants him progeny which is safe from the mischief of Satan.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ جَنِّبْنَا الشَّيْطَانَ وَجَنِّبِ الشَّيْطَانَ مَا
رَزَقْتَنَا

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

In the name of Allah, O Allah, save us from Satan and save the progeny that You grant us, from the evil of Satan.

Prayer for Help during the Swoon of Death

Hadhrat Ayesha has related this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}:

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِنِّي عَلَى غَمَرَاتِ الْمَوْتِ وَسَكْرَاتِ الْمَوْتِ -

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, help me when I swoon and become unconscious at the time of death.

Prayer at Time of Death

Hadhrat Ummе Salma relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} came at the time of Abu Salma's death, he closed his eyes which were open until then and advised the wailing people that this was the time of prayer for blessings as the angels are saying 'Ameen' in response to the prayer. He then prayed in these words:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِأَبِي سَلَمَةَ وَارْفَعْ دَرَجَتَهُ فِي الْمَهْدِيِّينَ
وَاخْلُفْهُ فِي عَقْبِهِ فِي الْغَابِرِينَ وَاغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلَهُ يَا رَبَّ
الْعَالَمِينَ وَأَفْسَحْ لَهُ فِي قَبْرِهِ وَتَوَرَّ لَهُ فِيهِ -

(Sahih Muslim, Kitabul Jna'iz)

O Lord, forgive Abu Salma, exalt his rank among the guided ones. And make the people who are left behind good heirs. O Lord of the worlds, forgive him and us. Make his grave spacious and illumine it for him.

Note: Name Abu Salma should be replaced by the dying person's name.

Prayer for Recompense for Affliction

Hadhrat Ummе Salma relates at the death of Abu Salma, the Holy Prophet^{sa} said, that one should recite *إِنَّا لِلَّهِ وَأَنَا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ* and supplicate in these words:

اللَّهُمَّ اجْرِنِي فِي مُصِيبَتِي وَاخْلُفْ لِي خَيْرًا مِنْهَا -

(Muslim, Kitabul Jna'iz)

O Allah, grant me recompense for this affliction and give me a good reward for it.

Funeral Prayer

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer at funerals:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّنَا وَمَيِّتِنَا، وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا، وَصَغِيرِنَا
وَكَبِيرِنَا، وَذَكَرِنَا وَأُنْثَانَا، اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَحْيَيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَأَحْيِهِ

عَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ، وَمَنْ تَوَفَّيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَتَوَفَّهُ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ -
 اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَحْرِمْنَا أَجْرَهُ وَلَا تَفْتِنَّا بَعْدَهُ -

(Tirmidhi and Abu Dawud, Kitabul Jna'iz)

O God, forgive our living ones and our deceased ones, and those of us who are present and our absent ones, our young ones, and our old ones, and our males and our females.

O God, to whomsoever from amongst us You grant life, keep him alive in the state of submission and whomsoever You cause to die, cause him to die in faith. O Allah! deprive us not of the benefits relating to the deceased and subject us not to any ordeal after him.

Note: If the funeral prayer is for a woman then the personal pronoun "la ha" instead of "La hu" should be said to denote the feminine gender.

Funeral Prayer for a Minor

Hadhrat Imam Hasan bin Ali narrates for a child this funeral prayer should be recited after Surah Al-Fatiha.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا سَلَفًا وَفَرْطًا وَذُخْرًا وَأَجْرًا وَشَافِعًا وَ
 مُشَفَّعًا -

(Bukhari, Kitabul Jna'iz)

O Allah, make this child, who has departed early, our forerunner and make him a source of reward. Make him our pleader and accept his pleading for us.

Prayer on Placing the Dead Body in the Grave

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Umar relates that the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer on placing the body in the grave:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَبِاللَّهِ وَعَلَى بِلَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabul Jannaiz)

In the name of Allah, with His support and as the follower of Allah's Messenger, Muhammad^{sa}

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ وَبِاللَّهِ وَعَلَى سُنَّةِ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ ﷺ

In the name of Allah, with His support and in the tradition of His messenger.

Prayer on Visiting Graves

Hadhrat Ayesha relates when the Holy Prophet^{sa} visited Jannat-ul-Baa'qi he recited these words:

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكُمْ أَهْلَ الدِّيَارِ مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ
وَأَنَا أَنْشَاءُ اللَّهُ بِكُمْ لَا حِقُونَ أَنْتُمْ لَنَا فَرَطٌ وَنَحْنُ لَكُمْ تَبَعٌ
أَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ الْعَاقِبَةَ لَنَا وَلَكُمْ

(Muslim, Kitabul Janaiz)

O the inhabitants of the other world, from among the believers and the Muslims, peace be upon you. Surely we are going to join you. We beseech Allah, to bestow safety upon you and us.

PART II

B: VARIOUS COMPREHENSIVE PRAYERS OF THE HOLY PROPHET^{SA}

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Prayer for an Absolute Straight Path

The Holy Prophet^{sa} taught this prayer to Hadhrat Ali and advised that while saying it, guidance should be understood as the straight path and "Rahe Sa'deed," a path absolutely straight like an arrow.

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي وَسَدِّدْنِي

(Muslim, Kitabudh Dhikr)

O Allah, guide me and make me stand firm on "Rahe Sa'deed."

Prayer for a Resolute Heart

Hadhrat Shahr bin Hau'shub asked Hadhrat Umme Salma to tell him the most often repeated prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}. She told him this prayer. Hadhrat Umme Salma had enquired from the Holy Prophet^{sa} why did he repeat this prayer so often. He replied, " God is in total control of a person's heart, as if the heart is held between His two fingers and He can turn it whenever He wants.

يَا مُقَلِّبَ الْقُلُوبِ ثَبِّتْ قَلْبِي عَلَى دِينِكَ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O the Rotator of Hearts, make my heart steadfast on the Faith.

Prayer for Complete Trust in God

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} routinely recited this prayer.

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ أَسْلَمْتُ، وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ، وَعَلَيْكَ
تَوَكَّلْتُ، وَإِلَيْكَ أَنْبَتُ، وَبِكَ خَاصَمْتُ، اللَّهُمَّ أَعُوذُ
بِعِزَّتِكَ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، أَنْ تُضِلَّنِي، أَنْتَ الْحَيُّ الَّذِي لَا
يَمُوتُ، وَالْجِنُّ وَالْإِنْسُ يَمُوتُونَ

(Muslim, kitabudh Dhikr)

O Allah, I have entrusted everything unto You, believe in You, trust in You and am inclined towards You. With your name I fight the enemy. Oh Allah, I seek refuge in Your Honour. There is none worthy of worship except You. You do not lead me astray. You are the Ever

Living Being who is Immortal, while human beings and jinns will be ultimately destroyed.

Prayer for the Improvement of Faith and the World

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer along with his other prayers:

اللَّهُمَّ أَصْلِحْ لِي دِينِي الَّذِي هُوَ عِصْمَةُ أَمْرِي وَأَصْلِحْ
لِي دُنْيَايَ الَّتِي فِيهَا مَعَايِشِي، وَأَصْلِحْ لِي آخِرَتِي الَّتِي
فِيهَا مَعَادِي، وَاجْعَلِ الْحَيَاةَ زِيَادَةً لِي فِي كُلِّ خَيْرٍ،
وَاجْعَلِ الْمَوْتَ رَاحَةً لِي مِنْ كُلِّ شَرٍّ

(Muslim, Kitaudh Dhikr)

O Allah, Improve this faith of mine which is a means of strength and steadfastness in my affairs. Reform my worldly affairs of earning a living. Make my life to which I have to return after death, better. Make my life prosper in all good aspects and save my death from every evil and make it a source of peace.

Prayer for Attaining Good and for Protection in this World and Hereafter

Hadhrat Anas bin Maalik requested the Holy Prophet^{sa} for an exceptional prayer. In response the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught him the same prayer for three days. Huzur^{sa} said, "If someone attains goodness of this world as well as in the next, it would be a great success". The Holy Prophet^{sa} taught this prayer to Hadhrat Abbas and Hadhrat Ali and said that after accepting the truth there is nothing greater than God's protection.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

(Ibn Maja, Kitabud Du'a)

O Allah, I beg Your forgiveness and protection in this world and in the world Hereafter.

Prayer for Divine Safety

Abdul Hamid, a freed slave of Banu Hashim relates from his mother, who was a maid in the house of the Holy Prophet^{sa}'s daughter, that the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught his daughter this prayer to

recite at dawn and dusk for safety:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ لَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ كَانَ
وَمَا لَمْ يَشَأْ لَمْ يَكُنْ، أَعْلَمُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ قَدْ أَحَاطَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عِلْمًا

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

Holy is Allah with His attributes. No one attains any capability except by Allah's Grace. Whatever happens, happens with His will and whatever He does not will never happens. I know Allah is All-powerful and as regards knowledge, He comprehends everything.

Prayer for Attaining Fear of God and Purification of Self

Hadhrat Zaid bin Arqam relates one of the prayers of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

اللَّهُمَّ آتِ نَفْسِي تَقْوَاهَا، وَزَكِّهَا أَنْتَ خَيْرُ مَنْ
زَكَّاهَا، أَنْتَ وَلِيِّهَا وَمَوْلَاهَا

(Nasai, Kitabul Isti'adha)

O Allah, instil Your fear in my soul, purify it as You are the best of those who purify. You are it's Master and Guardian.

Prayer for contentment and Fear of God

Hadhrat Abdullah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} generally used to recite this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْهُدَى وَالتُّقَى وَالْعَفَافَ وَالْغِنَى

(Muslim, Kitabudh Dhikr)

O Allah, I beg You to grant me guidance and Your fear. I beg you for chastity and contentment.

Prayer for becoming a God-Fearing Person

Hadhrat Ayesha relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this supplication:

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنَ الَّذِينَ إِذَا أَحْسَنُوا اسْتَبَشَرُوا وَإِذَا

أَسَأُوا اسْتَغْفَرُوا

(Musnad Ahmad, vol. 6, page 129, published in Beirut)

O Allah, make me one of those who do good and attain pleasure from it and one of those, who when they do wrong seek Your forgiveness.

Prayer for Attaining Righteousness

The Holy Prophet^{sa} saw God in a most beautiful manifestation. He said his Lord has instructed to him to recite this prayer.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ فِعْلَ الْخَيْرَاتِ، وَتَرْكَ
الْمُنْكَرَاتِ، وَحُبَّ الْمَسَاكِينِ، وَإِذَا أَرَدْتَ بِقَوْمٍ فِتْنَةً
فَأَقْبِضْنِي إِلَيْكَ غَيْرَ مَفْتُونٍ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, I beg You to grant me the ability to do good and refrain from evil deeds. Confer the love of the poor on me. When You intend to put people in trials, take control of my soul without putting it in trial.

Prayer for Health and Safety

Hadhrat Ayesha relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} generally recited this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ عَافِنِي فِي جَسَدِي، وَعَافِنِي فِي سَمْعِي وَبَصَرِي
وَاجْعَلْهُمَا الْوَارِثَ مِنِّي، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ
، سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ
الْعَالَمِينَ -

(Tirmidhi, kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, grant health to my body, protect my hearing and my sight and make these two my inheritors. There is none worthy of worship except Allah, Who is Honourable and Forebearing. Holy is the Lord of the Magnificent Throne. All praise belongs to Allah, the Lord of the Worlds.

Prayer for Safety from the Effects of Bad Omens

Hadhrrat Abdullah bin Umar relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} told us that if someone's affairs are hindered by bad omens, he too has associated partners with Allah. The companions asked for the remedy. He advised them to say this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ لَا طَيْرَ إِلَّا طَيْرِكَ وَلَا خَيْرَ إِلَّا خَيْرِكَ وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرِكَ

(Musnad Ahmad, published in Beirut, vol 2 page 220)

O Allah, no bad omen is consequential except by Your decree regarding evil and there is no bounty except Your beneficence. There is none worthy of worship except You.

Prayer for Beneficence of God

Hadhrrat Umar relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

اللَّهُمَّ زِدْنَا وَلَا تَنْقُصْنَا، وَأَكْرِمْنَا، وَلَا تُهِنَّا، وَأَعْظِمْنَا، وَلَا تَحْرِمْنا، وَأَثِرْنَا وَلَا تُؤْثِرْ عَلَيْنَا وَأَرْضِنَا وَأَرْضِ عَنَّا

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, increase us and do not decrease us. Bestow dignity upon us and save us from humiliation. Bestow favours upon us and do not deprive us. Be partial to us believers and do not give anybody preference over us. Make us happy and may You be pleased with us.

Prayer for Fear of God and for Perfect Faith

Hadhrrat Abdullah bin Umar relates whenever the Holy Prophet^{sa} rose from a gathering, he used to pray for himself and his companions in these words:

اللَّهُمَّ أَقْسِمُ لَنَا مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ مَا تَحُولُ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ مَعْصِيَتِكَ، وَمِنْ طَاعَتِكَ مَا تُبَلِّغُنَا بِهِ جَنَّتِكَ، وَمِنْ الْيَقِينِ مَا يُهَوِّنُ عَلَيْنَا مُصِيبَاتِ الدُّنْيَا، وَمَتِّعْنَا بِأَسْمَاعِنَا، وَاجْعَلْ أَبْصَارَنَا، وَقُوَّتَنَا مَا أَحْيَيْتَنَا، وَاجْعَلْهُ الْوَارِثَ مِنَّا، وَاجْعَلْ ثَأْرَنَا عَلَى مَنْ ظَلَمَنَا، وَانصُرْنَا عَلَى مَنْ عَادَانَا، وَلَا

تَجْعَلْ مُصِيبَتَنَا فِي دِينِنَا، وَلَا تَجْعَلِ الدُّنْيَا أَكْبَرَ هَمِّنَا
، وَلَا مَبْلَغَ عِلْمِنَا، وَلَا تُسَلِّطْ عَلَيْنَا مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُنَا

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, instil in our hearts, a fear which becomes a barrier between us and disobedience towards You. Grant us such capacity of submission which enable us to enter Heaven. Bestow upon us such certainty of belief which eases the afflictions of this world. Enable us to benefit from our eyes, ears and other faculties. As long as You keep us alive, grant us heirs from these faculties. Wreak vengeance on the person who transgresses against us. Help us against the enemies and do not put us to the test in our belief. Do not make the material world our sole concern. Do not make pride in knowledge our weakness. O God, do not impose such people upon us who are not merciful to us.

Prayer for Prosperity

Hadhrt Abu Hurairah relates that a person came to the Holy Prophet^{sa} and said, "O Messenger of God, I heard your prayer last night and these are the words I was able to hear." The Holy Prophet^{sa} said, " Look carefully, do you see anything missing in these words." The prayer is as follows:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذَنْبِي وَوَسِّعْ لِي فِي دَارِي وَبَارِكْ لِي فِيمَا
رَزَقْتَنِي

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, forgive my sins and enlarge my house for me.
Bless every sustenance that You bestow upon me.

Prayer for Abundance of Sustenance in Old Age

Hadhrt Ayesha relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ أَوْسَعَ رِزْقِكَ عَلَيَّ عِنْدَ كِبَرِ سِنِّي، وَاقْطَعْ
عُمْرِي

(Mustardik Hakim, Kitabud Du'a, vol. 1, page 542 Beirut)

O Allah, grant me abundant sustenance in my old age and last days of my life.

Prayer for Blessings in Fruits and Grain

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to offer this prayer on seeing a new fruit:

لَلّٰهُمَّ بَارِكْ لَنَا فِي ثِمَارِنَا وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِي مَدِيْنَتِنَا وَبَارِكْ
لَنَا فِي صَاعِنَا وَمُدِّنَا

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'wat)

O Allah, bless our fruits, bless our city for us and bestow blessings on the bowls with which we measure our grain.

Prayer for being Grateful and doing Good Deeds

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates that he learnt this prayer from the Holy Prophet^{sa} and never forgets to repeat it.

لَلّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِيْ اَعْظَمُ شُكْرِكَ، وَاكْثُرُ ذِكْرِكَ وَاَتَّبِعْ
نُصْحَكَ، وَاَحْفَظْ وَاَصِيَّتَكَ

(Musnad Ahmad published in Beirut, vol. 2, page 311)

O Allah, make me such a person who thanks You immensely, remembers You a great deal and follows the path of Your pleasure. Enable me to safeguard Your important injunctions (with my actions).

A Comprehensive Prayer

Hadhrat 'Abdullah bin 'Abbas relates one of the Holy Prophet^{sa}'s often repeated prayer:

رَبِّ اَعِيْنِيْ، وَلَا تُعِيْنْ عَلَيَّ، وَاَنْصُرْنِيْ وَلَا تَنْصُرْ
عَلَيَّ، وَاَنْكُرْ لِيْ وَلَا تَمْكُرْ عَلَيَّ، وَاِهْدِنِيْ وَيَسِّرِ الْهُدٰى
لِيْ، وَاَنْصُرْ عَلَيَّ مَنْ بَغَى عَلَيَّ، رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِيْ لَكَ شَاكِرًا
، لَكَ ذَاكِرًا، لَكَ رَاھِبًا، لَكَ بِطُوَاعًا، لَكَ مُخْبِتًا، اِلَيْكَ

أَوَاهَا مُنِيْبَا، رَبِّ تَقَبَّلْ تَوْبَتِي، وَاغْسِلْ حُوبَتِي، وَاجِبْ
 دَعْوَتِي، وَثَبِّتْ حُجَّتِي وَسَدِّدْ لِسَانِي، وَاهْدِ قَلْبِي
 ،وَاسْئَلْ سَخِيْمَةَ صَدْرِي،

(Tirmidhi, Kitabul Da'awat)

O my Lord, help me and do not help anyone against me. Bestow victory upon me and do not allow victory to my enemies over me. Plan and contrive for me and not against me. Make me steadfast upon guidance and make it easier for me to follow the right path. Come to my help if anyone transgresses against me. O my Lord, make me a grateful one, one who remembers You, fears You, is totally submitted to You, is a humble one in Your court and is inclined towards You. O my Lord, accept my repentance and cleanse me of my sins and accept my prayer. Establish my understanding firmly, make my tongue steadfast upon truth and the right path. Guide my heart and cleanse my bosom of rancour.

Prayer for Beneficial Knowledge

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah informs us of this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَنْفَعْنِيْ بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنِيْ، وَعَلِّمْنِيْ مَا يَنْفَعُنِيْ، وَزِدْنِيْ
 عِلْمًا، اَلْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ عَلٰى كُلِّ حَالٍ وَّاَعُوْذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنْ حَالِ
 اَهْلِ النَّارِ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, make the knowledge that You have taught me beneficial for me. Teach me such knowledge which brings gain. Increase my knowledge. All praise belongs to Allah in every situation. I seek refuge in Allah from the condition of the people of the Fire.

Prayer and Method for Memorising Qur'an

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas relates once in the company of Holy Prophet^{sa} Hadhrat Ali complained about the difficulty of memorising

the Holy Qur'an. The Holy Prophet^{sa} said, " O Abu Al-Hasan, shall I tell you some useful words which would enable you to remember Qur'an better?" Then he advised him of the manner in which it should be memorised. He instructed him to offer two rakats of nafal (voluntary salat) during the later part of Friday night (this is a special time of acceptance of prayer). Hadhrat Jacob^{as} also mentioned this hour of Friday night by saying:

سَوْفَ أَسْتَغْفِرُ لَكُمْ رَبِّي

(Yusuf 12:99)

"Soon I will seek forgiveness from my Lord."

If this is not possible, offer four rakats in the first part or the middle part of the night. Recite surah Al-Fatiha and surah Yasin in the first rakat. In the second rakat recite surah Al-Fatiha and surah Al-Dukhan. In the third rakat recite surah Al-Fatiha and surah Ha Meem Sajdah and in the fourth rakat recite surah Al-Mulk after surah Al-Fatiha. In the last rakat after tashahhud, glorification of God, Durud on me and other prophets of Allah and seeking Allah's forgiveness for the believers, recite this prayer. Perform this salat for a minimum of three or a maximum of five or seven Fridays consecutively. Your prayer will be accepted. I take oath in the name of Allah, who has ordained me, a firm believer's prayer is never rejected.

Hadhrt Ibn Abbas relates that Hadhrt Ali came to the Holy Prophet^{sa} after performing the salat as he was advised for five or seven times. He attended a gathering in which Huzur^{sa} was present and said, "My condition was such that I tried to memorise four verses of the Qur'an and used to forget them. Now I can memorise forty verses in a day and when I revise them it seems that the Qur'an is open in front of me. It was the same with memorising the traditions. After hearing them I used to forget them. Now I hear a tradition once and am able to repeat it exactly."

Huzur^{sa} said, by the Lord of Ka'ba, Abu Al-Hasan, Ali is a true believer. The prayer is as follows.

اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْنِي بِتَرْكِ الْمَعَاصِي أَبَدًا مَا أَبْقَيْتَنِي،
 وَارْحَمْنِي، أَنْ أَتَكَلَّفَ مَا لَا يَعْينُنِي، وَارْزُقْنِي حُسْنَ
 النَّظَرِ فِيمَا يُرْضِيكَ عَنِّي، اللَّهُمَّ بَدِّعِ السَّمَوَاتِ

وَالْأَرْضِ، ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ، وَالْعِزَّةِ الَّتِي لَا تُرَامُ
 ،أَسْأَلُكَ يَا اللَّهُ، يَا رَحْمَنُ، بِجَلَالِكَ وَنُورِ وَجْهِكَ أَنْ
 تُلْزِمَ قَلْبِي حِفْظَ كِتَابِكَ كَمَا عَلَّمْتَنِي وَارْزُقْنِي أَنْ أَتْلُوهُ
 عَلَى النَّحْوِ الَّذِي يُرْضِيكَ عَنِّي، اللَّهُمَّ بَدِّعِ السَّمَوَاتِ
 وَالْأَرْضِ ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ، وَالْعِزَّةِ الَّتِي لَا تُرَامُ، أَسْأَلُكَ
 يَا اللَّهُ، يَا رَحْمَنُ، بِجَلَالِكَ وَنُورِ وَجْهِكَ، أَنْ تُنَوِّرَ
 بِكِتَابِكَ بَصْرِي، وَأَنْ تُطَلِّقَ بِهِ لِسَانِي، وَأَنْ تُفَرِّجَ بِهِ عَن
 قَلْبِي وَأَنْ تُشْرَحَ بِهِ صَدْرِي، وَأَنْ تَغْسِلَ بِهِ بَدَنِي، فَإِنَّهُ لَا
 يُعِينُنِي عَلَى الْحَقِّ غَيْرُكَ، وَلَا يُؤْتِنِيهِ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، وَلَا حَوْلَ
 وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, as long as you keep me alive, enable me with Your special mercy to refrain from sins. Have mercy on me and save me from vain and unintentional talk. Grant me such insight with which You will be pleased with me.

O Allah, You are the One Who created the heaven and earth beautifully for the first time. O Lord of Honour and Glory, Lord of such high Honour which is difficult to comprehend.

O Allah, O the Gracious God, I supplicate you in the name of Your glory and the light of Your countenance, that You make the memorisation of Your book deeply engraved in my heart, in the same manner as you have taught it to me. Enable me to recite it in the way that pleases You.

O Allah, Lord of Honour and Glory, Creator of Heavens and Earth (without any existing example), Lord of such Honour, which is beyond comprehension. O Allah, O Gracious God! I beg you in the name of Your Majesty

and the light of Your countenance, enlighten my eyes with the light of Your book and make it fluent upon my tongue. Ameen.

Open up my heart with it and cleanse my body with this holy revelation. Who else is there who can help me with the truth? No one else has the power to bestow this ability upon me except You. No one else has power or the strength except Allah. No one has the authority except Allah, the Magnificent and the Great.

Prayer for Every Good and Safety from Every Evil

Hadhrat Abu Amamah Bahli relates once they asked the Holy Prophet^{sa} that he had offered numerous prayers which they did not remember by heart. He said that " I will teach you a comprehensive prayer and you should memorise it."

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا سَأَلَكَ مِنْهُ نَبِيُّكَ
مُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ، وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ
شَرِّ مَا اسْتَعَاذَ مِنْهُ نَبِيُّكَ مُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ
وَأَنْتَ الْمُسْتَعَانُ، وَعَلَيْكَ الْبَلَاغُ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, we seek every good thing from You which Your Messenger Muhammad^{sa} sought from you. We seek refuge from every evil from which Your Prophet Muhammad^{sa} sought refuge. You are the One whose assistance is solicited. So it is essential to pray to You.

Prayer for attaining Higher Spiritual Status

Ummul Momineen Hadhrat Umme Salma has told us a comprehensive prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ الْمَسْأَلَةِ وَخَيْرَ الدُّعَاءِ
وَخَيْرَ النَّجَاحِ وَخَيْرَ الْعَمَلِ وَخَيْرَ الثَّوَابِ وَخَيْرَ الْحَيَاةِ
وَخَيْرَ الْمَمَاةِ وَتَبَتَّنِي وَتَقِلَّ مَوَازِينِي وَحَقِّقْ إِيمَانِي وَارْفَعْ

دَرَجَتِي وَتَقَبَّلْ صَلَاتِي وَاغْفِرْ خَطِيئَتِي وَأَسْأَلُكَ
 الدَّرَجَاتِ العُلَى مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ (الْمِينِ) اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ
 فَوَاتِحَ الخَيْرِ وَخَوَاتِمَهُ وَجَوَامِعَهُ وَأَوَّلَهُ وَآخِرَهُ وَظَاهِرَهُ وَ
 بَاطِنَهُ وَالدَّرَجَاتِ العُلَى مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ (الْمِينِ) اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي
 أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَرْفَعَ ذِكْرِي وَتَضَعْ وَزْرِي وَتُصَلِّحَ أَمْرِي
 وَتُطَهِّرَ قَلْبِي وَتُحَصِّنَ فَرْجِي وَتُنَوِّرَ قَلْبِي وَتَغْفِرَ لِي ذَنْبِي
 وَأَسْأَلُكَ الدَّرَجَاتِ العُلَى مِنَ الْجَنَّةِ (الْمِينِ) اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي
 أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُبَارِكَ لِي فِي سَمْعِي وَفِي بَصَرِي وَفِي
 رُوحِي وَفِي خُلُقِي وَفِي خُلُقِي وَفِي أَهْلِي وَفِي مَحْيَايَ
 وَفِي مَمَاتِي وَفِي عَمَلِي وَتَقَبَّلْ حَسَنَاتِي وَأَسْأَلُكَ
 الدَّرَجَاتِ العُلَى فِي الْجَنَّةِ (الْمِينِ)

(Mustadrik Hakim, vol. 1, page 520, Published in Beirut)

O Allah, I beg you for the ability to offer the best prayers. I pray to You for the best success, the best actions, the best reward, the best life and best death. Make me steadfast and increase the count of my good deeds. Purify my faith, raise my rank, accept my salat and forgive me my sins. I beg You to bestow upon me a high rank in heaven. Ameen.

O Allah, I beseech You for a good beginning and end of every blessing, the start and finish and hidden and manifest aspects of the words of blessings and a high status in paradise. Ameen.

O Allah, I pray to you to bestow upon me a good name, lighten my burden, put my affair in order, purify my heart, protect my private parts, infuse light into my heart and forgive my sins. I pray for a high status in heaven. Ameen.

O Allah, I beg You to bless my hearing and my sight, my soul and my body and my morals. Shower

blessings on my family and children, my life and death and my actions. Accept my good deeds. I beg You to bestow a high rank upon me in Heaven. Ameen.

Prayer for a Pious Outer and Inner Self

Hadhrat Umar relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught me this prayer.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ سِرِّيَ خَيْرًا مِنِّ عَلاَئِي، وَاجْعَلْ
عَلاَئِي صَالِحَةً، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِن صَالِحِ مَا تُؤْتِي
النَّاسَ مِنَ الْاَهْلِ وَالْمَالِ وَالْوَلَدِ غَيْرِ الضَّالِّ وَالْمُضِلِّ

(Tirmirdhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, make my inner self better than my outer self and make my outer self good and pious. I supplicate You for a pious family, pure wealth and pious children from among the counties that You grant. Such family members who are neither susceptible to go astray, nor lead others astray.

Prayers for Removal of Debt and Other Weaknesses

Hadhrat Ali relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught me this prayer for removal of debt:

اللَّهُمَّ اكْفِنَا بِحَلَالِكَ عَنِ حَرَامِكَ وَأَغْنِنَا بِفَضْلِكَ عَمَّنْ
سِوَاكَ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, instead of unlawful wealth, make the lawfully earned wealth sufficient for us. With Your blessings make us independent of every one except Yourself.

The Holy Prophet^{sa} saw Abu Amama in a worried state in the mosque during the time of salat and enquired as to the cause. Abu Amama mentioned the burden of debt and other worries. The Holy Prophet^{sa} said, "Shall I teach you a prayer with which you can get rid of your debt and worries". Then he advised him to repeat this prayer at dawn and dusk. Abu Amama says that he has tested this prayer and God relieved his anxieties regarding debt and all other worries.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْهَمِّ وَالْحُزْنِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ
الْعَجْزِ وَالْكَسَلِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْجُبْنِ
وَالْبُخْلِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ غَلْتِ الدَّيْنِ وَقَهْرِ الرِّجَالِ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah, I seek Your shelter from grief and sorrow. I seek refuge in You from helplessness and lethargy. I take Your shelter against cowardice and stinginess. Protect me from oppressive debt and from being overwhelmed by people.

Another Prayer for Burden of Debt

Hadhrat Ayesha relates Hadhrat Abu Bakr came and asked her if she knew the prayer taught to him by the Holy Prophet^{sa}. Hadhrat Ayesha enquired about the prayer. He said that Jesus Christ^{as} taught this prayer to his companions. It is such a prayer that if one owes a mountain of gold to someone, Allah will remove the debt with the blessings of this prayer.

اللَّهُمَّ فَارِجَ الْهَمِّ، كَاشِفَ الْغَمِّ، مُجِيبَ دَعْوَةِ
الْمُضْطَّرِّينَ رَحْمَنَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَرَحِيمَهُمَا أَنْتَ
تَرَحَّمُنِي فَارْحَمْنِي بِرَحْمَةٍ تُغْنِينِي بِهَا عَنْ رَحْمَةٍ مِّنْ
سِوَاكَ

(Mustadrik Hakim, vol. 1, page 515, published in Beirut)

O Allah, the Remover of difficulties and sorrows, Listener to the supplications of the destitute, Bestower of bounties of this world and the world Hereafter and Giver of reward for hard work. You alone can bestow mercy upon me. Give me a share in such special mercy which will make me independent from every kind of benevolence except Your's.

Prayer for Contentment and Removal of Burden of Debt

On request from Hadhrat Ayesha an attendant of the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught her this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ السَّمَوَاتِ السَّبْعِ وَرَبَّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ رَبَّنَا
 وَرَبَّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ مُنْزِلَ التَّوْرَةِ وَالْإِنْجِيلِ وَالْقُرْآنِ فَالِقَ
 الْحَبِّ وَالنَّوَى أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ أَنْتَ آخِذٌ
 بِبِنَاصِيَّتِهِ أَنْتَ الْأَوَّلُ فَلَيْسَ قَبْلَكَ شَيْءٌ وَأَنْتَ الْآخِرُ
 فَلَيْسَ بَعْدَكَ شَيْءٌ وَأَنْتَ الظَّاهِرُ فَلَيْسَ فَوْقَكَ شَيْءٌ
 وَأَنْتَ الْبَاطِنُ فَلَيْسَ دُونَكَ شَيْءٌ اِقْضِ عَنِّي الدَّيْنَ وَ
 اغْنِنِي مِنَ الْفَقْرِ

(Muslim, Kitabudh Dhikr)

O Allah, the Lord of seven heavens and the Lord of the exalted Throne. O our Lord! and Lord of everything. Revealer of the Torah, the Bible and the Qur'an. O the One who cleaves the seed and the kernel, I take You shelter from the evil of every thing as You alone prevail over it. You are the First and there was nothing before You. You are the Last and there will be nothing after You. You are manifest and there is nothing beyond You. You are hidden as well and there is nothing unknown to You. You relieve me of the burden of debt and free me from poverty.

Prayer on Visiting a Patient

Hadhrat Ayesha relates whenever someone from the family of the Holy Prophet^{sa} was not well, he would recite this prayer:

أَذْهَبِ الْبَاسَ، رَبَّ النَّاسِ، وَأَشْفِ أَنْتَ الشَّافِي لَا شِفَاءَ
 إِلَّا شِفَاؤُكَ لَا يُعَادِرُ سَقَمًا

(Bukhari, Kitabut Tib)

O Lord of mankind, remove this illness. Restore health as You are the Healer. There is no one else who can cure. Grant such perfect health which leaves not a single ailment behind.

Invocation for Health in Illness

Hadhrat Abu Saeed Khudri relates the angel Gabriel^{as} came to the Holy Prophet^{sa} and enquired if he was not feeling well. On his reply in the affirmative, Gabriel^{as} said these words and blew upon him:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ أَرْقِيكَ وَاللَّهُ يَشْفِيكَ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ يُؤْذِيكَ
وَمِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ نَفْسٍ وَعَيْنٍ حَاسِدَةٍ اللَّهُ يَشْفِيكَ بِسْمِ
اللَّهِ أَرْقِيكَ

(Muslim, Kitabus Salam)

In the name of Allah, I blow on you. Allah will heal you from every harmful illness and save you from the mischief of every person and evil of every envious eye. Allah will heal you. In the name of Allah I blow on you.

Prayer of Recovery from Fever

Hadhrat Ibn Abbas relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} taught him this prayer for fever and various aches and pains:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الْكَبِيرِ نَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ مِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ عِرْقٍ
نَّعَارٍ وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَرِّ النَّارِ

(Ibn Maja, Kitabut Tib)

In the name of Allah, the Most High. We seek refuge in Him, the Greatest, from the evil of every over-active blood vessel. We seek His shelter from the the affliction of the heat of the fire.

Prayer for Deliverance from Pain

Hadhrat Uthman bin Abi al-Aas complained about his bodily pains to the Holy Prophet^{sa}. He taught him these words and advised him to repeat "Bismillah" three times and the repeat this prayer seven times:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ بِعِزَّتِهِ وَقُدْرَتِهِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا أَجِدُ وَأَخَازِرُ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

I seek refuge in Allah, in His Honour and His Power from the evil which I am suffering and the one, of which I am afraid of.

Prayer for Recovery from Retention of Urine

Hadhrat Abu Darda relates a person came to the Holy Prophet^{sa} and told him that his father was suffering from retention of urine because of a stone in his bladder. The Holy Prophet^{sa} told him to recite this prayer and blow on him.

رَبُّنَا اللَّهُ الَّذِي فِي السَّمَاءِ تَقَدَّسَ اسْمُكَ أَمْرُكَ فِي
السَّمَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ كَمَا رَحِمْتَنَا فِي السَّمَاءِ فَاجْعَلْ
رَحِمَتَكَ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَاغْفِرْ لَنَا حُوبَنَا وَخَطَايَانَا أَنْتَ
رَبُّ الطَّيِّبِينَ فَأَنْزِلْ شِفَاءً مِنَّا مِنْ شِفَائِكَ وَرَحْمَةً مِن
رَحِمَتِكَ عَلَى هَذَا الْوَجَعِ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabut Tib)

Our Lord is Allah! Who is in the Heavens. Immensely Holy is Your name. Your decree governs the Heaven and the Earth, as Your mercy in the Heavens. So bestow mercy upon earth as well. Forgive our sins and mistakes. You are the Lord of the pious people. Grant health with Your special healing power. With Your special kindness show mercy in this illness and suffering.

Prayer for Recovery of Sight

Hadhrat Uthman bin Hunif relates a blind person came to the Holy Prophet^{sa} and requested him to pray for recovery of his sight. He replied, "If you wish me to pray, I will pray, but if you wish you can bear it patiently and this in my view is better for you." The blind person insisted on prayer. The Holy Prophet^{sa} advised the blind person to perform ablution properly and pray in these words:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ وَأَتَوَجَّهُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيِّ
الرَّحْمَةِ، إِنِّي تَوَجَّهْتُ بِكَ إِلَى رَبِّي فِي حَاجَتِي هَذِهِ
لِيُقْضَى لِي اللَّهُمَّ فَشَفِّعْهُ فِيَّ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabut Da'awat)

O Allah, I beg You and I turn to You making Your Holy

Prophet as an intercessor. And O Muhammad^{sa} I beg my Lord through your mediation, to fulfill my need. O Allah! accept this mediation and intercession of Your beloved.

Prayer for Safety from Hidden and Manifest Ailments

Hadhrat Anas bin Maalik relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to offer this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْعَجْزِ، وَالْكَسَلِ، وَالْجُبْنِ
وَالْبُخْلِ، وَالْهَرَمِ، وَالْقَسْوَةِ، وَالْعَفْلَةِ، وَالْعَيْلَةِ، وَالذَّلَّةِ
وَالْمَسْكَنَةِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْفَقْرِ، وَالْكَفْرِ، وَالْفُسُوقِ،
وَالشَّقَاقِ، وَالنِّفَاقِ، وَالسُّمْعَةِ وَالرِّيَاءِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ
الصَّمَمِ وَالْبُكْمِ، وَالْجُنُونِ وَالْجُدَامِ، وَالْبَرَصِ وَسَيِّءِ
الْأَسْقَامِ

(Mustadrik Hakim, vol.1, page 531, published in Beirut)

O Allah, I seek Your shelter from helplessness and lethargy, cowardice, miserliness, old age, hard-heartedness, carelessness, poverty, humiliation and abasement. I beseech Your protection from destitution, disbelief, disobedience, enmity, infidelity, infamy and deceit. I seek refuge in You from deafness, dumbness, insanity, leprosy and all other painful diseases.

Prayer for Safety from Evil Eye

Hadhrat Ibn Abbas relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to pray and blow on Hadhrat Hassan and Hussain in these words. He said that Hadhrat Abraham^{as} used to pray for Allah's shelter in this manner for his sons, Hadhrat Ishmael^{as} and Isac^{as}:

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّةِ مِنْ كُلِّ شَيْطَانٍ وَهَامَّةٍ وَمِنْ
كُلِّ عَيْنٍ لَامَّةٍ

(Bukhari, Kitabal Anbiya)

I seek refuge in Allah's perfect and comprehensive words from the harmful Satan, animals and every evil eye.

Hadhrat A'mer bin Rabia relates that one of his friends was under the influence of the evil eye. He recovered with the blessings of this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}:

اللَّهُمَّ أَذْهِبْ حَرَّهَا وَبَرِّدْهَا وَوَصِّبْهَا

(Mushad Ahmad, vol. 3, page 447, published in Beirut)

O Allah! remove every type of bad effect from him whether it be hot or cold and rid him of this affliction.

Prayer of the Destitute

Hadhrat Abdur Rehman bin Abi Bakr tells us the Holy Prophet^{sa} advised the destitute to recite this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ رَحْمَتِكَ أَرْجُو، فَلَا تَكِلْنِي إِلَى نَفْسِي طَرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ،
وَأَصْلِحْ لِي شَأْنِي كُلَّهُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul A'dab)

O Allah, I am hopeful of Your Mercy, so do not hand me over to my evil self even for a moment. Facilitate my affairs. There is none worthy of worship except You.

Prayer on Seeing a Destitute Person

Hadhrat Umar and Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relate whosoever sees a destitute person and recites this prayer, will be saved from that affliction.

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي عَافَانِي مِمَّا ابْتَلَاكَ بِهِ، وَفَضَّلَنِي عَلَى
كَثِيرٍ مِمَّنْ خَلَقَ تَفْضِيلًا

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

All praise belongs to the Allah who saved me from this calamity in which He made you suffer. He granted me superiority over many of His creatures.

Prayer at Time of Trial

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates whenever the Holy Prophet^{sa} faced some difficulty he used to pray in these words:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ جَهْدِ الْبَلَاءِ ، وَدَرْكِ الشَّقَاءِ ،
وَسُوءِ الْقَضَاءِ ، وَشَمَاتَةِ الْأَعْدَاءِ

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'wat)

O Allah, I seek refuge in You from the hardship of the trial, being in the grip of misfortune, evil destiny and ridicule of my enemies.

Prayers in Time of Misery, Adversity and Agony

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abbas relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite these words in time of affliction:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ
الْعَظِيمِ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ وَرَبُّ الْأَرْضِ لَا إِلَهَ
إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

There is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is Most High and Forbearing. There is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is the Lord of the Magnificent Throne. There is none worthy of worship except Allah, the Lord of the Heavens and the Earth. There is none worthy of worship except Allah. He is the Lord of the Benevolent Throne.

Hadhrat Anas bin Maalik relates whenever the Holy Prophet^{sa} suffered anguish or anxiety, he recited this supplication:

يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O the Living and Self Sustaining Lord, In the name of Your mercy I seek Your help.

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said, that whenever he faced a difficult time, angel Gabriel came and made him say this prayer:

تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى الْحَيِّ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ
يَتَّخِذْ وَلَدًا وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَرِيكٌ فِي الْمُلْكِ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ
وَلِيٌّ مِنَ الذَّلِيلِ وَكَبَّرَهُ تَكْبِيرًا

(Mustadrik Hakim, vol. 1, page 509, published in Beirut)

I put my trust in the Being, Who is Ever-Living and Immortal. All praise belongs to the Being, who has not taken a son and no one shares His Sovereignty. No one befriends Him considering Him to be helpless. So praise Him in the best possible manner.

Prayer in Times of Anguish and for Love of Qur'an

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Masood relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that if a person is overwhelmed by grief and sorrow, he should offer this prayer. God will remove his grief and bestow prosperity upon him. He also advised that whosoever hears this prayer should memorise it.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي عَبْدُكَ، ابْنُ عَبْدِكَ، ابْنُ أَمَتِكَ، نَاصِيَتِي
بِيَدِكَ، مَاضٍ فِي حُكْمِكَ، عَدْلٌ فِي قَضَائِكَ أَسْأَلُكَ
بِكُلِّ إِسْمٍ هُوَ لَكَ، سَمَّيْتَ بِهِ نَفْسَكَ أَوْ عَلَّمْتَهُ أَحَدًا
مِّنْ خَلْقِكَ أَوْ أَنْزَلْتَهُ فِي كِتَابِكَ، أَوْ اسْتَأْثَرْتَ بِهِ فِي عِلْمِ
الْغَيْبِ عِنْدَكَ أَنْ تَجْعَلَ الْقُرْآنَ رَبِيعَ قَلْبِي وَنُورَ
صَدْرِي، وَجَلَاءَ حُزْنِي وَذِهَابَ غَمِّي

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul Jihad)

O Allah, I am Your servant, progeny of Your slave and Your maid servant. My forehead is in Your hands. Your decree prevails in me. Your decision in my case will be final. I beseech You in the name of every one of Your name, Your name which You Yourself have chosen for Yourself, or taught it to any of Your creations. The attributes which You have revealed in Your Holy book or the ones which in Your knowledge of the unseen

*You prefer for Yourself. I beg You to make the Qur'an
delight of my heart and light of my bosom. Make it a
means of elimination of my grief and sorrow.*

Prayer in Difficult Times

Hadhrat Rafayah Zerqi relates when the army of the non-believers turned back at the battle of Uhud the Holy Prophet^{sa} said, "Organise your rank and file and praise my Lord." The companions straightened their rows, he then prayed in these words:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ كُلُّهُ اللَّهُمَّ لَا قَابِضَ لِمَا بَسَطْتَ وَلَا
بَاسِطَ لِمَا قَبَضْتَ وَلَا هَادِيَ لِمَا أَضَلَّكَ وَلَا مُضِلَّ
لِمَنْ هَدَيْتَ وَلَا مُعْطَى لِمَا مَنَعْتَ وَلَا مَانِعَ لِمَا أَعْطَيْتَ
وَلَا مُقَرَّبَ لِمَا بَاعَدْتَ وَلَا مُبَاعِدَ لِمَا قَرَّبْتَ اللَّهُمَّ ابْسُطْ
عَلَيْنَا بَرَكَاتِكَ وَرَحْمَتَكَ وَفَضْلَكَ وَرِزْقَكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي
أَسْأَلُكَ النَّعِيمَ الْمُقِيمَ الَّذِي لَا يَحُولُ وَلَا يَزُولُ اللَّهُمَّ
إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ النَّعِيمَ يَوْمَ الْعَيْلَةِ وَالْأَمْنِ يَوْمَ الْخَوْفِ
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي عَائِدُكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا أَعْطَيْتَنَا وَشَرِّ مَا مَنَعْتَ
اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْإِيمَانَ وَزَيِّنْهُ فِي قُلُوبِنَا وَكَرِّهْ
إِلَيْنَا الْكُفْرَ وَالْفُسُوقَ وَالْعِصْيَانَ وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنَ الرَّاشِدِينَ
اللَّهُمَّ تَوَفَّنَا مُسْلِمِينَ وَأَحِينَا مُسْلِمِينَ وَالْحَقَّقْنَا
بِالصَّلَاحِينَ غَيْرَ حَزَائِيًا وَلَا مَفْتُونِينَ اللَّهُمَّ قَاتِلِ
الْكَفْرَةَ الَّذِينَ يُكَذِّبُونَ رُسُلَكَ وَيَصُدُّونَ عَنْ سَبِيلِكَ
وَاجْعَلْ عَلَيْهِمْ رَجْزَكَ وَعَذَابَكَ اللَّهُمَّ قَاتِلِ الْكُفْرَةَ
الَّذِينَ أَوْتُوا الْكِتَابَ أَنَّهُ الْحَقُّ

(Musnad Ahmad, vol. 3, page 424, published in Beirut)

O Allah, all praise and tributes belong to You. When

You bestow prosperity on someone no one can make him poor and whomsoever You make poor, no one can grant him prosperity. Whom You have adjudged astray, there is no one who can guide him and whomsoever You guide, no one can lead him astray. No one can give to a person, whom You have deprived and on whomsoever You bestow, no one can stop it. No one can bring closer what You have put asunder and no one can put asunder what You have put together. O Allah! open the doors of Your blessings, mercy, bounties and sustenance for us. O Allah I seek such permanent blessings from You which will never terminate or come to an end. O Allah I seek Your favours in the time of poverty and adversity. I seek peace in the time of anxiety.

O Allah, I seek Your protection from the evil of the things that You have granted us and also the evil of the things that You have withheld. O Allah, make faith dearer to our hearts and make our hearts attractive. Instill abhorrence for disbelief, disobedience and wicked deeds in our hearts. Make us from among the rightly guided ones.

O Allah, keep us alive as Muslims and cause us to die in the state of being Muslims. Include us in righteous people. Do not humiliate us or put us to trial. O Allah! You Yourself destroy the disbelievers, who reject Your messengers and stop us from following Your path. Be hard on them and punish them. O Allah, destroy those disbelievers who were given the book and guidance testifying that this Messenger is true."

Prayer for Protection of Islam and Seeking Goodness

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Masood relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to offer this prayer:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَحْفَظْنِيْ بِاِسْلَامٍ قَائِمًا، وَاَحْفَظْنِيْ بِاِسْلَامٍ قَاعِدًا، وَاَحْفَظْنِيْ بِاِسْلَامٍ رَّاَقِدًا، وَلَا تُشْمِتْ بِيْ عَدُوًّا حَاسِدًا، اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّيْ اَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ كُلِّ خَيْرٍ خَزَائِنُهُ بِيَدِكَ وَاَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ كُلِّ شَرٍّ خَزَائِنُهُ بِيَدِكَ

(Mustadrak Hakim, vol. 1, page 525, published in Beirut)

O Allah, protect me with Islam in every situation, standing, seated and lying down. Do not permit a jealous enemy to gloat on me. O Allah, I beg you for every good which is in your treasure-house. I seek Your shelter from every evil which is in Your control.

Prayer for Faith, Health and Good Manners

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said to Hadhrat Salman Farsi, "I want to teach you such a prayer that you can offer with great affection and sincerity to the Gracious God, every morning and evening." This is the prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ صِحَّةً فِي إِيمَانٍ، وَإِيمَانًا فِي حُسْنِ
خُلُقٍ وَنَجَاحًا يَتَّبِعُهُ فَلَاحٌ، وَرَحْمَةً مِنْكَ وَعَافِيَةً، وَ
مَغْفِرَةً مِنْكَ وَرِضْوَانًا

(Mustadrik Hakim, vol. 1, page 523, published in Beirut)

O Allah, I beg you to bestow health upon me while being in a state of belief. Along with faith grant me good manners. I beg for success after success. I am also desirous of attaining Your pleasure and Your forgiveness.

Prayer for Forgiveness and Pardon

Hadhrat Abu Musa-al-Ashari tells us of this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي خَطِيئَتِي وَجَهْلِي، وَأَسْرَافِي فِي أَمْرِي
كُلِّهِ، وَمَا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنِّي، اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي خَطَايَايَ
وَعَمْدِي وَجَهْلِي وَهَزْلِي وَكُلُّ ذَالِكَ عِنْدِي، اللَّهُمَّ
اغْفِرْ لِي مَا قَدَدْتُ وَمَا أَخْرْتُ، وَمَا أَسْرَرْتُ وَمَا
أَعْلَنْتُ، أَنْتَ الْمُقَدِّمُ، وَأَنْتَ الْمُؤَخِّرُ، وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ
شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, forgive my mistakes, my lack of knowledge, my transgressions in my affairs and all my affairs about which know more than I do. Forgive my sins, my intentional or unintentional mistakes and my frivolous jokes. All these are my failings. O Allah, forgive my earlier or later sins. Forgive my hidden and manifest sins. You cause things to advance and cause them to retard. You have authority over everything.

An Effective Prayer for Forgiveness

Hadhrat Halal bin Ya'sar relates from his grandfather, whomsoever recites this prayer for penitence, God forgives his sins even though they may be innumerable.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus salat)

I seek forgiveness from Him, except Whom there is none worthy of worship. He is Living and Self-Subsisting. He brings others to life and sustains them. I incline towards Him and repent.

A Beautiful Prayer for Forgiveness

Hadhrat Jaber relates that a person came to the Holy Prophet^{sa} and said, "My sins are countless." The Holy Prophet^{sa} made him repeat this prayer three times and said, "Go now, God has forgiven all your sins."

اللَّهُمَّ مَغْفِرَتِكَ أَوْسَعُ مِنْ ذُنُوبِي وَرَحْمَتِكَ أَرْجَى مِنْ عَمَلِي

(Mustadrik Hakim, vol. 1, page 728, published in Beirut)

O Allah, Your forgiveness is vastly extensive than my sins. I trust in Your mercy more than in my actions.

Prayer for Mercy and Forgiveness

Hadhrat Ayesha relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي، وَارْحَمْنِي، وَالْحَقِّنِي بِالرَّفِيقِ الْأَعْلَى

(Bukhari, Kitabul Maghazi)

O Allah, forgive me, have mercy on me and unite me

with my Lofty Friend (God Himself).

Note: As per some traditions, the Holy Prophet^{sa} repeated the last part of this prayer *إلى الرفيق الاعلى* meaning that I go to my Lofty Friend, the Highest, during the last moments of his life.

Prayer for Forgiveness

Hadhrat 'Amr bin Shuaib relates the angel Gabriel descended with this prayer and he was very happy. He said, " O Muhammad^{sa} God has sent me with a gift for you." He meant the treasures of Heaven incorporated in this prayer which were given to the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

يَا مَنْ أَظْهَرَ الْجَمِيلَ وَسَتَرَ الْقَبِيحَ، يَا مَنْ لَا يُؤَاخِذُ
بِالْجَرِيرَةِ وَلَا يَهْتِكُ السِّرَّ، يَا حَسَنَ التَّجَاوُزِ، يَا وَاسِعَ
الْمَغْفِرَةِ، يَا بَاسِطَ الْيَدَيْنِ بِالرَّحْمَةِ، يَا صَاحِبَ كُلِّ
نَجْوَى، يَا مُنْتَهَى كُلِّ شَكْوَى، يَا كَرِيمَ الصَّفْحِ
يَا عَظِيمَ الْمَنِّ، يَا مُبْتَدَى النِّعَمِ، قَبْلَ اسْتِحْقَاقِهَا، يَا رَبَّنَا وَ
يَا سَيِّدَنَا وَيَا مَوْلَانَا، وَيَا غَايَةَ رَغْبَتِنَا، أَسْأَلُكَ يَا اللَّهُ أَنْ
لَا تَشْوِي خَلْقِي بِالنَّارِ

(Mustadrik Hakim, Kitabud Du'a, vol. 1, page 545, published in Beirut)

O the Being! who reveals beauty and conceals ugliness. O the Holy Being, who does not take us to task for our sins and does not expose our weaknesses. O Beautiful Forgiver, O Lord of profound forgiveness, O the Possessor of vast Mercy, O the Companion of every secret meeting and whisper. O the One! Who is the final recourse of the plaintiff, O the Gracious Forgiver, O the Great Benefactor, O the Provider of favours before their need arises. O our Lord, our Master, our Protector, the ultimate of our desires. O Allah I beg you not to burn my body in the Fire.

Prayer for Safety from Evil

Hadhrat Imran bin Hasseen relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} promised my father (who was a polytheist) that if he accepted Islam, he would

teach him two beneficial prayers. When my father became a Muslim he reminded Huzur^{sa} of his promise. The Holy Prophet^{sa} taught him this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ الْهَمْنِي رُشْدِي، وَأَعِزَّنِي مِنْ شَرِّ نَفْسِي

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, pour forth piety and guidance in my heart and save me from the evil of myself.

Hadhrat Shakel bin Hamid requested the Holy Prophet^{sa} to teach him a prayer, which would stop him from doing bad deeds. Huzur^{sa} held his hand and advised him to recite this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ سَمْعِي، وَمِنْ شَرِّ بَصَرِي،
وَمِنْ شَرِّ لِسَانِي، وَمِنْ شَرِّ قَلْبِي، وَمِنْ شَرِّ هَنْئِي

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah, I seek refuge in You from the evil of my hearing, sight, tongue, heart and private parts.

Prayer for Deliverance from Satanic Influences

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah while relating the event of Isra said, that a terrifying Satan was following the Holy Prophet^{sa} and had a flame of fire. Angel Gabriel taught Huzur^{sa} a prayer and said that it would extinguish this flame and the Satan would be defeated. This is the prayer:

أَعُوذُ بِوَجْهِ اللَّهِ الْكَرِيمِ، وَبِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ الَّتِي لَا
يُجَاوِزُهَا بَرٌّ وَلَا فَاجِرٌ، مِنْ شَرِّ مَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ، وَ
شَرِّ مَا يَعْرُجُ فِيهَا، وَشَرِّ مَا ذَرَأَ فِي الْأَرْضِ، وَشَرِّ مَا
يَخْرُجُ مِنْهَا، وَمِنْ فِتَنِ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ، وَمِنْ طَوَارِقِ
اللَّيْلِ، إِلَّا طَارِقًا يَطْرُقُ بِخَيْرٍ يَا رَحْمَنُ

(Muatta Imam Malik, Kitabal Jami')

I seek refuge in God's Honourable Countenance. And I seek refuge in God's perfect and comprehensive

words, which neither the pious nor the wicked can transgress. I seek my Lord's shelter from the evil which descends from above and also the evil which rises skywards. The evil which is in the earth and which emanates from it.

O Gracious God, I seek Your shelter from the trials of night and day, and the mishaps of night except that nightly occurrence which brings blessings.

Prayer for Deliverance from Evil of the Enemy

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates when the Holy Prophet^{sa} faced fear or danger from a nation, he prayed in these words:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَجْعَلُكَ فِي نُحُورِهِمْ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شُرُورِهِمْ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah, we take You as a shield against whatever is in their (enemy's) heart. We seek shelter against every evil of their's and its dangerous effects.

Prayer for Protection from Bad Conduct

Hadhrat Ziad bin 'Alaqa relates the Holy Prophet^{sa}'s prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ مُنْكَرَاتِ الْأَخْلَاقِ وَالْأَعْمَالِ
وَالْأَهْوَاءِ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, I seek Your protection from undesirable manners, evil deeds and desires.

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الشِّتْقَاقِ وَالنِّفَاقِ وَسُوءِ الْأَخْلَاقِ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah, I seek Your protection from dissention, hypocrisy and bad qualities.

Prayer for Attaining Good and Deliverance from Evil

Hadhrat Anas bin Maalik relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ كُلِّهِ، مَا عَلِمْتُ مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ

أَعْلَمُ وَأَعُوذُ مِنَ الشَّرِّ كُلِّهِ مَا عَلِمْتُ مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ أَعْلَمُ

(Muslim, Kitabudh Dhikr and Kitabud Du'a Lil Tabarany, vol. 3, page 1468,
published in Beirut)

O Allah, I beseech You for every good thing, whether it is known to me or not. I seek refuge from every evil, whether I know it or not.

Prayer for Protection against Associating Partners with Allah

Hadhrat Abu Musa 'Ashari relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} advised us to refrain from associating partners with Allah, which is difficult to detect, as it is flimsier than the footprint of an ant. The companions asked the prophet how they could they avoid this sin. The Holy Prophet^{sa} taught them this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ نُشْرِكَ بِكَ شَيْئًا نَعْلَمُهُ
وَنَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا نَعْلَمُ

(Musnad Ahmad, vol. 4, page 403, published in Beirut)

O Allah, we seek Your shelter from associating partners with You knowingly. we also seek Your forgiveness in case we commit this sin unknowingly.

Prayer for Deliverance from Wrath Of God

Hadhrat Abdullah bin 'Amr relates that the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ، وَتَحْوِيلِ عَافِيَتِكَ
وَفَجْأَةِ تِقْمَتِكَ، وَجَمِيعِ سُخْطِكَ

(Muslim, Kitabudh Dhikr)

O Allah, I seek Your shelter from the termination of Your bounties, withdrawal of Your protection, Your sudden chastisement and everything that incurs Your wrath.

Prayer for Protection of God

Hadhrat ka'b ul Ahbar relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

أَعُوذُ بِوَجْهِ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ الَّذِي لَيْسَ شَيْءٌ أَعْظَمُ مِنْهُ
وَبِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ الَّتِي لَا يُجَاوِزُهُنَّ بَرٌّ وَلَا
فَاجِرٌ وَبِأَسْمَاءِ اللَّهِ الْحُسْنَى مَا عَلِمْتُ مِنْهَا وَمَا لَمْ أَعْلَمْ
مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ وَذَرَأَ، وَبَرًّا

(Mua'ata Imam Maalik, Kitabul Jami')

I seek shelter in the Exalted Lord from Whom there is nothing greater. I seek shelter in His perfect and and comprehensive words which niether the pious nor the wicked can transgress. I seek refuge in His holy attributes whether they are known to me or not. I seek His shelter from the evil of the creatures He has created, carved and spread throughout the earth.

Prayer for Deliverance from a Disagreeable Disposition

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Amr relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ قَلْبٍ لَا يَخْشَعُ، وَمِنْ دُعَاءٍ لَا
يُسْمَعُ وَمِنْ نَفْسٍ لَا تَشْبَعُ، وَمِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا يَنْفَعُ، أَعُوذُ بِكَ
مِنْ هَوْلَاءِ الْأَرْبَعِ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, I seek Your deliverance from a heart which is devoid of fear, a prayer which is not accepted, a self which knows no contentment, and the knowledge which is not beneficial. My Guardian, I seek shelter from these four things.

Prayer for Protection from Bad Habits

Hadhrat Umm Ma'bad relates she heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} recite this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ طَهِّرْ قَلْبِي مِنَ الْبِفَاقِ، وَعَمَلِي مِنَ الرِّيَاءِ، وَلِسَانِي
مِنَ الْكُذِبِ، وَعَيْنِي مِنَ الْخِيَانَةِ، فَإِنَّكَ تَعْلَمُ خَائِنَةَ

الْأَعْيُنِ وَمَا تُخْفِي الصُّدُورُ

(Meshka-tul Masabeeh-Bab Jame'ud Du'a with ref. To Adda'watul kabir Bahqi)

O Allah, purify my heart from malice, actions from vanity, tongue from lies, and eyes from deceit. You alone are aware of the deceitful eyes and the secrets of the hearts.

Prayer of Protection from Accidental Death

Hadhrat Abu-Al-Yusar relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْهَدَمِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ التَّرْدِي
وَمِنَ الْغَرَقِ وَالْحَرَقِ وَالْهَرَمِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ يَتَخَبَّطَنِي
الشَّيْطَانُ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ، وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَمُوتَ فِي سَبِيلِكَ
مُدْبِرًا وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَمُوتَ لَدَيْغًا

(Musnad Ahmad, vol. 3, page427, ,published in Beirut)

O Allah, I seek refuge in You from being buried under a wall. I seek Your refuge from dying by falling from a great height, drowning, being burnt or dying of old age. I seek Your shelter from being under the control of the Satan at the time of the death, from dying in a state of turning away from a fight in Your name and from being stung by a harmful creature.

Prayer for Deliverance from Starvation and Deceit

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْجُوعِ، فَإِنَّهُ بئْسَ الضَّجِيعُ
وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْخِيَانَةِ، فَإِنَّهَا بئْسَ الْبِطَانَةُ

(Abu Dawud, Kitabus Salat)

O Allah, I seek refuge in You from hunger, which is a very bad companion. I seek refuge in You from breach of trust, as it is not possible to have an enemy worse than this, closer to man.

Prayer for Morning Journeys

Hadhrat Sakhar-ul-Ghamadi has told us this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لِأُمَّتِي فِي بُكُورِهَا

(Abu Dawud, Kitabul Jihad)

O Allah, bless the morning journeys of my people.

Prayer for Forgiveness of Ansar and the Migrants

Hadhrat Anas bin Maalik has related this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}

اللَّهُمَّ لَا عَيْشَ إِلَّا عَيْشُ الْآخِرَةِ فَاعْفِرِ الْأَنْصَارَ
وَالْمُهَاجِرَةَ

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, the real life is the life Hereafter, so forgive the Ansar (local people of Medina) and the Migrants.

Prayer for Enemies' Defeat at the Battle of Ahzab

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Abi Aufa has related the prayer which the Holy Prophet^{sa} recited at the battle of Ahzab.

اللَّهُمَّ مُنْزِلَ الْكِتَابِ، سَرِيعَ الْحِسَابِ، إِهْزِمِ الْأَحْزَابَ
اللَّهُمَّ اهْزِمْهُمْ وَزَلِّزْلِهِمْ

(Bukhari, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, Revealer of the Holy Book (Qur'an), and the Quick Reckoner, defeat the armies of this enemy. O Allah! make them withdraw and unsets them.

Prayer for Prosperity for Family and Followers

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah has related this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ رِزْقَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ فِي الدُّنْيَا قُوَّتًا

(Muslim, Kitabudh Zakat)

O Allah, do not deprive the progeny of Muhammad^{sa} of "quwatay la yamoot" meaning that much sustenance

which would keep them alive.

Prayer for the Caliphs and Rulers of Muslims

Hadhrat Ali relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa} for the caliphs who were to succeed him.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَرْحَمَ خُلَفَائِي الدِّينِ يَأْتُوْنَ مِنْ بَعْدِي الدِّينِ
يُرُوُوْنَ اَحَادِيثِي وَسُنَّتِي وَيُعَلِّمُوْنَهَا النَّاسَ

(Jami' al Saghir by Allama Suyuti, vol. 1, page 60, ,published in Beirut)

O Allah have Mercy on the caliphs who would succeed me. They would narrate my traditions and 'sunna' and instruct people in these matters

Hadhrat Ayesha relates this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

اَللّٰهُمَّ مَنْ وَّلِيَ مِنْ اَمْرَائِمِي شَيْئًا فَشَقَّ عَلَيْهِمْ فَاشْفُقْ
عَلَيْهِ ، وَمَنْ وَّلِيَ مِنْ اَمْرَائِمِي شَيْئًا فَرَفَقَ بِهِمْ فَارْفُقْ بِهِ

(Muslim, Kitabul Ama'rah)

O Allah, be harsh with the ruler who governs the affairs of my followers harshly and be kind to the ruler who treats my people kindly.

Heartfelt Supplication at the Journey to Ta'if

Hadhrat Abdullah bin Jaffer relates after the death of Hadhrat Abu Talib, the Holy Prophet^{sa} went to Ta'if with the message of Islam. People of Ta'if did not accept this message. The Holy Prophet^{sa} offered two rakats of salat under the shade of a tree and with deep anguish in his heart he supplicated his Master in these words:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِلَيْكَ اَشْكُوْ ضَعْفَ قُوَّتِيْ ، وَقِلَّةَ جِيْلَتِيْ وَهَوَانِيْ
عَلَى النَّاسِ ، يَا اَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ اِلَى مَنْ تَكَلَّمْتَنِيْ ؟ اِلَى
عَدُوِّ يَتَجَهَّمُنِيْ اَمْ اِلَى قَرِيْبٍ مَّلَكْتَهُ اَمْرِيْ ؟ اِنْ لَمْ تَكُنْ
سَاخِطًا عَلَيَّ فَلَا اُبَالِيْ ، غَيْرَانَ عَافِيَتِكَ اَوْسَعُ لِيْ اَعُوْذُ

بِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيمِ الَّذِي أَضَاءَ ثَلَاثَ لُحُوفِ السَّمَاوَاتِ
وَالْأَرْضِ، وَأَشْرَقَتْ لَهُ الظُّلُمَاتُ، وَصَلَحَ عَلَيْهِ أَمْرُ الدُّنْيَا
وَالْآخِرَةِ، أَنْ تَجِلَّ عَلَيَّ غَضَبُكَ أَوْ تَنْزِلَ عَلَيَّ سُخْطُكَ
، وَلَكَ الْعُتْبَى حَتَّى تَرْضَى وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِكَ

(kitabud Du'a lil Tabarany, vol. 2, page 1280, published in Beirut)

O Allah, to You alone I tell the story of my weakness, lack planning and also of being humiliated among the people. O the most Merciful of all who show mercy, to whom would You give control over me? Would You hand me over to my enemy who would destroy me? Or would You entrust me to someone close to me? Whom would You give control over my affairs? If You are not angry with me then I do not care for anyone else. But I am still in need of Your all-encompassing protection. I seek refuge in Your Bright countenance which lights up the Heavens and Earth, dispels all darkness and which puts all the affairs of this life and the life hereafter, in order. I seek Your shelter from Your wrath and incurring Your displeasure. O Master You do what You will and all the power and authority belongs to You.

Prayer for Achieving a Humble Self

Hadhrat Abu Hurairah has related this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

اللَّهُمَّ أَحْيِنِي مِسْكِينًا وَتَوَفَّنِي مِسْكِينًا وَأَحْشُرْنِي فِي
رُؤْمَةِ الْمَسَاكِينِ وَإِنَّ أَشْقَى الْأَشْقِيَاءِ مَنْ اجْتَمَعَ عَلَيْهِ فَقْرُ
الدُّنْيَا وَعَذَابُ الْآخِرَةِ

(Tirmidhi, Kitabud Da'awat)

O Allah, make me live as a humble person, cause me to die as a humble person and resurrect me from amongst the poor people. Surely he is the most unfortunate on whom the poverty of this world and the punishment of the life Hereafter are combined.

Prayer for becoming Special Servants of God

Members of Abdul Qais delegation (which came from Yemen to visit the Holy Prophet^{sa} in Medina) relate they heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} say this prayer.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنَا مِنْ عِبَادِكَ الْمُنتَحِينَ الْغُرِّ الْمُحَجَّلِينَ
الْوَفْدِ الْمُتَقَبَّلِينَ

(Musnad Ahmad, vol. 3, page 431, published in Beirut)

O Allah, include us in Your chosen servants, whose foreheads are bright and shining. Make us a part of the group which is accepted.

They asked "O Messenger of Allah, what is meant by the chosen servants?" He replied, "God's pious and righteous servants, and by غُرِّ الْمُحَجَّلِينَ means those people whose limbs would be bright from doing ablution. By وَفْدِ الْمُتَقَبَّلِينَ means those followers who would enter heaven in the company of their prophets.

Supplications with Allah's Holy Names

Hadhrat Ayesha relates she heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} offering this prayer.

اللَّهُمَّ بِاسْمِكَ الطَّاهِرِ الطَّيِّبِ الْمُبَارَكِ الْإِحْبِ إِلَيْكَ
الَّذِي إِذَا دُعِيَ بِهِ أُجِبَتْ وَإِذَا سُئِلَتْ بِهِ أُعْطِيَتْ وَإِذَا
اسْتُرْحِمَتْ بِهِ رَحِمَتْ وَإِذَا اسْتُفْرِجَتْ بِهِ فَرَّجَتْ

(Ibn Maja, Kitabud Du'a)

O Allah, I beg in the name of Your Holy, Pure, Blessed and most Lovable name. You accept prayers when they are offered in this name. When the request is made in this name You grant it. When Your mercy is sought with this name You bestow mercy. In times of trial when supplicated with this name You remove the affliction.

A Comprehensive prayer

Hadhrat Abu Amama relates that the Holy Prophet^{sa} came to our meeting, we stood up as a mark of respect and made a request for prayers. He prayed for us. We then requested for more prayers. He

replied that all the prayers for you are included in these words. The words are:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمْنَا وَارْضَ عَنَّا وَتَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا وَأَدْخِلْنَا
الْجَنَّةَ وَنَجِّنَا مِنَ النَّارِ وَأَصْلِحْ لَنَا شَأْنَنَا كُلَّهُ

(Ibn Maja, kitabud Du'a)

O Allah, forgive us, have mercy on us, be pleased with us, accept our prayers and our worship, grant us entry into Paradise, save us from the Fire and bestow success upon all our affairs.

Prayer on Acceptance of Supplications

Hadhrat Ayesha relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said, " When you know that your prayers have been accepted, what stops you from offering this prayer? For example health after illness or successful return from travels. You should offer this prayer:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي بِعِزَّتِهِ وَجَلَالِهِ تَتِمُّ الصَّالِحَاتُ.

(Mustadrik Hakim, vol.1, page 730, published in Beirut)

All praise belongs to the Allah. With whose Honour and Glory every good deed is accomplished.

Prayer for Righteous End

Hadhrat Buser bin Artah relates he heard the Holy Prophet^{sa} recite this prayer.

اللَّهُمَّ أَحْسِنْ عَاقِبَتَنَا فِي الْأُمُورِ كُلِّهَا وَأَجِرْنَا مِنْ خِزْيِ
الدُّنْيَا وَعَذَابِ الْآخِرَةِ.

(Mustadrik Hakim, vol. 3, page 592, published in Beirut)

O Allah, conclude all our affairs in the best manner. Save us from the humiliation of this world and punishment of life after death.

Allah's Beautiful Names and the Acceptance of Prayer.

Once the Holy Prophet^{sa} told Hadhrat Ayesha, "I know one such attribute of Allah, that if we pray by saying this attribute, our prayers

are accepted." Hadhrat Ayesha eagerly asked him to tell her this attribute of God. Huzur^{sa} said, "in my view it is not proper to tell it to anyone." So he refused. Hadhrat Ayesha became cross and sat on one side hoping that the Holy Prophet^{sa} would inform her of this attribute of God. When Huzur^{sa} did not tell her for some time, in expectation she came and stood by him, kissed his forehead and pleaded with him to tell her this attribute of God. Huzur^{sa} said, "Ayesha the real reason for not telling is that it is not proper to ask for worldly things with this attribute of God."

Hadhrt Ayesha was upset; she performed ablution and spread the prayer mat. She started to pray loudly, so that the Holy Prophet^{sa} could hear it. She prayed, "O Lord, I beseech You with Your holy names and magnificent attributes, the ones that I know and also the ones that I do not know. Forgive the sins of Your humble servant." The Holy Prophet^{sa} was sitting nearby and was smiling. He said, "O Ayesha, surely that attribute of God is included in the names which you have enumerated."

(Ibn Maja, Kitabud Du'a)

The acceptance of prayers have a special link with Divine attributes. God Almighty has said, (Al-A'raf: 181) *الاسماء الحسنى فادعوه بها* "Allah has pure names and beautiful attributes. Memorise them and when remembering Allah, make your supplications with His names."

Hadhrt Abu Hurairah relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} said that God has ninety nine names. A person who memorises them and keeps them in his mind, is heaven bound.

(Tirmidhi, and Ibn Maja, Kitabud Du'a)

اللَّهُ	الرَّبُّ	الرَّحْمَنُ	الرَّحِيمُ	الْمَلِكُ
Allah	The Lord	The Gracious	The Merciful	The Sovereign
الْقُدُّوسُ	السَّلَامُ	الْمُؤْمِنُ	الْمُهَيِّمُ	الْعَزِيزُ
The Holy One	The Source of peace	The Bestower of Security	The Protector	The Mighty
الْعَبَّارُ	الْمَتَكَبِّرُ	الْخَالِقُ	الْبَارِئُ	الْمُصَوِّرُ
The Subduer	The Exalted	The Creator	The Maker	The Fashioner

أَلْفَاتِحُ	الرَّزَاقُ	أَلْوَهَابُ	أَلْقَهَّارُ	أَلْعَفَّارُ
The Opener	The Great Sustainer	The Bestower	The Most Supreme	The Great Forgiver
الرَّافِعُ	أَلْخَافِضُ	أَلْبَاسِطُ	أَلْقَابِضُ	أَلْعَلِيمُ
The Exalter	The Depressor	The Enlarger	The Controller	The All Knowing
أَلْحَكَمُ	أَلْبَصِيرُ	أَلْسَمِيعُ	أَلْمُدِلُّ	أَلْمُعِزُّ
The Wise Judge	The All Seeing	The All Hearing	The Abaser	The Bestower of Honour
أَلْعَظِيمُ	أَلْحَلِيمُ	أَلْخَبِيرُ	أَللَّطِيفُ	أَلْعَدْلُ
The Great	The Forbearing	The All Aware	The Incomprehensible	The Just
أَلْحَفِيفُ	أَلْكَبِيرُ	أَلْعَلِيُّ	أَلشُّكُورُ	أَلْعُفُورُ
The Guardian	The Incomparably Great	The High	The Most Appreciating	The Most Forgiving
أَلرَّقِيبُ	أَلكَرِيمُ	أَلجَلِيلُ	أَلْحَسِيبُ	أَلْمُقِيبُ
The Watchful	The Noble	The Lord of Majesty	The Reckoner	The Preserver
أَلْمَجِيدُ	أَلوُدُودُ	أَلْحَكِيمُ	أَلوَّاسِعُ	أَلْمُجِيبُ
The Lord of Honour	The Loving	The Wise	The Bountiful	The Answerer of Prayers
أَلقَوِيُّ	أَلوَكِيلُ	أَلْحَقُّ	أَلشَّهِيدُ	أَلْبَاعِثُ
The Powerful	The Disposer of affairs	The True	The Witness	The Raiser of the dead
أَلْمُبْدِئُ	أَلْمُحْصِي	أَلْحَمِيدُ	أَلوَلِيُّ	أَلْمَتِينُ
The Beginner of Life	The Recorder	The Praiseworthy	The Friend	The Strong

الْقَيُّومُ	الْحَيُّ	الْمُمِيتُ	الْمُحْيِي	الْمُعِيدُ
The Self-Subsisting & All- sustaining	The Living	The Destroyer	The Life-Giver	The Repeater of life
الْقَادِرُ	الضَّمَدُ	الْوَّاحِدُ	الْمَاجِدُ	الْوَّاجِدُ
The Possessor of Power	The Independent	The One	The Glorious	The Discoverer
الْآخِرُ	الْأَوَّلُ	الْمُؤَخِّرُ	الْمُقَدِّمُ	الْمُقْتَدِرُ
The Last	The First	The Postponer	The Provider of means of Progress	The Omplotent
الْبَرُّ	الْمُتَعَالَى	الْوَالِي	الْبَاطِنُ	الظَّاهِرُ
The Beneficent	The Most High	The Ruler	The Hidden	The Manifest
مَالِكُ الْمَلِكِ	الرَّؤُوفُ	الْعَفُوُّ	الْمُنْتَقِمُ	النَّوَابُ
The Lord of Sovereignty	The Compassionate	The Effacer of sins	The Avenger	The Oft-returning with compassion
الْعَفِيُّ	الْجَامِعُ	الْمُقْسِطُ	وَالْإِكْرَامُ	ذُو الْجَلَالِ
The Self-sufficient	The Gatherer	The Equitable	The Lord of Bounty	The Lord of Majesty
النُّورُ	النَّافِعُ	الضَّارُّ	الْمَنَافِعُ	الْمُعْنِي
The Light	The Benefactor	The Inflictor of punishment	The Benefactor	The Self-Sufficient
الرَّشِيدُ	الْوَارِثُ	الْبَاقِي	الْبَدِيعُ	الْهَادِي
The Director to the right way	The Inheritor	The Saviour	The Originator	The Guide
		الصَّوْبُرُ		
		The Patient		

Prayer at Finishing Qur'an

Hadhrat Huzaifa relates the Holy Prophet^{sa} used to recite this prayer at finishing the Qur'an:

اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْنِي بِالْقُرْآنِ وَاجْعَلْهُ لِي إِمَامًا وَنُورًا وَهُدًى وَ
رَحْمَةً اللَّهُمَّ ذَكِّرْنِي بِهِ مَا نَسِيتُ وَعَلِّمْنِي بِهِ مَا
جَهِلْتُ وَارْزُقْنِي تِلَاوَتَهُ آنَاءَ اللَّيْلِ وَأَطْرَافِ النَّهَارِ
وَاجْعَلْهُ لِي حُجَّةً يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

(Ehya-e- Ulumul Din Lil Ghazali, vol. 1, page 278, published in Beirut)

O Allah, have Mercy on me with the medium and basis of the Qur'an. Make the Qur'an a leader, a light, guidance and mercy for me. O Allah, whatever I forget make me remember it and whatever I am unable to understand, make me comprehend it. Enable me to recite it during the day and the night. O Lord of the Universe, make Qur'an an authentic guidance for me.

PART III
PRAYERS OF IMAM MAHDI

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Foreword

Our master the Holy Prophet^{sa} declared the Promised Messiah^{as} as the saviour of the troubled times and said, "No one will have the power to confront the materialistic forces of those times. Then God will reveal to the Promised Messiah to lead His servants to the safe haven of mount Toor".

(Muslim, Kitab ul Fitn)

As Moses has prayed for his people at the base of mount Toor, today with the blessings of the prayers of Hadhrat Messiah Ma'uud^{as}, his party will succeed.

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} has said, " It is written about the Promised Messiah that the non believers will perish with his prayers, meaning that he will destroy everything with his supplications. God has endowed prayer with great powers. He has revealed to me again and again that whatever will happen would be accomplished through the prayers alone."

(Malfoozat vol. 5 page 36)

The saints of previous ages have written about the meanings of the name Imam Mahdi. He will be guided to a great secret. This great secret is prayer, which will be taught to him in this materialistic age, when the world would deny miracles and extraordinary signs. It was revealed to him, ^{اجراؤ اللہ دعا} which encouraged him to pray, and God promised that his prayers would be accepted. So he boldly proclaimed to the world,

"I have been given the sign of the acceptance of prayers. I challenge anyone to come for a contest."

In this manner he rendered the deniers of the prayer speechless. He instilled a rock solid belief in his followers and infused a zeal for prayer in them which encouraged them to pray at all times.

In fact he learnt the model and the manner of praying from his master, the Holy Prophet^{sa} and instilled in his Jamaat, the true spirit of prayers. He changed the traditional verbal prayers in such a manner that the accepted prayers brought about astonishing results. God granted his jamaat a safe haven, at every critical juncture in the same way as He did to the followers of Moses^{as}. This can be judged from the words of Hadhrat Amman Jan at the demise

of Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as}, " My children, on seeing the house empty do not think that your father has not left anything for you. He has left a great treasure of prayers for you in heavens."

In fact this treasure was not only for his family, it was an inheritance of all the pious people within his spiritual house.

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} not only prayed for his jamaat, day and night. In accordance with the prophecies of the Holy Prophet^{sa} he left a treasure house of prayers for the needs of this period of time. This huge treasure, which is recorded in his writings, Malfoozat, and letters is for our benefit. We must make use of this wealth. This was my purpose in compiling this book.

Readers of my book of Qur'anic prayers and the prayers of the Holy Prophet^{sa} encouraged me to compile a book of prayers of Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as}. By the Grace of Allah, I was able to prepare this book, including the context of the prayers.

The beginning of the book describes the subjects of the importance, blessings, etiquettes and the prayer routine of the Promised Messiah^{as}. This is followed by a section of Urdu prayers. The second section is of Arabic prayers. Lastly some of the Promised Messiah's instructions regarding the Qur'anic prayers have also been included. The Qura'nic prayers, which were revealed to him in exactly the same words as they are in the Holy Qur'an and some others with slight change of words are listed separately. Huzur's revealed prayers and also the prayers for which the absolute confirmation of being revealed prayers is not found, are in a separate list. In the same way the revealed prayers regarding his person and his status are in a separate group.

In the end are the Urdu and Persian poetic prayers. Reference for each prayer has also been given. For this purpose the fourth publication of Tadhkirah and references from the most recent edition of Malfoozat have been used. Other references in this chapter have been taken from the books of Promised Messiah^{as}, journals and the book, Seerat Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} by Sheikh Yakoob Ali Irfani. Other Journals published by the Jamaat have also been used for this purpose.

I humbly thank God Almighty that he enabled me to present this gift of prayer to my friends. I request prayers for my elder son Hafiz Mazhar Ahmad Tayyab, who has dedicated his life to Ahmadiyyat. He is a student in Jamia. After finishing his Matriculation examination, in his free time he helped me with the manuscript of this book and also in searching for the prayers. May Allah reward him abundantly.

May Allah, make this book a source of knowledge and wisdom. May it impart spirituality, blessings and mercy. May Allah, make it a source of prayers, mercy and blessings for this humble servant.

Wassalam

Hafiz Muzaffer Ahmad

Reality, Importance and Blessings of Prayer

Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{as} explaining the essence of prayer writes:

"The essence of prayer is that there exists a power of integration between a pious servant and his Lord. This means that, firstly, God's graciousness attracts man to itself, and secondly the magnetism of man's truth draws him close to God. And in the state of prayer this link reaches a stage where it manifests unique characteristics. So when a person in times of severe trials, inclines to God Almighty with complete trust, high hope, total devotion, perfect faithfulness and great courage, he becomes fully aware and breaks down the barriers of stupor (negligence). He marches forward in the sphere of annihilation of the self. He then attains God's audience. God, Who has no partner. His soul then prostrates on His threshold. With this inbuilt magnetic power, he attracts the blessings of God. Then the Lord of Honour and Glory facilitates his affairs. His prayers influence the visible means which in turn create the circumstances which are necessary to achieve his purpose.

(Roohani Khazain, vol.6, page 9-10)

"Reality of some types of miracles is in fact the acceptance of prayers. Thousands of miracles shown by the prophets and remarkable occurrences shown by the pious people of the past had their roots and sources in the prayers. Most of them displayed the extraordinary power of God with their prayers. The unique incident that occurred in the wilderness of Arabia, that hundreds of thousands of dead became alive in a few days. The people morally impaired for ages acquired Divine characteristics. The blind started to see. The dumb began to expound Divine knowledge. It created such a revolution in the world, which no eye had ever seen and no ear had heard before. Do you know what was this phenomenon? These were the nightly prayers of one, who had lost himself in God, which created such tumult in the world. It manifested remarkable events, which were beyond the capacity of this unlettered and helpless prophet."

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ بَعْدَ دَهْمِهِ وَعَمِّهِ وَ
حُزْنِهِ لِهَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ وَأَنْزِلْ عَلَيْهِ أَنْوَارَ رَحْمَتِكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ

(Barkatud-Du'a, page 16, Roohani Khazain, vol. 6, page 9-11)

Relating his own experiences of acceptance of prayer, Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{as} says:

"I see from my own experiences, the effect of prayers is greater than the effects of water or fire. In reality there is nothing more potent in the natural phenomenon."

(Barkatud-Dua' ' page 16, Roohani Khazain, vol. 2, page 11)

And he added:

"In trials, prayers manifest singularly astonishing characteristics and the truth is that our God is recognised by the prayers alone."

(Malfoozat, vol. 2, page 147)

He tells us of the power and strength he personally experienced and presented it as the essence of his life.

A prayer, which is the result of the knowledge and blessings of God has a totally unique colour and aspect. It is something which annihilates the self. It is a fire, which dissolves and a magnetic power which pulls God's mercy towards itself. It is a death, which ultimately gives life. It is a fierce flood, which becomes an ark. It puts right all the ruined affairs. Every poison turns into an antidote. Blessed are the prisoners who do not tire of praying, as they will be freed one day. Blessed are the blind, who are not indolent in praying, they will see one day. Blessed are the dead of the graves, who seek God's help, they will one day be rescued from the graves. Blessed are you, who never tire of praying, your soul melts in prayer, your eyes shed tears and the spiritual fervour burns like fire in your chests. It makes you relish the loneliness of the darkened cells and the desolate jungles. It renders you restless, frenzied and unaware of yourself. Ultimately You will receive blessings of your Lord. The Lord, to Whom I call you, is extremely Merciful, Kind, Bashful, True, Faithful and Gracious towards the destitute. So you be faithful unto Him. Pray to Him with sincerity and faithfulness, He will show mercy to you."

(Lecture Sialkot, page 26-28, Roohani Khazain, vol. 20, page 222-223)

"It is worth remembering there are two types of acceptance of prayers. One as a trial and the second a special result of the accepted prayers which God Himself selects for us. As a trial sometimes the prayers of the sinners, dis-obedient-ones and non-believers are accepted. But such acceptance is not true in the real sense of the word.

The signs of prayers which God selects and accepts are as follows:

1 The supplicant is a righteous, straightforward and a perfect person.

2 The confirmation of acceptance of the prayer is granted through the word of God.

3 The tasks accomplished by these prayers are of high value and usually very complicated. The acceptance in these matters proves that it is not within the human power or plan, but is a special gift from God Himself which He bestows upon His special servants.

4 Prayers for basic needs are accepted rarely but for those selected by God are granted quite often.

5 The person offering prayers, according to God's pleasure becomes a recipient of God's blessings and God Himself takes care of all his affairs. His face lights up with the love of God and radiance of accepted prayers, spiritual delight and contentment.

These are the five main qualities, which are evident in the prayers of Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} which were accepted in a grand manner.

Emphasising the importance and blessings of prayers, he writes:

"Some people are ignorant of the essence of the prayer and are unaware of its effects. When their false hopes are frustrated, they turn away, saying that the prayer is nothing."

(Malfoozat, vol. 2, page 150)

"There is poison in humans as there is poison in the snake. Its antidote is prayer and as a result, a fountain starts to flow from the heaven. A person indolent in prayer perishes. If a person's day or night is empty of prayer, he becomes nearer to the Satan. Everyday a reckoning should be made whether our obligation of prayers has been fulfilled or not."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 591)

"If you want to live safely and desire peace in your homes, you should pray a great deal. Fill your homes with prayers. A home in which prayers are offered regularly is never destroyed by God."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 232)

"I have pondered about the fact as to what is the mother or root of the bounties of God. God has revealed to me that the mother is اذْعُوْنِيْ اَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ (Al Mumin 40:61). No one can escape wickedness except with God's help."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 333)

"Prayer is the foundation of the heavenly signs. This is 'Isme Azam' (Greatest Name). And it can turn the world upside down. Prayer is a believer's weapon. It is of utmost importance that a state of anxiety and deep emotion is present."

(Malfoozat, vol.3, page 202)

"The great benefit for the people joining this Jamaat is that I pray for them. Prayer has the power of turning a dry twig green again. It can cause the dead to become alive, it has great power."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 100)

Prayer is a great thing. It can become a means of achieving forgiveness and with it God gradually inclines with mercy. The heart of a person, negligent of prayers becomes rusty, then it becomes hard and this leads to alienation from God and enmity with God. The result is the destruction of faith."

(Malfoozat, vol.3, page 628)

"People are unaware of this blessing that charity, prayers and giving alms cast off a calamity. If this was not true, humans would experience spiritual death in life."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 201)

A destiny which not fixed, can be changed with prayer and giving charity. God changes this destiny with His mercy."

(Malfoozat. vol. 3, page 24)

"The door which the Lord of Honour and Glory has opened for the welfare of His creation is only one, that is prayer. When a person enters this door with anguish and sorrow in his heart, The Merciful God covers him with the mantle of purity and piety."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 315)

The best means of attaining bounties of God is prayer. A prayer, which is full of humility, anxiety and the feelings of destitution, draws the blessings of God. A prayer is needed for achieving the ability to offer sincere and true prayer."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 397)

Etiquettes of Prayer

From the Instructions of Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as}

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} said:

"Prayer is a wonderful thing. Alas, neither the people requesting prayers are familiar with the etiquettes of prayer, nor the people who pray are acquainted with the manner which makes the prayer acceptable. In fact there is total unawareness of the very essence of the prayer. There are some who reject the prayer altogether and there are others who do not reject prayer but are in such a state that their prayers are not accepted for lack of the knowledge of the etiquettes of praying. Their prayer is not a prayer in the true sense of the word and these people are even worse than those who reject prayer."

(Malfoozat, vol. 2, page 693)

"People who were not steadfast and constant and did not conform to the etiquettes of praying, when they did not achieve their wishes, they rejected prayer and its effects. They gradually lost faith in God. They say that if God did exist, why didn't He listen to our supplications. These fools do not realise that God does exist but their prayers are not real prayers in the true sense."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 617)

"Firstly; it is important to have faith in the Being, to whom we are praying. Believe that He exists and is All-Hearing, All-Seeing, All-Knowing and All-Powerful. And have firm faith that He listens and accepts prayers."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 522)

"The root cause of prayer being rejected is that the person praying causes rejection, as he is of feeble faith."

(Malfoozat, vol. 2, page 702)

"There are four conditions for the acceptance of prayers:"

- 1 *Righteousness*
- 2 *Anguish of the heart*
- 3 *Availability of a pure moment*
- 4 *Pray for a long enough period*

(Malfoozat, vol. 1, page 536)

"Some people are not familiar with the etiquettes of requesting the prayer. As long as the person requesting prayer does not have the quality of obedience in him, the prayer is not accepted."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 39)

"Prayers are accepted when a person shakes off negligence for God. The nearer he is to God, the greater the fruits of the prayer he will receive."

(Malfoozat, vol. 1, page 436)

"Certain abominations delay and cause rejection of the prayers, these should be avoided."

(Malfoozat, vol. 4, page 287)

"As long as the heart is not pure, prayers are not accepted. If there is rancour in the heart for a single person due to worldly matters, your prayers will not be accepted"

(Malfoozat, vol. 5, page 170)

"Remember whosoever usurps the rights of others, his prayers are not accepted as he is a transgressor."

(Malfoozat, vol. 2, page 195)

"The prayers of the transgressor and wrongdoer are not accepted."

(Malfoozat, vol. 2, page 682)

"Remember, your prayers will not be accepted unless you become God fearing."

(Malfoozat, vol. 5, page 130)

"Some people tire of praying. I consider them eunuchs. I say that even if thirty or forty years pass, one should not tire and refrain from praying. God never destroys the people who pray."

(Malfoozat, vol. 5, page 106)

"Hadhrrat Jacobas prayed for forty years. After forty years his prayers united him with Joseph^{as}."

(Malfoozat, vol. 2, page 152)

"Prayers should not only be offered by mere word of mouth. The real prayer is a death."

"Whosoever begs incurs death upon himself. If you can attain this state, then go begging."

(Malfoozat, vol. 5, page 107)

"If the prayer is devoid of real anxiety and sincere agitation, the prayer is in vain, ineffective and a useless task"

(Malfoozat, vol. 5, page 455)

"Remember, prayer is a sort of death. The same restlessness and

agitation, which is present at the time of death, is necessary for praying. So you should get up in the night and with humility, anguish and pain, present your hardships to God. If you raise your prayers to this level that a kind of death occurs, this is the time of acceptance of prayers."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 616)

"In fact a prayer achieves acceptance if it reaches the level of extreme anguish. First the preparations are made in the heavens and then it manifests itself in the earth. This is not a trivial matter, it is a magnificent reality. The truth is that anyone who wants to see manifestation of God, should pray."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 618)

"When a prayer nears acceptance, God infuses passion and anguish in the heart for it. Quite often God teaches the prayer Himself. God reveals the acceptable prayers to His righteous people"

(Malfoozat, vol. 2, page 164)

"Prayer is such a thing that it eases every hardship. People are unaware of the value of prayer. They loose heart readily. Prayer needs steadfastness and continuity. Sincerity and constant endeavour are the conditions of acceptance, and these in turn can be achieved by the prayer."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 615)

"Whosoever gets up in the night, however absent minded and impatient he may be, if he prays even in this state and supplicates, 'O Aliah, my heart is in Your possession and control, You purify it.' The constricted heart will open up."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 398)

"When heart is full of pain it breaks down all barriers, at that time it should be understood that the prayer has been accepted. This is "Ism-e-'Azam", the greatest name. There is nothing beyond its power. When a wicked man attains these means of prayer then surely he becomes righteous."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 100)

"Incline to prayer after giving care and consideration to the external means."

(Malfoozat, vol. 1, page 89)

"The more there is anguish and restlessness of the heart, the more the soul will soften. This is one of the means of acceptance of

prayer."

(Malfoozat, vol. 2, page 707)

"If a prayer is not accepted, another means to achieve your goal is to request a pious person for prayer and you yourself pray for the acceptance of that pious person's prayers."

(Malfoozat, vol. 5, page 182)

"The words of the Qur'anic prayers should not be changed. While the personal singular tense of the prayers of the Holy Prophet^{saw} can be changed to the plural tense"

(Malfoozat, vol. 5, page 194)

"Words of pathos should be used while praying. It is not advisable to stick to the traditional prayers and repeat them parrot fashion without knowing their meanings. To follow the tradition is a must, but searching for the words of pathos is also the tradition. Pray in your own language, which you understand fully, so your emotions are involved. The traditional prayers should also be offered for blessings. Any one who understands and is acquainted with Arabic should pray in Arabic."

(Malfoozat, vol. 1, page 538)

"In salat supplicate in your mother tongue. The emotions that the mother tongue carries are not expressed in a foreign language."

(Malfoozat, vol. 4, page 29)

"Pray a great deal. Salat is the key to solving problems. Besides the traditional prayers and words, supplicate in your mother tongue as it carries heartfelt emotions. As long as the deep emotions are not there, keep praying. This purifies the self and attains everything."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 589)

"Continue to pray at all times. In salat, during ruku and prostration, wherever you have a chance offer prayers. Abandon the half-hearted salat. The formal salat does not carry multiple rewards."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 176)

"One should reckon one's faults and pray to God. God alone can save him. God has declared that you pray and I will accept."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 573)

"Whichever sin is difficult to get rid off should be targeted in the prayer. He will gain strength by the Grace of God."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 622)

"It is not in one's power to offer a prayer which absorbs God's

blessings. It is not in one's control to attain all the requisites and conditions for example concentration, trust, anguish of the heart and deep emotions for the prayer. When such capability is attained by someone, by absorbing God's Grace it achieves all these means and conditions which are the essence of the righteous deeds."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 389)

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as}'s Prayer Routines

The Promised Messiah^{as} says:

1 "God has given me as much enthusiasm for the prayer as there is turbulence in the sea."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 127)

2 "I pray so much that I feel faint and sometimes I come near unconsciousness and death."

(Malfoozat, vol. 1, page 200)

3 Hadhrat Mufti Muhammad Sadiq Sahib relates Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} used to recite Surah Al-Fatiha and then offer other prayers.

4 Huzur^{as} says: "We pray that God protects this Jamaat and it becomes clear to the world that the Holy Prophet^{sa} is a true prophet and people start to believe in the existence of God."

(Malfoozat, vol. 4, page 261)

5 The first and foremost prayer is for the purification from the sins. The key and an essential part of the praying is this supplication. Because when this prayer is accepted and the person is purified from all impurities, he becomes attractive to God. Then he does not even need to supplicate for other needs these are bestowed upon him automatically. The most rigorous and laborious prayer is to be purified of sins and be accepted as a pious and God fearing person in the estimation of God."

(Malfoozat, vol. 3, page 617)

6 It has been revealed to me again and again **أَجِبْتُ كُلَّ دُعَاةِكَ** that every prayer which in itself is beneficial and useful will be accepted. When in the begining it this was revealed, I became very happy that God would surely accept my prayers for myself or for my friends. So I adopted this principle that whether my friends remind me or not, or present their great hardships, I will keep on praying for their spiritual as well as worldly welfare."

(Malfoozat, vol.1, page 68)

7 If a person wishes that we love him and our humble and impassioned prayers offered to God, reach Heavens, he should assure us that he has the capacity to serve the faith."

(Malfoozat, vol. 1, page 311)

8 The condition which attracts me and motivates me to pray is only one, that I know that this person is serving the faith. And that his existence is useful to God, His prophet, His book and His people. If such a person is in grief or pain, in reality it is my pain.

(Malfoozat, vol.1, page 215)

9 I believe that even enemies should not be excluded from the prayer. The more extensive the prayer is, the more beneficial for the supplicant. The greater the stinginess in prayer, the farther a person drifts from the proximity of God.

(Malfoozat, vol. 1, page 353)

10 Our Jamaat should offer heartfelt prayers during the night. The general public thinks that a prayer is only for worldly matters. They are the worms of this world and cannot get away from it. The real prayer is prayer for the faith.

(‘Al Badr’)

11 Real prayer is for the faith and the true faith is in prayers.

(Malfoozat, vol.5, page 132)

12 Copious prayers should be offered for the faith and the world.

(Malfoozat, vol.5, page 273)

13 Besides the prayer for a pious change in one's self, one should pray for his children and wife, as most of the trials humans face come from children.

(Malfoozat, vol.5, page 456)

14 If one wishes for children, one should have the intention that they become propagators of Islam. If this pure intention is present, God is Potent to bestow progeny similar to Zakariaas's."

(Malfoozat, vol.3, page 579)

15 The best prayer is for attaining God's pleasure and deliverance from sin. As the sins harden the heart and humans become like worms of the world. Our prayer should be that God removes the heart hardening sins from us and guides us to His pleasure."

(Malfoozat, vol.4, page 30)

16 True prayers should aim at attaining God's pleasure. The other prayers are accepted readily as remission of sins brings blessings. A prayer purely for worldly matters is not accepted."

(Malfoozat, vol.3, page 602)

17 A prayer full of pathos and emotions should be offered to God Almighty that He enables us to taste the sweetness of salat and worship, in the same way He has given us such capacity to enjoy the fruits and other good things.

(Malfoozat, vol.3, page 28)

18 On seeing the Rabi ul Awwal moon, Huzur said: "Every month has blessings and evil, hence we should pray."

(Malfoozat, vol.3, page 323)

19 Pray, that whatever is best in God's knowledge, be granted. A prayer should be comprehensive.

(Malfoozat vol.5 page 188)

20 Salat is prayer, so pray during the salat that He saves you from the trials of this world and the punishment of the next and the end should be as a righteous one.

(Malfoozat, vol.3, page 435)

21 Huzur said, that he offers these prayers daily:

First, I pray for myself that God enables me to perform deeds, which manifest His Honour and Glory and grant me the full capacity to seek his pleasure."

Second, I pray for my family that God makes them the delight of my eyes and enables them to follow His path.

Third, I pray for my children, that Allah makes them servants of the faith.

Fourth, then I pray for my friends, remembering each one by his name.

Fifth, I pray for all the people in this Jamaat, whether I know them or not"

*(Al-Hakam, vol.4, page 2-11, dated 17th January, 1900,
letter no.4, Maulana Abdul Karim)*

22 I am always praying and on top of my list is the prayer that God protects my friends from sorrows and grief because it is their worries that grieve me. Then this prayer is offered in a collective

form that if anyone is suffering from grief and sorrow may Allah remove it. All my endeavours are directed towards praying to God Almighty.

(Malfoozat, vol.1, page 66)

Promised Messiah^{as}'s Revelations regarding Acceptance of Prayers

قُلْ مَا يَعْبُؤُكُمْ رَبِّي لَوْلَا دُعَاءُكُمْ

(Tiryaq-ul-Qulub, page 60)

"Say to them, what does my God care? If your prayers are not offered."

أَفَمَنْ يُجِيبُ الْمُضْطَرَّ إِذَا دَعَاهُ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1907)

"Or, who answers the distressed person when he calls upon Him."

إِنَّهُ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1883)

"Surely, God listens to the prayers."

أَدْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ

(Aeena Kamalat-e-Islam, page 604 Roohani khazain, vol.5)

"Pray and I will accept"

أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1883)

"I listen to the prayers of the supplicater when he prays"

دُعَاءُكَ مُسْتَجَابٌ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1903)

"Your prayer has been accepted."

أُجِيبَتْ دَعْوَتُكَ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1907)

"Your prayer is accepted"

8 I will accept all your prayers except the one's for the rivals
(Haqiqa-tul Wahi, page 243, Roohani Khazain, vol.22, page 254)

Inspiring Incidents of Promised Messiah^{as}'s Acceptance of Prayers

Promised Messiah^{as} says:

"Acceptance of prayers is a great sign for recognising the chosen servants of God. In fact there is no other sign like the sign of accepted prayers. This proves that a person is honourable and esteemed in God's estimation. Although it is not essential that the prayers should be accepted every time, sometime the Lord of Honour and Glory does what He wills, but this is one of the signs of the chosen people of the God of Honour that their prayers are accepted more frequently and no one can compete with them in this respect. **I take an oath in God's name, that thousands of my prayers have been accepted. If I compile them, it will become a massive book"**

(Haqiqa-tul Wahi, page 321, Roohani Khazain, vol. 22, page 334)

Hadhrat Massih Ma'uud^{as} has written in detail about the acceptance of prayer in his books, Nuzul-ul-Massih, Tiryaq-ul-Qulub and Haqiqa-tul Wahi. Here some of these incidents are quoted in Huzur's own words:

1 "Once I was badly in need of money. Arya Lala Sharmpet and Malawa Mul, who live locally knew about this need. They knew full well that there was no apparent means of acquiring this money. Spontaneously I had this zeal for prayer, so that my need would be fulfilled and also it would become a sign for these two people. I prayed to God to tell me when financial help would arrive. A revelation was sent, " I will manifest myself after ten days" ان شاء الله تعالى بعد عشرة ايام "When will you go to Amritsar?" This meant that money would come after ten days and God's help is near. As the she camel lifts her tail when the birth of its baby is near, so is the help from God near. After ten days when you will receive money, then you will go to Amritsar. Exactly according to the prophecy, the money arrived in the presence of the above mentioned Aryas. For ten days no money came. On the eleventh day, Muhammad Afzal Khan Sahib sent one hundred and ten Rupees from Rawalpindi and twenty Rupees arrived from somewhere else. Afterwards, money we had not hoped for, continued to come"

(Tiryaq-ul- Qulub, Roohani Khazain, vol.15, page 257-258)

2 "Khalifa Syed Muhammad Hassan, Prime minister of Patyala was facing worry and grief due to some trials. He was constantly requesting me to pray for him. By chance one day a revelation came: " The cool breeze of mercy is blowing, any prayer offered today will be accepted"

At that time I thought that prayer should be offered for him. After a short time he was free of the trial and informed me of it by letter."

(Nuzulul Masih, page 225, Roohani khazain, vol.18, page 603)

3 "Once, late Nawab Ali Muhammad Khan Sahib, chief of Ludhiana wrote and informed me that some of the means of his livelihood have ended and requested prayers for their restoration. When I prayed it was revealed to me that this would happen. I informed him of this in a letter. Only after a few days the means of his livelihood were restored and he became a staunch believer in prayer.

Once again he wrote me a letter about some confidential matters. The moment he posted the letter, God revealed that a letter containing this subject matter is going to arrive. I wrote to him without delay, that you are sending me a letter regarding these matters. Next day his letter arrived. When he received my letter he was amazed that I knew these secret matters beforehand, as he had not told anyone about them. His credence increased to such an extent that he lost himself in love and devotion."

(Haqiqat-ul Wahi, page 246, Roohani Khazain, vol. 22, page 257-258)

4 " A friend in great distress requested prayers in writing for one of his relatives who faced a serious legal trial and there was no hope of his release. The same night a pure moment became available and I informed an Arya of the sign of acceptance of the prayer. After a few days news was received that the person who had filed this case died suddenly and the accused was released. Allah be praised for this."

(Tiryag-ul-Qulub, page 59, Roohani Khazain, vol.15, page 260)

5 "Once, on praying for my sincere friend Abdur Rehman Sahib, a businessman in Madras, this was revealed:

'All-Potent is the Master, He puts right the ruined matters, He can demolish established affairs. No one knows His secrets.' This was a glad tiding for his deliverance from grief. So God Almighty delivered him of his calamity."

(Nuzulul- Masih, page 233, Roohani Khazain, vol.18, page 611)

6 "In common with the people of limited resources but trusting natures, I badly needed fifty rupees. At this time of need I did not possess any means of getting this amount. When I went for a walk in the morning the worry about this need made me emotionally inclined to pray in the jungle. So I went to a hidden corner on the banks of the canal, which is at a distance of three miles from Qadian on the Batala side. As soon as I finished the prayer I received a revelation, meaning, "See how readily I accept your prayers". I became happy and I returned to Qadian from the jungle. I went straight to the bazaar, in order to enquire in the sub-postmaster, if any money had arrived for me. I was informed in a letter that someone had sent fifty rupees from Ludhiana. Most probably I received the money on the same day or the next."

(Tiryaq-ul-Qulub, Roohani Khazain, vol.15, page 294-295)

7 "Abdur Rahim Khan, son of Sardar Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan Sahib, chief of Malir Kotla suffered from burning fever. There was no hope of his survival it was as if the orders for his death had been issued. I prayed for him and it was revealed to me that this is an inevitable destiny. Then I supplicated to God Almighty for intercession on his behalf. God replied, *مَنْ كَانَ اللَّهُ يُشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِي* meaning, who dares to intercede without My permission. I became silent. Immediately a revelation came *أَنْتَ أَنْتَ الشَّعِير* meaning, you are permitted to intercede. I started to pray with anguish and pain in my heart. God accepted my prayers. It was as if the boy came out of the grave and started to recover. He had become so weak that the recovery took a long time. He became well and is alive now."

(Haqiqat-ul Wahi, page 219-220, Roohani Khazain, vol. 22, page 229-230)

8 "My sincere friend, Maulvi Nurudin Sahib's only son died. Some foolish enemies exhibited joy on the fact that Maulvi Sahib had no sons. I prayed a great deal for him and received this information, that with your prayer a son will be bestowed upon him and he would be a sign that he is the result of prayer. It was also revealed that he would suffer from boils on his body. This son was born and was named Abdul Hayee. His body was covered with unusual sores and the scars are still present on his body. This sign of a boy suffering from boils was published before the birth of the boy in a leaflet."

(Haqiqat-ul Wahi, page 220, Roohani Khazain, vol..22, page 230)

9 "Once, my younger son Mubarak Ahmad fell ill. He was having fits of unconsciousness. I was busy praying in the adjacent

house. Some women were present near him and at one time one of them said, "Stop now, the child is dead." Then I came near him, put my hand on his body and inclined to God. After two or three minutes, the boy started to breathe and the pulse could be felt. The boy became alive. At that time I realised that the miracle of Jesus Christ^{as} of bringing the dead to life, was similar to this and foolish people had exaggerated it."

(Haqiqa-tul Wahi, page 253, Roohani Khazain, vol..22, page 265)

10 " The fifth sign of acceptance of prayers occurred recently. In fact this is equal to the dead coming to life. The details of this incident are as follows:

Abdul Karim son of Abdur Rehman resident of Hyderabad Dekhan, is a student in our school. Unfortunately a rabid dog bit him. We sent him to Kasauli for treatment. After a few days of treatment he came back to Qadian. Some days later the signs of rabies appeared. He became afraid of water and his condition became terrible. I was deeply moved by the plight of this foreigner in this land. Everyone thought that this poor boy would die within a few hours. As a last resort with great care he was moved from his boarding house to a separate house. A telegram was sent to the English doctors for instruction for treatment. They telegraphed back that there is no cure now.

I was deeply perturbed by the condition of this poor and lonely boy. My friends also insisted on prayers. This boy, in a foreign land was in a pitiable condition. I was also concerned that if he dies, his death will incite the enemies to ridicule his death in a degrading manner. My heart was in anguish and with deep pain; an extraordinary inclination towards prayer came over me. This is not something in one's control and is bestowed only with God's mercy. If such a state develops, it shows signs that with God's permission the dead can come to life.

At that time with God's Grace such an auspicious moment became available. When my concentration reached its highest level and my anguish completely controlled my heart, at that time the effects of this prayer started to show results and this nearly dead person started to show signs of life. At one point he was afraid of water and light, now he started showing signs of recovery. He said that he was not afraid of water anymore. He was given water, which he drank without fear. He also performed ablution with water and offered salat and slept throughout the night. All signs of madness disappeared and in few days he recovered fully. My heart was

inspired to think that his madness was not meant to kill him but was a manifestation of a sign from God. The experienced people say that they have never heard, that a person bitten by the rabid dog and showing signs of madness, has ever survived. The real proof is the testimony of the doctors who were the experts in this field and were appointed by the government. They had responded to our telegram saying that no treatment for rabies is possible.

I have forgotten to mention that when the prayers were offered for this boy, God revealed that a particular medicine should be given to him. This medicine was administered a few times. The patient recovered or it can be said that a dead person has become alive again. Here is the English text of the telegram sent to us from Kasauli:

"Sorry, nothing can be done for Abdul Karim"

(Roohani Khazain. vol..22, page 480-481. Tatimma Haqiqa-tul Wahi, page 46-48)

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} says:

"This is totally true that most of the prayers of God's chosen people are accepted. In fact the greatest miracle is the acceptance of prayers. When their hearts are greatly distressed in the time of trial and they incline to God in this state of anguish, God listens to them. At this time their hand is in fact God's hand. God is like a hidden treasure. He shows His countenance through His chosen ones. God's signs appear when His selected ones are harassed and tormented greatly. At this time know that the sign of God is near, in fact it is at the door. Because these are the people, devoted to God with their heart and soul, whom God loves more than anyone could love his dear son. He shows wonderful signs for them and shows such power as if a sleeping lion wakes. God is hidden and these are the people who reveal His existence. These are the people who show His countenance which is hidden behind thousands of veils."

(Haqiqa-tul Wahi, page 18-19, Roohani Khazain, vol..22 page 20-21)

Prayers of the Promised Messiah^{as}

An Humble Prayer for Forgiveness

In August 1885 the Promised Messiah^{as} wrote in a letter of condolence to Hadhrat Maulivi Nuruddin on the death of his only son. The Promised Messiah^{as} humbly drew his attention to this prayer. He wrote, this prayer is among my routinely offered prayers and is in fact analogous to this humble one." He added that it is advisable that when offering this prayer, one should confess one's sins with the deepest emotions of the heart and acknowledge God's blessing. Mere recitation by the tongue means nothing. The heart should be in it and prayer should be offered with tears and anguish in the heart. Huzur explained the manner of offering this prayer. One should get up in the latter part of the night, do ablution and offer two rakats with sincerity and offer this prayer with emotions and humility.

"O my Benefactor! O my God! , I am Your worthless, sinful and totally unmindful servant. You saw me doing injustice after injustice, but still rewarded me again and again. You saw me committing sin after sin, but still bestowed favour upon favour on me. You have always covered up my sins and granted me countless blessings. So even now have mercy on this sinful and worthless servant, forgive my impudence and ingratitude, deliver me from this sin, as there is no succour except in You."

(Maktoobat-e-Ahmadiyya, vol. 5, page 2-3)

Other Prayers for Deliverence from Sin

"O my Divine master! I am Your sinful servant and in a state of distress. Guide me."

(Malfoozat, vol.7, page 226, old edition)

"We are Your sinful servants and our evil self has overwhelmed us. Forgive us and protect us from the trials of the life hereafter."

(Al Badr, vol. 2, page 30)

"I am sinful and weak. There is no redress except with Your help and mercy. Have mercy on me and purify me as there is nothing except Your mercy and kindness which can cleanse me of my sins."

(Al Badr, vol.3, page 41)

Prayer of Repentance at the Initiation Ceremony into Ahmadiyyat

Mir Shaffi Ahmad, researcher from Delhi narrates that whenever the Promised Messiah^{as} repeated these words during the initiation

ceremony, people would start to shed tears and cry, as there was so much pathos in Huzur's voice that it certainly made people cry with emotions.

(Seerat-ul Mahdi, narration no.747)

It is a fact that this prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa} which Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} incorporated in his initiation ceremony has so much effect that in spite of being repeated again and again, this emotional state is seen quite often.

The words of the prayer are:

"O my Lord! I have wronged my soul and I confess my sins. You forgive my sins, as there is no one else who can forgive."

This narration is further confirmed by these words of the Promised Messiah^{as}:

"Repentance at the time of initiation carries blessings."

(Malfoczat, vol. 4, page 174)

Prayer for Attaining the Pleasure of God

Hadhrat Masih Mo'ud^{as} emphasising the importance of prayer in a letter to Hadhrat Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan Sahib wrote:

Pray a great deal and ingrain humility in your nature. The prayers uttered as a habit or custom by the tongue only do not mean anything. When you pray, beside the obligatory salat, make it a habit to seek loneliness and offer humble prayers like the lowest of the low. Pray to God Almighty:

"O Lord of the universe! I cannot justifiably thank You for the limitless bounties you have showered on me. You are exceedingly Gracious and Merciful. You have granted me countless favours. Forgive my sins so that I am not annihilated. Infuse my heart with Your Love, so that I attain life. Conceal my sins and enable me to do such that draw forth Your pleasure. I seek refuge in Your Gracious Countenance from Your wrath. Have mercy on me and protect me from the evils of this world and the world hereafter. As every blessing and favour is in Your hand." "Ameen Thumma Ameen"

(Maktoobat-e-Ahmadiyya, vol.5, page 4-5)

Prayer for Companionship of God in Loneliness

"O my God! Listen to my cry of help. I am alone. O my Refuge! O my Shield! O my Beloved! Do not abandon me. I am with You and

my soul is prostrating on Your threshold."

(Seerat Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud by Hadhrat Sheikh Yacoob Ali Irfani, vol.5, page 573)

Prayer for Concentration in Salat

On May 16, 1902 the Promised Messiah^{as} in a letter to Maulivi Nazir Hussain Sakha Dehlavi, wrote about the manner of achieving concentration during Salat:

"In salat, pray for yourself. Do not be content with superficial and inattentive salat. As far as possible strive for concentration. If this is not present, recite this prayer in all the five daily salats, when standing after every 'rakat':

" O God Almighty, O the Lord of Power and Glory, I am a sinner. The poison of sins has penetrated to such an extent in my heart, flesh and blood that I am devoid of emotions and concentration in salat. In Your mercy and Graciousness, forgive my sins and make my heart tender. Ingrain Your greatness, Fear of You and love for You upon my heart, so that my hard-heartedness softens and I achieve concentration in my prayers."

(Fatawa Masih Ma'ud, page 37, edited by Fakharudin Multani in 1935)

Prayer against Deprivation from the Blessings of Ramadan

For attaining the capability of fasting, Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{as} wrote:

"Everything should be sought from God. God is All Potent and He can bestow the capability of fasting to a consumptive (a person suffering from tuberculosis). I think this is how one should pray":

"O my Divine Master, this is Your blessed month and I am being deprived of its blessings. I do not know if I would be alive next year or not, or be able to fast for these missed days of fasting. One should pray to God for this capability. I am sure that God would bestow strength to such a heart."

(Malfoozat, vol.2, page 563)

Prayer on Going to Ka'aba

Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{as} gave a letter containing this prayer to his sincere friend, Hadhrat Sufi Munshi Ahmad Jan Sahib, who was going on the pilgrimage.

"Kindly remember the humble request of this low and worthless one, that when by the Grace of Allah, You see the House of God, in that blessed and praiseworthy place offer this prayer of a lowly

servant of God, with utmost humility. Raise your hands in prayer with meekness and total devotion, and supplicate:

"O the Most Merciful of all who show mercy, Your meek, worthless, and full of faults humble servant, Ghulam Ahmad, who is in the part of world called India supplicates to You, O the Lord of Mercy! Be pleased with me; forgive my sins and transgressions, for You are the Most Forgiving and Merciful. Enable me to do deeds that please You greatly. Put as much distance between me and my evil self as there is between the East and the West. Let my life, my death and every faculty that I possess, be for Your sake. Keep me alive in Your love, cause me to die in Your love and raise me among those who love and obey You the most.

O the Most Merciful of all who show mercy! accomplish my mission of propagation that You have entrusted me. Ensure the service for which You have put zeal in my heart is completed. Cause the truth of Islam to become apparent through this humble one, to all the enemies of Islam. Show the beauty of Islam to those who are yet unaware of the beauties of this faith. Keep this humble one, my friends and my companions, protected by Your forgiveness and mercy. Be with them and Be sufficient for them in the worldly and the spiritual matters. Enable them to achieve Your pleasure. Shower Your blessings and Durud on Your Messenger, his companions and his followers. Ameen O Lord of the Universe."

This is the prayer and it is your responsibility to offer this prayer in the Ka'aba, on behalf of this humble one, without any change of words.

*Wassalam
The humble one
Ghulam Ahmad
1303 Hijra*

(Maktoobat-e-Ahmediyya, vol.5, page 17-18)

Prayer for those Buried in Bahishti Maqbra

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} Writes:

" I pray to God to bless it and make it Bahishti Maqbra, a resting place for those pious people who have truly given preference to their faith over the world. They forsook the love of the world for the love of God. They transformed themselves with the pious change. They showed the same faithfulness and sincerity as the companions of the Holy Prophet^{sa}.

Ameen, O Lord of the Universe."

(Risala Al-Wasiyyat, page 15, Roohani Khazain, vol.20, page 316)

"I pray again, that O my Potent God! make this place the burial place of those pious hearts from my Jamaat, who are truly lost in You and there is no impurity of the worldly motives in their hearts. Ameen, O Lord of the Universe."

" I pray the third time, O my All-powerful, Gracious, Forgiving and Merciful God, only permit those people to be buried in this land, who truly believe in me, Your Messenger. They do not entertain any hypocrisy, selfish motives or mistrust in their hearts. They fulfil the covenant of faith and obedience. They have devoted their body and soul for Your sake and for Your pleasure. Those with whom You are pleased and know that they are totally lost in Your love. And with sincerity, obedience and firm faith they have relationship of love and total devotion with Your Messenger. Ameen, O Lord of the Universe."

(Al Wassiyat, Page 16-17)

Prayer for Jamaat

In his book *Kashti-e-Nuh* after explaining "Our Teachings", Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} concludes with this prayer:

"Now I pray this guidance is beneficial to you and it brings about such a change in your inner selves, that you become stars of the world. This world lights up with your light, which you receive from your Lord."

(Kashti-e-Nuh, page 76, Roohani Khazain, vol. 19, page 85)

Prayer for the Advancement of the Jamaat

"O God! Bestow progress upon my Jamaat. Let Your support and victory from You accompany it."

(Seerat Masih Ma'uud by Sheikh Yacob Aii Irfani, vol.5, page 628)

"I pray a great deal, that people of my Jamaat should be counted among those who fear God, establish salat, rise up during the night for prostrations and supplicate with anguish in their hearts, are not heedless of their obligations to God, are not miserly, unmindful and the worms of this world.

I do hope that God would accept my prayers and show me that I have left such people behind, not the ones whose eyes commit fornication, whose hearts are worse than the excrement, and who are not mindful of death. My God and I are disgusted with those people. It will make me happy if such people break the ties of relationship. As God wants to make this a Jamaat of exemplary people who manifest Godly attributes in themselves. Who establish themselves on the highest level of piety and righteousness. Who

have preferred faith to the world, in the true sense of the word. But these mischievous people who put their hand under my hand and proclaim that they have put their faith first. When they go back to their homes, they engage in such mischief that only the desires of this world rule their hearts. Neither are their eyes chaste nor their hearts pure. Their hands do not do any good and their feet do not move towards any virtuous action. They are like a rat that grows up in the darkness and continue to live in it and dies in it. They have been cut asunder from this establishment in the eyes of God. In vain they say that they are from this Jamaat as they are not included in it in the Heavens."

(Tabligh-e-Resalat, vol.10, page 41-42)

Prayers for the Opponents

" O Opponents, may God have mercy upon you and open your eyes.

(Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya, part 15, page 62, Roohani Khazain, vol.21, page 79)

"Like the one who looks after a sick relative and grieves for him, I am in deep distress for this ignorant nation and pray, O Almighty and the Lord of Glory, Our Teacher and our Guide, open the eyes of these people. Grant them insight and with Your mercy and inspire their hearts with truth and honesty."

(Maktoobat-e-Ahmadiyya, vol.6, part one, page 98)

"O Almighty and Supreme God, although it is Your habit and tradition since the earliest times, that You grant guidance to children and unlettered people and cover up the eyes and the hearts of thinkers and philosophers with the veils of darkness. I beseech You humbly and with pain in my heart that draw forth a group from these people into our Jamaat as You have already pulled some of them. Bestow eyes, ears and hearts upon them, so that they can see, hear and understand. They realise the value of this blessing which You have bestowed in this age and try to attain it. If You will, You can make it happen as there is nothing impossible for You."

(Azaala Auhaam, page 35, Roohani Khazain, vol. 3, page 120)

In Haqiqat-ul Wahi, after explaining the proofs of his truth, Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{as} prayed in these words:

" God may create numerous such souls, who will benefit from these signs and adhere to truth. They will forsake discord and rancour. O my Almighty God! Listen to my humble prayers and open up the ears and the hearts of these people. Show us the time when the

worship of the false gods will vanish from this earth and worship for You is offered sincerely. The world becomes full of Your righteous and unitarian servants as the seas are full of water. The truth and the greatness of Your messenger becomes ingrained upon the hearts. Ameen.

O my Almighty God! Show me this transformation in the world. Accept my prayers as You have all power and strength. O my Almighty God! do as I supplicate. Ameen Thumma Ameen."

(Haqīqa-tul Wahī, page 164, Roohani Khazain, vol. 22, page 603)

Prayer for the Establishment of Unity of God

"O Mighty God! O the Guide of the people! as You have made modern times the age of technological inventions. In the same way manifest the truth and wisdom of the Holy Qur'an to the ignorant people. Draw this age to Yourself, Your book and to the unity of Your existence. Disbelief and associating partners with You have increased and Islam is in decline. O my Gracious One! cause the breeze of belief in Your unity to blow in the East and the West. Show a sign from heaven, which will attract people to You. O Merciful, we are desperate for Your mercy. O the Guide! we are in acute need of Your guidance. Blessed is the day when Your light manifests. Blessed is the moment, when the bugle proclaims your victory. *تَوَكَّلْنَا عَلَيْكَ يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ* meaning: We trust in You. No one has the power or the strength except You and You are Most High and the Greatest."

(Aena Kamalat-e-Islam, page 213-214, margin within margin Roohani Khazain, vol.5)

Prayer for the Guidance of Mankind

"O Gracious God, bestow guidance on the capable hearts of all nations, so that they believe in Your chosen and Great Prophet, Muhammad^{sa} and in Your perfect and holy revelation, the Qur'an and follow its guidance. So they become the recipient of all the blessings, good fortunes and real prosperity, which is given to the true Muslims in both the worlds. They share the eternal deliverance and the life, which is not only available in the life after death, but is given to the righteous ones in this very world. I pray especially for the English people, who are not yet aware of the light of this sun of truth. We are indebted to this civilized, cultured and kind government for the friendship and favours it has shown to us. This gratitude gives rise to heart felt desire for their welfare and prosperity in faith as well as in worldly affairs. So that their white faces, which look pretty in this world, light up in the world hereafter.

فَنَسْأَلُ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى خَيْرَهُمْ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ أَللَّهُمَّ
 اهْدِهِمْ وَأَيِّدْهُمْ بِرُوحِ بِنِّكَ وَاجْعَلْ لَهُمْ حَظًّا كَثِيرًا فِي
 دِينِكَ وَاجْذِبْهُمْ بِحَوْلِكَ وَقُوَّتِكَ لِيُؤْمِنُوا بِكِتَابِكَ
 وَرَسُولِكَ وَيَدْخُلُوا فِي دِينِ اللَّهِ أَفْوَاجًا- آمِينَ ثُمَّ آمِينَ
 وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ-

(Majmoa-e-Ishta'harat. vol.1, page 25)

We beseech Allah, to bestow upon them goodness and prosperity of this life and in the life to come. O Allah, guide them and support them with Your special Grace. Grant them ample share in Your faith. Draw them with Your power and strength to Yourself, so they believe in Your book and Your Messenger and join Allah's faith wave after wave. Ameen

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as}'s Sayings regarding some Qur'anic Prayers

"There was not a single person was with me, God taught me this prayer;

رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي فَرْدًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْوَارِثِينَ

(Al Anbiya 21:90)

Leave me not alone, Lord, You are the best of inheritors

(Nuzul-e- Masih, page 5, Roohani Khazain, vol.19, page 97)

Our Jamaat should recite this verse frequently in the last 'rakat' after ruku

(Malfoozat. vol.1, page 6)

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ
 النَّارِ

(Al Baqarah 2:202)

O Lord, Grant us good in this world as well as good in the world to come, and protect us from the torment of the Fire

Huzur said: "These days Adam's^{as} prayer should be recited. This prayer has already been accepted."

(Malfoozat, vol.2, page 577)

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ

الْخَاسِرِينَ

(Al Araf 7:24)

O Lord, we have wronged ourselves; and if You forgive us not and have not mercy on us, we shall surely be of the lost

Hadhrat Massih Ma'uud^{as} advised Hadhrat Syedda Nawab Mubaraka Begum Sahiba, in a vision to tell his Jamaat to recite this prayer very frequently.

(Alfazi, January 3, 1974 page 4)

رَبَّنَا لَا تَنْزِعْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ

رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

(Al Imran 3:9)

O Lord, let not our hearts become perverse after You have guided us; and bestowed upon us Your mercy. Surely You alone are the Bestower."

Qur'anic Prayers Revealed to the Promised Messiah^{as}

اللَّهُ خَيْرٌ حَافِظًا وَهُوَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

(Yusuf 12: 65)

Allah is the Best Protector. And He is the Most Merciful of those who show mercy.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1883)

رَبِّ أَدْخِلْنِي مُدْخَلَ صِدْقٍ

(Bani Israel 17:81)

O Lord, make my entry a good entry

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1882)

رَبِّ أَرِنِي كَيْفَ تُحْيِي الْمَوْتَى

(Al Baqarah 2:261)

O Lord, show me how You give life to the dead.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1882)

رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

(Ta Ha 20:115)

O Lord, increase me in knowledge.

Note: This prayer was revealed at the time of writing the magnificent book Tohfa Golariah

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1900)

رَبِّ السِّجْنِ أَحَبُّ إِلَيَّ مِمَّا يَدْعُونَنِي إِلَيْهِ

(Yousaf 12:34)

O my Lord, I would prefer prison to that which it invites me.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1883)

رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْ عَلَيَّ الْأَرْضَ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ دَيَّارًا

(Nuh 71:27)

Lord, leave not in the world a single one of the disbelievers as dwellers therein.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا فَاكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ

(Al Maidah 5:64)

O Lord, we believe, so write us down among those who bear witness.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1893)

رَبَّنَا افْتَحْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْفَاتِحِينَ

(Al Araf 7:90)

O our Lord, You decide between us and between our people with truth and You are the best of those who decide.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1882)

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ وَمِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ

(Al Falaq 113:2-4)

Say, I seek refuge in the Lord of the dawn, from the evil of that which He has created, and from the evil of the night when it overspreads.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1883)

Revealed Prayers

These are the prayers revealed to the Promised Messiah^{as} with slight change in the Qur'anic text:

In 1893 this prayer was revealed:

رَبِّ إِنِّي مَغْلُوبٌ فَانْتَصِرْ

O my Lord, I am overcome, You take my revenge from the enemy.

(Tadhkirah, Tohfa Baghdad, page17-25)

On 26th of April 1903 it was revealed again in these words:

رَبِّ إِنِّي مَغْلُوبٌ فَانْتَصِرْ فَسَحِّقْهُمْ تَسْحِيقًا

O my Lord, I am overcome, so avenge on my behalf and grind them thoroughly.

(Haqiqatul Wahi, page 104, Roohani Khazain, vol. 22, page107)

In an other narration the word "wronged" was revealed instead of the word "overcome".

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ وَارْحَمْ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ

O my Lord, forgive me and grant mercy from Heaven.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1882)

رَبِّ تَوَفَّنِي مُسْلِمًا وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

O my Lord, cause me to die in the state of being a Muslim and include me amongst the righteous.

(Haqiqatul Wahi, page 108, Roohani Khazain, vol.22, page111)

رَبِّ نَجِّنِي مِنْ غَمِّي

O my Lord, deliver me from grief

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1883)

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي ذُرِّيَّةً طَيِّبَةً

O my Lord, grant me pious progeny.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1907)

رَبَّنَا آمَنَّا فَاكْتُبْنَا مَعَ الشَّاهِدِينَ

O our Lord, we have believed, so write us down among those who bear witness.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1899, Tiryaq-ul Qulub, page 59, margin)

رَبَّنَا إِنَّا جِئْنَاكَ مَظْلُومِينَ فَافْرُقْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ الْقَوْمِ
الظَّالِمِينَ

O our Lord, We have come to You as oppressed ones, therefore put distance and make distinction between us and those who do wrong.

(Zamima Haqiqa-tul Wahi, Roohani Khazain, vol.22, page 621)

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا إِنَّا كُنَّا خَاطِئِينَ

O our Lord, forgive our sins, surely we are at fault.

(Haqiqa-tul Wahi, page 100, Roohani Khazain, vol..22, page 104)

In 1907 this prayer was revealed:

رَبَّنَا لَا تَجْعَلْنَا طَعْمَةً لِلْقَوْمِ الظَّالِمِينَ

O our Lord, do not make us a morsel for the unjust people.

(Tadhkirah: 805)

وَاجْعَلْ أَفئِدَةً مِّنَ النَّاسِ تَهْوِي إِلَى

Incline a large number of hearts towards me. (Huzur said that this is a glad tiding of the progress of the Jamaat.)

Prayer for Forgiveness and a Righteous End

In a letter to Mir Abbas Ali Sahib Ludhanavi, Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{as} wrote this prayer:

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا ذُنُوبَنَا وَلَا خَوَانَنَا الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ
وَصَلِّ عَلَي نَبِيِّكَ وَحَبِيبِكَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَسَلِّمْ وَتَوَفَّنَا فِي
أُمَّةٍ وَاتَّبِعْنَا فِي أُمَّةٍ وَأَتَنَا مَا وَعَدْتَّ لِأُمَّةٍ رَبَّنَا إِنَّنَا آمَنَّا
فَاكْتُبْنَا فِي عِبَادِكَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ-

O Lord, forgive us and our brothers in faith who were stronger believers than us. Shower Your blessings on Your Messenger and beloved Muhammad^{sa} and his progeny. Cause us to die as his followers and include us in his people. Grant us all that You promised for his disciples. Our Lord, we have believed, so write us down among the righteous servants.

Prayer for Piety and Purity

Hadhrt Masih Ma'ud^{as} wrote approximately in 1878:

About twenty five years ago when I was at Gurdaspur I saw a dream in which I was sitting on a bedstead and on my left the Late Maulivi Abdullah Sahib Ghaznavi was sitting. It passed through my mind that I should push Maulivi Sahib off the bed. I began to move towards him till he got off the bed and sat down on the ground. At that time three angels appeared from heaven. One of them bore the name of Khairati. They also sat down on the ground as Maulivi Abdullah was sitting and I continued to sit on the bed. Then I said to all of them: I will now pray and you say Amen to my prayer. I then supplicated رَبِّ أَذْهِبْ عَنِّي الرَّجْسَ وَطَهِّرْنِي تَطْهِيراً 'Lord remove all uncleanness from me and purify me completely'. On this the three angels and Maulivi Sahib said Ameen and flew up to the sky and I woke up. As soon as I woke up I felt sure that Maulivi Sahib would soon die and that a special bounty had been decreed for me in heaven. Thereafter I felt all the time that a heavenly power was working inside me till I began to receive Divine revelation in continuous succession. In that one night, God, the Exalted, perfected a change in me of the kind which cannot be brought

about by the hand of man or by man's volition.

(Nuzul-e- Masih, page 236, Roohani Khazain, vol.18, page 614-615)

Emphasis on Reciting Durud Sharif and Istighfar

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} advised, Late Choudhry Muhammad Bukhsh in a letter: " After evening and night prayer, repeat 'Durud Sharif' as much as possible. Repeat it with sincerity and love. It is better if you can fix the number of this repetition eleven hundred times or seven hundred times daily."

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ
عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ، اللَّهُمَّ
بَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى
إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ۔

"Recite this Durud. One can see the Holy Prophet^{sa} in a dream if recitation is persevered with hearty enthusiasm and love. It is a great means for the illumination of the inner self and steadfastness in the faith. After morning prayer 'Istighfar' should be repeated three hundred times with great humility."

(Maktoobat-e-Ahmadiyya, vol.5, page 7)

'Durud' from the Innermost Heart

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ بِقَدْرِ هَمِّهِ وَغَمِّهِ
وُحْزْنِهِ لِهَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ وَأَنْزِلْ عَلَيْهِ أَنْوَارَ رَحْمَتِكَ إِلَى الْأَبَدِ

O Allah, shower 'Durud', Peace and blessings on Muhammad^{sa} and his followers. Grant as much blessings and mercy as he had griefs and sorrows of his people in his heart. And bestow upon him light of Your mercy always and forever.

(Barka-tud Du'a, Roohani Khazain, vol.6, page 10-11)

Some Special Prayer Repetitions

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} advised Hadhrat Nawab Muhammad Ali Khan sahib regarding prayers during difficult times. He said:

Recite لا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ eleven times after every salat with

great humility. After the night prayer recite 'Durud' at least forty one times and then offer two rakats of nafal. In every prostration repeat يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ at least three times. Upon finishing 'namaz' pray for yourself.

(Maktoobat-e-Ahmadiyya, vol.7, part 1, page 33)

Revealed Prayer for Deliverance from Misery and Affliction

Approximately in year 1880, Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} was suffering from severe colic dysentery for sixteen days. As this disease had taken the life of another person only after eight days Huzur's family lost hope of his survival and even recited surah Yasin for his soul three times.

He writes: "As God taught some of his prophets prayers for deliverance from calamities, He taught me this prayer through a revelation. So accordingly I brushed my hands over my chest, back, hands and face after dipping them in the river water in which sand was also mixed and recited this prayer:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ الْعَظِيمِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

Holy is Allah with His praise. Holy is Allah who is the Greatest. O Allah bestow blessings on Muhammad^{sa} and his followers.

Huzur adds: "I call Allah in whose hands is my life, to witness that every time I recited these holy words and stroked my body with wet hands, I felt as if the fire inside me was leaving me until after sixteen days illness I recovered fully."

(Tiryaq- ul Qulub, page 36-37)

Ism-e-'Azam (The Greatest Name)

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} wrote on 6th of December 1902:

Last night I was in such a state that if revelation from God had not come, I had no doubt that it was my last hour. In this state I dozed off and saw that three male buffalos came. One of them came towards me and I hit him and pushed him aside. Then the second one came and I pushed it away as well. When the third one came he appeared so powerful and I thought that there is no escape from him. With God's Grace as soon as this thought occurred in my mind, the male buffalo turned its head to one side. I realised it was a Godsend and escaped by brushing past him. I started to run and

thought that it would chase me but I did not look back. At that time God inspired me with this prayer:

رَبِّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ خَادِمُكَ رَبِّ فَاحْفَظْنِي وَأَنْصُرْنِي
وَأَرْحَمْنِي

"O my Lord, everything is subservient to You. So my Lord, protect me, help me and have mercy upon me."

My heart was inspired that this is 'Ism-e-'Azam' and whosoever will recite these words will be delivered of his affliction.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1902)

Afterwards Huzur^{as} wrote and advised his friends to recite this prayer with humility and sincerity during ruku, prostration and while standing up after reciting surah Al-Fatiha.

(Maktoobat vol.5 part one page 38)

Prayer for Recovery

In an epidemic God revealed to Huzur^{as} that during these days, three names of Allah the Almighty should be repeated again and again.

يَا حَفِيفُ - يَا عَزِيزُ - يَا رَفِيقُ -

O Guardian, O Honourable and Mighty, O Companion.

Huzur said that Rafiq is a new name of Allah which had not been mentioned before.

(Al Badr, vol.2, number 53, page 28, dated 18.9.1903)

Prayer for Recovery from Painful Disease

On January 2 1905 Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} greatly suffered from a boil on his left cheek. On supplication he received this revelation and on reciting it and blowing on himself he recovered.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الْكَافِي بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الشَّافِي بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الْعُفُورِ
الرَّحِيمِ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الْبَرِّ الْكَرِيمِ يَا حَفِيفُ يَا عَزِيزُ يَا رَفِيقُ يَا
وَلِيَّ اشْفِنِي

I seek help with Allah's name, the Sufficient, the Healer. In the name of Allah, the Most Forgiving, ever Merciful. In the name of Allah, the Benevolent, the Noble. O Protector, O Honourable, O Mighty, O Companion, O Guardian, bestow healing upon me. On reciting these words, he recovered.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1905)

Another Prayer for Recovery

In 1906 this prayer was revealed during an illness:

إِشْفِنِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ وَأَرْحَمْنِي

O my Lord, bestow healing upon me and have mercy upon me.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

Prayer for Deliverance from Affliction

In 1899 Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} saw a dream that fire, smoke and sparks were blowing towards him but did not cause any harm. He was reciting this prayer at that time:

يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ إِنَّ رَبِّيْ رَبُّ السَّمٰوٰتِ
وَالْاَرْضِ

O Ever Living and Self Subsisting Being, I supplicate for help with Your mercy. Indeed my Lord is the Lord of the heavens and the earth.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1899, reference letter to Maulana Abdul Karim Sahib)

Once some one wrote to Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} about his difficulties, Huzur replied; "Say Istighfar a great deal and say this prayer in namaz."

يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا اَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ

O Ever Living and Self Sustaining One, I supplicate for help with Your mercy. O the Most Merciful of all who show mercy."

(Malfoozat, vol.4, page 250)

Prayer for Attaining Love and Forgiveness of God

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} wrote in a letter of condolence to his faithful friend Munshi Rustam Ali Sahib, on the shocking death of his sincere friend, Sunder Das. He advised him to recite this prayer frequently during the day and the night as well as in prostration.

(Maktoobat-e-Ahmadiyya, vol. 5, number 3, page 74)

يَا أَحَبَّ مِنْ كُلِّ مَحْبُوبٍ إِغْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي وَأَدْخِلْنِي فِي
عِبَادِكَ الْمُخْلِصِينَ

O the Most Beloved of all the loved ones, forgive my sins and include me in Your faithful servants.

A Prayer full of Love of God

رَبِّ إِنَّكَ جَنَّتِي وَرَحْمَتُكَ جُنَّتِي وَإِيَاتُكَ غِذَائِي
وَفِعْلُكَ رِدَائِي

O my Lord, Surely You are my heaven, Your mercy is my shield, Your signs are my sustenance and Your actions are my mantle.

(Haqiqa-tul Wahi, page 384, Roohani Khazain, vol. .22, page 361)

Prayer for getting Helpers for the Faith

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} prayed for helpers in the Faith with an anguished heart during the lonely times in his crusades. He mentioned this in a letter to Hadhrat Maulivi Noor-ud-Din Sahib.

رَبِّ أَعْطِنِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ أَنْصَارًا فِي دِينِكَ وَأَذْهِبْ عَنِّي
حُزْنِي وَأَصْلِحْ لِي شَأْنِي كُلَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

O my Lord, You Yourself, grant me sincere helpers in the faith. Remove my grief and put all my affairs right, as there is none worthy of worship except You."

(Maktoobat-e-Ahmadiyya, vol.5, page 34)

Prayer for Lasting Blessings

Approximately in 1883, God revealed this prayer to Hadhrat Masih

Ma'uud^{as} for attaining blessings and also informed him of the acceptance of this prayer as a special favour and Grace for him.

(Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya, part 4, page 520, margin within margin no 3,
Roohani Khazain, vol.1, page 621)

رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُبَارَكًا حَيْثُ مَا كُنْتُ

*O my Lord, make me such a blessed one, that
wherever I abide, this blessing stays with me.*

Prayer for Increase in Wealth

On 2nd March 1904 Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} saw in a dream that he was tying a paper bag which was full of money in a white handkerchief. This revealed prayer was on his tongue:

رَبِّ اجْعَلْ بَرَكَهَ فِيهِ

"O my Lord, bestow blessings in it"

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1904)

Prayers for Increase in Wisdom and Knowledge

On June 7, 1906 this prayer was revealed:

رَبِّ أَرِنِي أَنْوَارَكَ الْكُلِّيَّةَ

*O My Lord, show me that light of Yours, which
comprehends everything.*

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

In the 1906 revelations this prayer is also included:

رَبِّ عَلِّمْنِي مَا هُوَ خَيْرٌ عِنْدَكَ

*O my Lord, teach me whatever is better in Your
estimation.*

(Haqeeqat ul Wahi, page 103, Roohani Khazain, vol..22, page 106)

On July 20th 1907 this prayer was revealed:

رَبِّ أَرِنِي حَقَائِقَ الْأَشْيَاءِ

O my Lord, show me the reality of things.

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1907)

Prayer for Ability to Gain Knowledge and Understanding

وَمَا تَوْفِيقِي إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ رَبَّنَا اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ وَهَبْ
لَنَا مِنْ عِنْدِكَ فَهْمُ الدِّينِ الْقَوِيمِ وَعَلِّمْنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ عِلْمًا

O Allah, I have no power or authority except the one bestowed by Your Grace. O our Lord, guide us to the right path and with Your Grace, grant us the understanding of it and You Yourself teach us special knowledge.

(Haqiqat-ul Wahi, page 5, Roohani Khazain, vol.22, page 8)

Prayer for Guidance and Truth

وَمَا تَوْفِيقِي إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ رَبِّ أَنْطُقْنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَاكْشِفْ عَلَيْنَا
الْحَقَّ وَاهْدِنَا إِلَى حَقِّ سُبُحِّ

I do not possess any faculty except the one bestowed by Allah's Grace. O my Lord, make the truth flow from my tongue, enlighten us with truth and guide us to the manifest truth.

(Khatma Brahin-e-Ahmadiyya, Roohani Khazain, vol. .21, page 414)

Prayer for Mercy and Victory

وَمَا تَوْفِيقِي إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ رَبِّ انصُرْنِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَبِّ أَيْدِنِي
مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَبِّ إِنَّ قَوْمِي طَرَدُونِي فَأُونِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَبِّ
إِنَّ قَوْمِي لَعَنُونِي فَأَرْحَمْنِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ إِرْحَمْنِي يَا رَبِّ
الْأَرْضِ وَالسَّمَاءِ- إِرْحَمْنِي يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّحِمَاءِ وَلَا رَاحِمَ إِلَّا
أَنْتَ- إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ حُجَّتِي فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأَنْتَ
أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَيْكَ وَأَنْتَ لَا تَضِيعُ
الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ-

(Hujja tul-Allah, page 16, Roohani Khazain, vol.12, page 164)
I have no power except that which God gives me. O my Lord, You Yourself help me. O my Lord, support me with Your Grace. O my Lord, my people have rejected me so give me shelter in Yourself. O my Lord, my people have cursed and reproached me, so you Yourself bestow mercy upon me. O the Creator of the heavens and the earth, the Most Merciful of all who mercy, bestow mercy upon me as there is none merciful except You. Surely only You can provide proof of my truth in this world and the life after death. You are the Most Merciful of all who show mercy. I have put my trust in You and You do not destroy those who put their trust in You.

Prayers for Mercy

On 31st of May 1903, this prayer was revealed to Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as}:

اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمِ

Allah have mercy.

(Tadkিরah)

On 4th April 1907 this prayer was revealed:

يَا اللَّهُ رَحْمِ

Mercy O Lord.

(Tadhkirah)

On 30th September 1907 this prayer was revealed:

رَبِّ ارْحَمْنِي إِنَّ فَضْلَكَ وَرَحْمَتَكَ يُنْجِي مِنَ الْعَذَابِ

O my Lord, have mercy on me. Surely Your mercy and blessings deliver from punishment.

(Tadhkirah)

Prayer for Help and Victory at being Accused of Falsehood

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} upon being accused of falsehood said; "Dejected by the impertinence of the opponents and rivals, I closed my doors and prayed to the Lord, the Bestower. I submitted myself

to Him and prostrated before Him and supplicated:

يَا رَبِّ أَنْصُرْ عَبْدَكَ وَ اخْذُلْ أَعْدَاءَكَ - اسْتَجِبْنِي يَا رَبِّ
اسْتَجِبْنِي - إلام يُسْتَهْزَأُ بِكَ وَ بِرَسُولِكَ - وَ حَتَّامٌ
يُكَذِّبُونَ كِتَابَكَ وَ يَسُبُّونَ نَبِيَّكَ - اسْتَعِثْ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا
حَى يَا قَيُّوْمُ يَا مُعِينُ

(Ayena Kamalat-e-Islam, page 569)

O my Lord, bestow victory upon Your servant. Reject my enemies.. O my Lord, listen to my supplications and accept them. How long would the ridicule be directed against You and Your Messenger? And how long would these people reject Your Book and use abusive language about Your Prophet? O the Eternal and the Immortal God and the Helper, in the name of Your mercy I beseech You to listen to my cry of help.

Prayer for Destruction of Bitter Enemies and Rejecters of Truth

يَا رَبِّ فَاسْمَعْ دُعَائِي وَ مَزِقْ أَعْدَائِكَ وَ أَعْدَائِي وَ أَنْجِرْ
وَ عِدَّكَ وَ أَنْصُرْ عَبْدَكَ وَ أَرِنَا أَيَّامَكَ وَ شَهْرِنَا حُسَامَكَ
وَ لَا تَذَرْ مِنَ الْكَافِرِينَ شَرِيرًا

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1904)

O my Lord, Listen to my prayers and break Your and my enemies into pieces and fulfil Your promise and help Your servant. Show us the day of fulfilment of Your promises. Wield Your sword for us and leave not a single mischievous disbeliever behind.

Prayer for Reformation of the Followers of Muhammad^{sa}

In a letter to Mir Abbas Ali Sahib, Huzur wrote this prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ اصْلِحْ أُمَّةَ مُحَمَّدٍ اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْ أُمَّةَ مُحَمَّدٍ اللَّهُمَّ

أَنْزِلْ عَلَيْنَا بَرَكَاتِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَبَارِكْ
وَسَلِّمْ

(Maktoobat-e-Ahmadiyya, vol.1, page 50)

O Allah, reform the followers of Muhammad^{sa}. O Allah, have mercy upon the people of Muhammad^{sa}. O Allah, shower blessings of Muhammad^{sa} on us. and bestow mercy and blessings and peace upon him.

رَبِّ أَصْلِحْ أُمَّةَ مُحَمَّدٍ

O my Lord, reform the followers of Muhammad^{sa}

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1882)

An Anguished Prayer at the Persecution by an Opponent

When Maulivi Muhammad Hussain Batalavi reached the lowest level of his abusive and vile attitude, Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} offered this prayer. The source of this prayer appears to be the prayer of the Holy Prophet^{sa} when he was persecuted at Ta'if.

O my Guardian, my Beloved Master, I leave the answer to this person's abuse, curses and name calling to You. If it is Your will, then Your will is my will. I do not wish anything better than Your pleasure. My heart is not hidden from You. Your eyes see my innermost self. If there is any discrepancy in me remove it. I seek refuge in Your countenance from any vice which You find in me. O my Beloved Guide, if I have chosen the path of destruction, You save me from it and make me perform the deeds that please You. My soul tells me that You are with me and will remain with me. Since You have informed me that You are with me, and since You addressed me with the words, إِنْ مِنْ أَرَادَ إِهَاتِكَ, and since You told me out of kindness and benevolence أَنْتَ بِنَبِيِّ رَسُولِهِ لَا يَعْلَمُهَا الْخَلْقُ my spirit has revived. Your comforting words are like ointment for my wounds. Your loving words enliven my grief stricken heart. I was sinking in grief and You gave me glad tidings. I was afflicted and You comforted me. O my Beloved, it is sufficient for me that You are with me and I am for You. Your assault will destroy the ranks of the enemy and all Your pure promises will be

fulfilled and You will forgive Your servant's sins.

(Asmani Faisla, page 9, Roohani Khazain, vol.4, page 319)

A Comprehensive Prayer

When Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} was grieved by the abusive language and opposition and the vicious mauivis, he prayed to God in these words:

اللَّهُمَّ فَاحْفَظْنَا مِنْ فِتْنَتِهِمْ وَبَرِّئْنَا مِنْ تَهْمَتِهِمْ
 وَأَخْضُصْنَا بِحِفْظِكَ وَأَصْطَفَائِكَ وَخَيْرِكَ - وَلَا تَكِلْنَا إِلَى
 كَلَاءٍ غَيْرِكَ وَأُوزِعْنَا أَنْ نَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ نَسْئَلُكَ
 رَحْمَتَكَ وَفَضْلَكَ وَرِضَاءَكَ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّاجِمِينَ -
 رَبِّ كُنْ بِفَضْلِكَ قُوَّتِي وَنُورَ بَصَرِي وَمَا فِي قَلْبِي وَقِبْلَةَ
 حَيَاتِي وَمَمَاتِي - وَاشْغُفْنِي مَحَبَّةً وَأَتِنِي حُبًّا لَا يَزِيدُ
 عَلَيْهِ أَحَدٌ بَيْنَ بَعْدِي رَبِّ فَتَقَبَّلْ دَعْوَتِي وَأَعْطِنِي مَنِيَّتِي
 وَصَافِنِي وَعَافِنِي وَاجْذِبْنِي وَقُدِّنِي وَأَيِّدْنِي وَوَقِّفْنِي
 وَرَكِّبْنِي وَنَوِّرْنِي وَاجْعَلْنِي جَمِيعًا لَكَ وَكُنْ لِي جَمِيعًا -
 رَبِّ تَعَالَى إِلَيَّ مِنْ كُلِّ بَابٍ وَخَلِّصْنِي مِنْ كُلِّ حِجَابٍ -
 وَأَسْقِنِي مِنْ كُلِّ شَرَابٍ - وَأَعِنِّي فِي هَيْجَاءِ النَّفْسِ
 وَجَذْبَاتِهَا - وَاحْفَظْنِي مِنْ مَهَالِكِ الْبَيْنِ وَظُلْمَاتِهَا - وَلَا
 تَكِلْنِي إِلَى نَفْسِي طُرْفَةَ عَيْنٍ وَأَعْصِمْنِي مِنْ سَيِّئَاتِهَا
 وَاجْعَلْ إِلَيْكَ رَفْعِي وَصَعُودِي وَادْخُلْ فِي كُلِّ ذَرَّةٍ
 مِنْ ذَرَّاتِ وَجُودِي وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنَ الَّذِينَ لَهُمْ مَسْخَحٌ فِي
 بَحَارِكَ وَمَسْرَحٌ فِي رِيَاضِ أَنْوَارِكَ وَرِضَاءٌ تَحْتَ

مَجَارِي أقدَارِكَ وَبَاعِدْ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ أَعْيَارِكَ- رَبِّ
 بِفَضْلِكَ وَبِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ أَرِنِي جَمَالَكَ وَاسْقِنِي زُلَالَكَ
 وَأَخْرِجْنِي مِنْ كُلِّ أَنْوَاعِ الْحِجَابِ وَالْغُبَارِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي
 مِنْ الَّذِينَ نَكَسُوا فِي الظُّلْمَةِ وَالْإِسْتِتَارِ وَتَنَاهَوْا عَنِ
 السَّبَرَاتِ وَالْإشْرَاقَاتِ وَالْأَنْوَارِ وَانْقَلَبُوا بِعَقْلِهِمُ النَّاقِصِ
 وَجَدَّهِمُ النَّاقِصِ مِنْ دَارِ النَّعِيمِ إِلَى دَارِ الْبُؤَارِ- وَارزُقْنِي
 أَمْحَاضَ الطَّاعَةِ لِوَجْهِكَ وَسُجُودَ الدَّوَامِ فِي حَضْرَتِكَ
 وَأَعْطِنِي هِمَّةً تَحُلُّ فِيهَا عَيْنَ عِنَايَتِكَ وَأَعْطِنِي شَيْئًا لَا
 تُعْطِيهِ إِلَّا لِوَحِيدٍ مِنَ الْمُقْبُولِينَ- وَأَنْزِلْ عَلَيَّ رَحْمَةً لَا
 تُنْزِلُهَا إِلَّا عَلَى فَرِيدٍ مِنَ الْمُحْبُوبِينَ- رَبِّ أَحْيِ الْإِسْلَامَ
 بِجُهْدِي وَهَمَمِّي وَدُعَائِي وَكَلَامِي وَأَعِدْبِي سَخْنَتَهُ
 وَحَبْرَهُ وَسَبْرَهُ وَمَزِقْ كُلَّ مُعَانِدٍ وَكَبْرَهُ رَبِّ أَرِنِي كَيْفَ
 تُحْيِي الْمَوْتَى أَرِنِي وَجُوهًا ذَوِي السَّمَائِلِ الْإِيمَانِيَّةِ وَ
 نُفُوسًا ذَوِي الْحِكْمَةِ الْإِيمَانِيَّةِ وَعُيُونًا بَاكِيَةً مِنْ خَوْفِكَ وَ
 قُلُوبًا مُشْعِرَةً عِنْدَ ذِكْرِكَ وَأَصْلًا نَقِيًّا يَرْجِعُ إِلَى الْحَقِّ
 الصَّوَابِ وَيَتَفَيَّأُ ظِلَالُ الْمَجَازِيبِ وَالْأَقْطَابِ وَأَرِنِي
 عَرَائِكَ سَاعِيَةً إِلَى الْمَتَابِ وَالْإِعْدَادِ لِلْمَتَابِ-

(Aena Kamalat-e-Islam, page 5-6)

O Allah save us from their mischief and exonerate us
 from their slander. Make us special with Your
 protection, eminence, and Your blessings. Do not
 entrust us to any one except Yourself. Enable us to do

such righteous deeds that please You. We are desirous of Your mercy, beneficence, and Your pleasure. You are the Most Merciful of all who show mercy.

O my Lord, with Your blessings, You become my vigour, light of my eyes, delight of my heart and the focal point of my life and death. You grant me zeal to attain Your love and infuse me with such love that no one surpasses me in this love for You. O Lord, accept my prayers, grant my aspirations, cleanse me, protect me and draw me close to Yourself. You Yourself guide me, support me and enable me to do good. Purify me and enlighten me. Take over my existence completely and You become totally mine. O my Lord, come to me from every door and remove every barrier which, separates us. Intoxicate me with the wine of Your love. Help me in times when the passions of the evil self are rising and evil emotions are ready to destroy me. Protect me from the darkness and destruction caused by separation from You. Do not leave me to my evil self even for the twinkling of an eye. Save me from the evil within me. My ascent should be towards You and my descent be in Your direction. Enter every atom of every particle that constitutes my existence. Make me one of those who swim in Your seas and walk in Your illuminated gardens. And those who are happy at the Your decree when it comes and put distance among my enemies.

O my Lord, show me Your beauty as a favour and with the light of Your countenance, make me drink Your pure water and deliver me from every haze or barrier which, distances me from You. Do not make me one of those who were covered in the veils of darkness and were removed from the light and blessings. And due to their defective thinking and perverse efforts shifted from the house of blessings to the house of destruction. Grant me pure obedience to Your Majesty and grant me the ability to prostrate to You always. Bestow upon me such strength which attracts Your bounties and grant me special gifts that You bestow only upon Your chosen ones. Shower such mercy upon me which You only grant to Your beloved servants. O my Lord, revive Islam with my power,

efforts, prayers and discourses. Revive its lustre, beauty and attractiveness and destroy every arrogant enemy and his arrogance.

O my Lord, show me how You bring the dead to life. Show me such faces that manifest the beauty of the faith. Grant me such souls who possess wisdom. Show me such eyes that shed tears in Your fear. Show me such hearts that tremble at the mention of Your name. Show me such pure natures which follow the right path of truth.

Some Special Revealed Prayers of Hadhrat Masih Ma'ud^{as}

(These prayers refer to the person and status of Huzur and were revealed in special circumstances. Prayers can be chosen out of this collection according to one's own situation.)

رَبِّ اجْزِهِ جَزَاءً أَوْفَى

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1904)

O my Lord, reward him fully.

Before this prayer, a revelation regarding Huzur's status is also recorded in which he was addressed as "Imam of High Status" and this prayer was meant for his person.

رَبِّ اصْحَحْ زَوْجَتِي

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1899)

O my Lord, grant health to my wife.

رَبِّ اشْفِ زَوْجَتِي هَذَا وَاجْعَلْ لَهَا بَرَكَاتٍ فِي السَّمَاءِ

وَبَرَكَاتٍ فِي الْأَرْضِ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

O my Lord, grant health to this wife of mine and provide blessings from heaven and the earth for her.

رَبِّ زِدْنِي عُمْرِي وَعُمِّرْ زَوْجَتِي زِيَادَةً خَارِقَ الْعَادَةِ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1901)

O my Lord, exceptionally prolong my life and my wife's life.

رَبِّ لَا تُضَيِّعْ عُـمُرِي وَعُـمُرَهَا وَاحْفَظْنِي مِنْ كُلِّ آفَةٍ
تُرْسَلُ إِلَيَّ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

O my Lord, do not let my life and my wife's life go to waste. Save me and protect me from every hardship and affliction that is intended for me.

رَبِّ احْفَظْنِي فَإِنَّ الْقَوْمَ يَتَّخِذُونَنِي سُخْرَةَ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

O my Lord, protect me, as these people are making me the butt of their ridicule.

رَبِّ أَخْرِجْنِي مِنَ النَّارِ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1907)

O my Lord, take me out of fire.

Note: Immediately after this, is another revelation: "All praise belongs to Allah, Who saved me from the fire." This refers to the fire kindled by the mischief of Ahrar. Hadhrat Musleh Ma'uud^{as} said in his Friday sermon of 14th June 1935 that after this revelation no such ordeal occurred in the life of the Promised Messiah^{as}. So this was a prophecy for the Jamaat that hellish situations would be created for them but God would save them."

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

Hadhrat Masih Ma'uud^{as} pointing to an earthquake said that he received the following revelation.

رَبِّ أَرِنِي آيَةً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ

O my Lord, show me a sign from heaven.

With this revelation the words of 'Honour with rewards' were revealed. These words refer to the fact that God would bestow honour as a result of this sign and it would carry a reward as well. Huzur said that the scene of an earthquake was shown to him and then these words were revealed.

رَبِّ أَخِّرْ وَقْتَهُ هَذَا

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

O my Lord, postpone its time and make it happen at another time.

Then in another revelation, acceptance of the prayer was mentioned and Huzur said that God had postponed the earthquake.

On 31st of August this was revealed:

أَرِنِي زَلْزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ

*Show me the earthquake of the appointed time.
(Meaning show me a vision.)*

This prayer was accepted and then another revelation was revealed on 9th March 1906

رَبِّ لَا تُرِنِي زَلْزَلَةَ السَّاعَةِ - رَبِّ لَا تُرِنِي مَوْتَ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

O my Lord, do not show me the earthquake of the doomsday. O my Lord, do not show me the death of any of them (meaning his special Khuddam and Ansar of the Jamaat).

This revelation came after the death of Maulivi Abdul Karim Sahib Sialkoti. In the second prayer the request was for the postponement of the earthquake. As it has been mentioned earlier this prayer was also accepted and the earthquake occurred later than its appointed time.

رَبِّ فَارِقْ بَيْنَ صَادِقٍ وَكَاذِبٍ أَنْتَ تَرَى كُلَّ مُصْلِحٍ وَصَادِقٍ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

O my Lord, show a distinction between the truthful one and the liar, You recognise every truthful one and reformer.

Huzur said: these revealed words contained a rebuttal to the words of Abdul Hakim Khan in which he referred to himself as the truthful one. God said that He would show the difference between a truthful

one and a liar.

(Ishtehar August 16, 1906, included in Haqeeqat ul Wahi)

رَبِّ لَا تَتَّبِقْ لِي مِنْ الْمُخْزِيَّاتِ ذِكْرًا

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

O my Lord, do not leave a single humiliating thing for me.

So this prayer was accepted. In 1903 in another revelation God promised acceptance of this prayer, and said: "He will not leave the memory of anything which supposedly humiliates you."

(Tadhkirah)

O my Lord, leave not a single one of those staunch dis-believers.

رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي غَالِبًا عَلَى غَيْرِي

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1907)

O my Lord, make me victorious over my opponents.

Another revelation "My victory" refers to the acceptance of this prayer.

وَاجْعَلْ لِي غَلَبَةً فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1900)

And grant me mastery in the World and the Faith.

وَاجْعَلْ لِي نَافِعًا هَذِهِ التِّجَارَةَ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1900)

Make this business profitable for me.

Reference is to the business of the spirit and belief

هَلْ أَذِلُّكُمْ عَلَى تِجَارَةٍ تُنْجِيكُمْ مِنْ عَذَابِ آلِيمٍ

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1906)

رَبِّ سَلِّطْنِي عَلَى النَّارِ

O my Lord, give me control over fire. (meaning that the fire of punishment obeys me).

(Zabur 25:118, Matti 9:21)

هُوَ شَعْنًا - نَعْسًا

These two words are from the Hebrew language.

(Tadkirah, revelation of 1883)

O God, I pray that You grant me salvation and free me from hardships.

A prophecy in the form of prayer: "We granted salvation", ' was fulfilled after twenty-five years.

(Braheen-e-Ahmadiyya, part 5, page 8, Roohani Khazain, vol.22, page 104-105)

رَبِّ تَجَلَّ رَبِّ تَجَلَّ

(Tadkirah, revelation of 1892)

O my Lord, manifest Yourself to me, manifest Yourself.

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ لِي فِي هَذَا الرُّؤْيَا

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1893)

O Allah, make this dream of mine full of blessings.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ أَهْلَكْتَ هَذِهِ الْعَصَابَةَ فَلَنْ تُعْبَدَ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَبَدًا

(Tadhkirah, revelation of 1902)

O God, if You destroy this Jamaat, never again will You be worshipped on this earth.

يَا اللَّهُ فَتَحْ

(Tadhkirah)

O Allah, bestow victory.

Prayer for Those who call us Disbelievers

اے میرے پیارے ضلالت میں پڑی ہے میری قوم
تیری قدرت سے نہیں کچھ دور گر پائیں سدھار
O my Beloved, my people have sunk deep in vice
Only Your power can guide them to the right path

خاکساری کو ہماری دیکھ اے دانائے راز
کام تیرا کام ہے ہم ہو گئے اب بے قرار
O the Knower of secrets, notice our humility
Though the work is Yours, we have become restless

اک کرم کر ، پھیر دے لوگوں کو فرقاں کی طرف
نیز دے توفیق تا وہ کچھ کریں سوچ اور بچار
Turn them to distinct truth with Your Grace
Bestow upon them the capacity to contemplate

گو وہ کافر کہہ کے ہم سے دور تر ہیں جا پڑے
ان کے غم میں ہم تو پھر بھی ہیں حزین و دلفگار
Though parted from us, by calling us non-believers
We, still grieve and agonise for their plight

ہم نے یہ مانا کہ ان کے دل ہیں پتھر ہو گئے
پھر بھی پتھر سے نکل سکتی ہے دینداری کی نار
We know, their hearts are hard like stones
Even then, a stream of piety can flow from the stones

کیسے ہی وہ سخت دل ہوں ہم نہیں ہیں ناامید
آیت لَا تَيْسُؤُنَا رُكْحَتِي هِيَ دَل كُوَا سْتُوَار

However hard hearted they may be, we loose not hope

Verse "La Tay asoo" supports our hearts

پیشہ ہے رونا ہمارا پیش رب ذوالمنن
یہ شجر آخربھی اس نہر سے لائیں گے بار

Our preoccupation is shedding tears before the Gracious God

One day this stream will make these trees bear fruit

A Prayer of Trust in God and His Unity

Sheikh Muhammad Bukhsh Sahib (chief of Karianwala district Gujrat) wrote to Hadrat Masih Mau'ud about his severe financial difficulties. Hudur wrote this poem for him and God delivered him of his problems with this prayer.

ایک نہ ایک دن پیش ہوگا توفنا کے سامنے
چل نہیں سکتی کسی کی کچھ قضا کے سامنے

Inevitably, one day, you will face annihilation

No one has the power to oppose Divine decree

چھوڑنی ہوگی تجھے دنیائے فانی ایک دن
ہر کوئی مجبور ہے حکم خدا کے سامنے

One day, you must leave this transitory world behind

Everyone is bound by God's decree

مستقل رہنا ہے لازم اے بشر تجھ کو سدا
رنج و غم یاس و الم فکر و بلا کے سامنے

O the mortal one, be steadfast, it is obligatory on you
In grief, sorrow, despair, gloom, worries and affliction

بارگاہ ایزدی سے تو نہ یوں مایوس ہو
مشکلیں کیا چیز ہیں مشکل گشا کے سامنے

Despair not from God's benevolence in this manner
Hardships pose no problem to the Remover of difficulties

حاجتیں پوری کریں گے کیا تیری عاجز بشر
کریاں سب حاجتیں حاجت روا کے سامنے

Can weak mortals fulfil your needs?

Supplicate, for all needs to One, who can

چاہئے تجھ کو مٹانا قلب سے نقشِ دوئی
سر جھکا بس مالکِ ارض و سما کے سامنے

Eradicate every whiff of duality from your heart
Bow only before the Lord of the heavens and the earth

چاہئے نفرتِ بدی سے اور نیکی سے پیار
ایک دن جانا ہے تجھ کو بھی خدا کے سامنے

Inculcate love of piety and hate for evil

Surely, one day, you will appear before God

راستی کے سامنے کب جھوٹ پھلتا ہے بھلا
قدر کیا پتھر کی لعل بے بہا کے سامنے

Can falsehood succeed in the face of truth?

What value has a stone when compared to a priceless ruby

Islam's Pitiabie State and Anguished Prayer for its Dominance

کشتی اسلام بے لطف خدا اب غرق ہے
اے جنوں کچھ کام کریکار ہیں عقلوں کے وار
Without God's Grace, the boat of Islam is sinking
Help O Folly! Wisdom is at a loss

مجھ کو دے اک فوق عادت اے خدا جوش و تپش
جس سے ہوجاؤں میں غم میں دیں کے اک دیوانہ وار
Grant me, O God, exceptional zeal and fervour
Which renders me passionate, with heartache for faith

وہ لگا دے آگ میرے دل میں ملت کے لئے
شعلے پہنچیں جس کے ہر دم آساں تک بے شمار
Cause such fire within me, for my people
Countless flames of it constantly rise up to the sky

اے خدا تیرے لئے ہر ذرہ ہو میرا فدا
مجھ کو دکھلا دے بہار دیں کہ میں ہوں اشکبار
Every particle of mine, be sacrificed to You, O God
I am tearful; show me the faith in full blossom

ہر طرف سے پڑ رہے ہیں دین احمد پر تیر
کیا نہیں تم دیکھتے قوموں کو اور ان کے وہ وار
Ahmad's faith is under attack from all sides
Can't anyone see these nations and their assaults?

کونسی آنکھیں جو اس کو دیکھ کر روتی نہیں
 کونسے دل ہیں جو اس غم میں نہیں ہیں بے قرار
 Where is the eye that sheds not tears of grief?
 Where is the heart, which is not restless in sorrow?

کھا رہا ہے دیں طمانچے ہاتھ سے قوموں کے آج
 اک تزلزل میں پڑا اسلام کا عالی منار
 Today the faith is being assaulted by every nation
 The lofty minaret of Islam is shaky

یہ مصیبت کیا نہیں پہنچی خدا کے عرش تک
 کیا یہ شمس الدین نہاں ہو جائے گا اب زیر غار
 Have not this calamity reached the heavens yet?
 Would the sun of faith disappear into the caves?

اے خدا شیطان پہ مجھ کو فتح دے رحمت کے ساتھ
 وہ اکٹھی کر رہا ہے اپنی فوجیں بے شمار
 O my Merciful God, Grant me victory over Satan,
 He is assembling countless armies

جنگ یہ بڑھ کر ہے جنگ روس اور جاپان سے
 میں غریب اور ہے مقابل پر حریف نامدار
 This war is bigger than war with Russia or Japan
 I am destitute and my opponent is renowned

دل نکل جاتا ہے قابو سے یہ مشکل سوچ کر
 اے مری جاں کی پناہ فوج ملائک کو اتار
 Thinking of this, my heart loses control
 O my Refuge, let the armies of angels descend

اے میرے پیارے فدا تجھ پر ہر ذرہ مرا
پھیر دے میری طرف اے سارباں جگ کی مہار
Every particle of mine be sacrificed to You, O my Beloved
O the Captain, turn the tide of the world in my favour

کچھ خبر لے تیرے کوچہ میں یہ کس کا شور ہے
خاک میں ہوگا یہ سرگرتو نہ آیا بن کے یار
Pray, take heed of the clamour in Your Street
If You do not befriend me, I would be totally destroyed

فضل کے ہاتھوں سے اب اس وقت کر میری مدد
کشتی اسلام تا ہو جائے اس طوفاں سے پار
Help me now, with Your Mercy
So that the boat of Islam rides this storm

میرے سقم و عیب سے اب کیجئے قطع نظر
تانہ خوش ہو دشمن دیں جس پہ ہے لعنت کی مار
Overlook my faults and shortcomings
Let not the cursed enemies of faith gloat over it

میرے زخموں پر لگا مرہم کہ میں رنجور ہوں
میرے فریادوں کو سن میں ہو گیا زار و زار
Apply ointment to my wounds, I am afflicted
Listen to my cries of help, I am destitute

دیکھ سکتا ہی نہیں میں ضعفِ دین مصطفیٰ
مجھ کو کر اے میرے سلطان کامیاب و کامگار
Weakness of Muhammad's faith is unbearable to me
O my Master, make me triumphant and victorious

کیا سلائے گا مجھے تو خاک میں قبل از مراد
 یہ تو تیرے پر نہیں امید اے میرے حصار
 Would You cause me to die before accomplishing my mission?
 This is not what I hoped for? O my Protecting Fortress

یا الہی فضل کر اسلام پر اور خود بچا
 اس شکستہ ناؤ کے بندوں کی اب سن لے پکار
 O my Lord, Have mercy on Islam, save it with Your Mercy
 Accept the supplications of the people of this wrecked boat

قوم میں فسق و فجور و معصیت کا زور ہے
 چھا رہا ہے ابریاں اور رات ہے تاریک وتار
 Vice and sin has overwhelmed these people
 Clouds of despair are gathering, the night is dark and gloomy

ایک عالم مرگیا ہے تیرے پانی کے بغیر
 پھیردے اے میرے مولیٰ اس طرف دریا کی دھار
 A world is parched dry without Your water
 O my Friend, turn the tide of the river this way

اب نہیں ہیں ہوش اپنے ان مصائب میں بجا
 رحم کر بندوں پہ اپنے تا وہ ہوویں رستگار
 In this trial our senses are deserting us
 Liberate Your servants, Have Mercy on them

کس طرح نپٹیں کوئی تدبیر کچھ بنتی نہیں
 بے طرح پھیلی ہیں یہ آفات ہر سو ہر کنار
 Planning is useless, how do we deal with it?
 Chaotic sway of calamities is everywhere

ڈوبنے کو ہے یہ کشتی آمرے اے ناخدا
آگیا اس قوم پر وقت خزاں اندر بہار

This boat is sinking fast, come O my Captain!

This nation is withering in springtime

اے خدا بن تیرے ہو یہ آبپاشی کس طرح
جل گیا ہے باغ تقویٰ دیں کی ہے اب اک مزار

O Lord! who except You can irrigate this land

Withered is the garden of righteousness, faith is just a shrine

تیرے ہاتھوں سے میرے پیارے اگر کچھ ہو تو ہو
ورنہ فتنہ کا قدم بڑھتا ہے ہر دم سیل وار

It is only You, who can set the matters right

Otherwise the tide of mischief is turning into a flood

ایک نشان دکھلا کہ اب دیں ہو گیا ہے بے نشان
اک نظر کر اس طرف تا کچھ نظر آوے بہار

Show us a sign; faith is losing its identity

Glance this way, that we may perceive spring

Prayer For Children

کر ان کو نیک قسمت دے ان کو دین و دولت
 کر ان کی خود حفاظت ہو ان پر تیری رحمت
 Bless them with good fortune, faith and prosperity
 Guard them Yourself, have Mercy on them

دے رشد اور ہدایت اور عمر اور عزت
 یہ روز کرمبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَّرَازِي
 Grant them piety, guidance, long life and honour
 Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

اے میرے بندہ پرور کر ان کو نیک اختر
 رتبہ میں ہوں یہ برتر اور بخش تاج وافر
 O my Patron, bestow good fortune on them
 Make their status high, their ranks lofty

تو ہے ہمارا رہبر تیرا نہیں ہے ہمسر
 یہ روز کرمبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَّرَازِي
 You are our Guide, no one is Your equal
 Bless this day, Holy is He, Who Watches over me

میری دعائیں ساری کریو قبول باری
 میں جاؤں تیرے واری کر تو مدد ہماری
 O my Creator, accept all my prayers
 My life be sacrificed to You, help us

ہم تیرے درپہ آئے لیکر امید بھاری

یہ روز کر مبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَّرَانِي

We are at Your threshold, with high hopes

Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

لُحْت جگر ہے میرا محمود بندہ تیرا

دے اس کو عمر و دولت کر دور ہر اندھیرا

Mahmood, my beloved son is Your servant

Grant him long life, prosperity, dispel all darkness

دن ہوں مرادوں والے پڑ نور ہو سویرا

یہ روز کر مبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَّرَانِي

May the days be of fulfilled hopes and dawns bright

Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

اس کے ہیں دو برادر ان کو بھی رکھو خوشتر

تیرا بشیر احمد تیرا شریف اصغر

He has two brothers, grant them happiness too

Your Bashir Ahmad and Your Sharif, the younger

کر فضل سب پہ یکسر، رحمت سے کر معطر

یہ روز کر مبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَّرَانِي

Bestow blessings equally on them, Bestow sweet Mercy

Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

چنگے رہیں ہمیشہ کر پو نہ ان کو مندے

یہ روز کر مبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَّرَانِي

Make them good, let them not go astray

Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

اے میرے دل کے پیارے اے مہرباں ہمارے
 کر ان کے نام روشن جیسے کہ ہیں ستارے
 O my Beloved, O the Affectionate One,
 Grant them glory, make them bright as stars

یہ فضل کر کہ ہوویں نیکو گھر یہ سارے
 یہ روزِ کر مبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يُرَآئِنِی
 Bestow this Grace on them, grant them inner piety
 Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

اے میری جاں کے جانی اے شاہِ دو جہانی
 کر ایسی مہربانی ان کا نہ ہووے ثانی
 O the soul of my heart, the Sovereign of both worlds
 Grant such Mercy on them, it makes them unique

دے بختِ جاودانی اور فیضِ آسمانی
 یہ روزِ کر مبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يُرَآئِنِی
 Grant perpetual good fortune, and bounties from heaven
 Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

ن میرے پیارے باری میری دعائیں ساری
 رحمت سے ان کو رکھنا میں تیرے منہ کے واری
 Listen to my supplications, O my Beloved God
 My life be sacrificed to You, shelter them with mercy

اپنی پناہ میں رکھو سکر یہ میری زاری
 یہ روزِ کر مبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يُرَآئِنِی
 Listen to my cries of help, keep them safe
 Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

اے واحد و یگانہ اے خالق زمانہ
میرے دعائیں سن لے اور عرض چاکراندہ
O the One, Unique One, Creator of the universe
Listen to my prayers, humble prayers of mine

تیرے سپرد تینوں دیں کے قمر بنانا
یہ روز کر مبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَرْزُقُنِي
Make them moons of the faith, I put them in Your trust
Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

اقبال کو بڑھانا اب فضل لے کے آنا
ہر رنج سے بچانا دکھ درد سے چھڑانا
Make them auspicious, grant them bounties
Save them from every sorrow, deliver them from pain

خود میرے کام کرنا یارب نہ آزمانا
یہ روز کر مبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَرْزُقُنِي
Be my Facilitator, do not put me in trial
Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

یہ تینوں تیرے چاکر ہوویں جہاں کے رہبر
یہ ہادی جہاں ہوں یہ ہوویں نور نیکس
Make these three servants of You, guides of the world
Make them educators of the world, full of brightness

یہ مرجع شہاں ہوں یہ ہوویں مہر انور
یہ روز کر مبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَرْزُقُنِي
May they be sanctuary for kings, and bright as the sun
Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

اہل وقار ہوویں فخر دیار ہوویں
حق پر نثار ہوویں مولیٰ کے یار ہوویں

May they attain dignity, become the pride of the land
Ready to sacrifice themselves for truth, true friends of God

بابرگ و بار ہوویں اک سے ہزار ہوویں
یہ روز کرمبارک سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يُرَٰنِیْ

Grant them offspring, multiply them thousand fold
Bless this day, Holy is He, Who watches over me

(Dur-e-Sameen Urdu page 36-38)

میرے مولا! یہ اک دعا ہے
تیری درگاہ میں عجز و بکا ہے
O my Master! This is my prayer to You
A humble cry of help in Your court

وہ دے مجھ کو جو اس دل میں بھرا ہے
زباں چلتی نہیں شرم و حیا ہے
Grant me, whatever is in my heart
In modesty, my tongue opens not

میری اولاد جو تیری عطا ہے
ہر اک کو دیکھ لوں وہ پارسا ہے
My children, a favour from You
Enable me to see them all as righteous ones

تری قدرت کے آگے روک کیا ہے
وہ سب دے ان کو جو مجھ کو دیا ہے
Nothing is beyond Your power
Bestow upon them, everything You bestowed on me

(Dur-e-Sameen Urdu page 47)

عجب محسن ہے تو بحر الایادی
 فَسُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَتْ بِهِ الْقُرْآنُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ الْوَعْدِی

What a wonderful Benefactor, the Sea of Generosity

Holy is He, Who humiliated my enemies

نجات ان کو عطا کر گندگی سے
 برات ان کو عطا کر بندگی سے

Deliver them from filth

Make them succeed in humility

رہیں خوشحال اور فرخندگی سے
 بچانا اے خدا بد زندگی سے

May they live a life of prosperity and happiness

O my Lord, save them from an evil life

وہ ہوں میری طرح دیں کے منادی
 فَسُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أُنْزِلَتْ بِهِ الْقُرْآنُ مِنَ السَّمَاءِ الْوَعْدِی

May they become callers to faith, like me

Holy is He, Who humiliated my enemies

عیاں کر ان کی پیشانی پہ اقبال
 نہ آوے ان کے گھر تک رعبِ دجال

Illuminate their foreheads with good fortune

Save them from the fear of the Anti Christ

بچانا ان کو ہر غم سے بہر حال
نہ ہوں وہ دکھ میں اور رنجوں میں پامال

In every situation save them from grief
Pain and sorrow overwhelm them not

یہی امید ہے دل نے بتادی
فَسُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِي الْأَعْيَادِ

This, my heart's desire, I supplicate
Holy is He, Who humiliated my enemies

دعا کرتا ہوں اے میرے یگانہ
نہ آوے ان پہ رنجوں کا زمانہ

O my Lord, the One, I pray to You
Save them from times of grief

نہ چھوڑیں وہ ترا یہ آستانہ
مرے مولیٰ انہیں ہر دم بچانا

May they adhere to Your threshold
O my Guardian, protect them at all times

یہی امید ہے اے میرے ہادی
فَسُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أُنزِلَ فِي الْأَعْيَادِ

O my Guide, I supplicate to You
Holy is He, Who humiliated my enemies

نہ دیکھیں وہ زمانہ بے کسی کا
مصیبت کا الم کا بے بسی کا

May they never see the times of helplessness
Let not grief and affliction touch them

یہ ہو میں دیکھ لوں تقویٰ سبھی کا
جب آوے وقت میری واپسی کا

Allow me to see righteousness of all of them
Before the time of my return arrives

بشارت تو نے پہلے سے سنا دی
قُسْبِحْ اِنَّ الَّذِيْ اَخْرَجْنِيْ مِنَ الْاَعْمٰدِ

You gave me their glad tidings before hand
Holy is He, Who humiliated my enemies

خدایا تیرے فضلوں کو کروں یاد
بشارت تو نے دی اور پھر یہ اولاد

O my God, I remember Your Bounties
You gave glad tidings and then these children

کہا ہرگز نہیں ہوں گے یہ برباد
جیسے باغوں میں ہوں شمشاد

You told me they would not be destroyed
They will grow like tall trees in the garden

خبر مجھ کو یہ تو نے بارہا دی
فَسُبْحَانَ الَّذِي أَمْزَى الْأَعْيَادِ

You informed me of this again and again

Holy is He, Who humiliated my enemies

An Old Comprehensive Persian Poem

آن خداوند برتر و پاک است
صنعتش مبروماه و افلاک است

- 1 God Almighty, the Holy, the Exalted
He created, the sun, the moon and the sky

هرره و کوچه پر خند از اشرار
زنده کن دین خویش دیگر بار

- 2 Every lane, every path is full of mischievous ones
O God, revive your faith once more

باز بنما بدین خوش شوکت
باز بر ما نظر کن از رحمت

- 3 Show us, once more the glory of your faith
Once more, Grace us with a Merciful glance

باز احیائے دین احمد کن
گس کفر از جهان زائل کن

- 4 Inspire Ahmad's faith with life once again
Remove the evil of disbelief from the world

کافر و کفر از جهان بردار
رحمت بخش از سنگ و مردار

- 5 Cause disbelief and disbelievers to fade away from earth
Remove the dead and the dogs, bestow tranquility

اے خداوند قادر و منان
جان من از بلاء غم برہان

- 6 O Almighty and Gracious God
Deliver my soul from the grief for faith

تو ہستی بخششناشت غفوری واکبر و امجد
حد از برون

- 7 You, the Forgiving, the Greatest, the Noblest
Your forgiveness knows no limits

کس شریک تو نیست در دو جہاں
بر دو عالم توئی خدائے یگان

- 8 In both worlds, there is no partner for You
You are the One, in the heavens and the earth

تو بزرگ و شان تست عظیم
تو وحیدی و پاک و فرد قدیم

- 9 You are the Noblest, Your Glory Greatest
You are the only One, the Holy and the Eternal

اے خدا ہتم بدین افزائی
کمر من بہ بندورہ کشائے

- 10 Grant me vigour, O Lord, for advancement of the faith
Bestow support and guidance for this mission

دل من رشک درد ناکاں کن
سر من خاک کوئے پاکاں کن

- 11 The highly agonised one's envy my heart
Make me the lowest one among the pious

دیده من بصدق روشن کن
 همه کارم بوجه احسن کن

- 12 Infuse my eyes with the light of the truth
 Accomplish all my affairs beautifully

از وجود خودم برآرام چنان
 که نماند تصرف شیطان

- 13 Deliver me from the evil self
 Leave not an iota of Satan's sway in me

بدم بنیاد خود پرستی کن
 گم کن از خویش دستی کن

- 14 Demolish my ego from the root
 Free me from my self; enliven me with Your spirit

کششے ده بوئے خودرا نشان
 که دے ناید قرار ازاں

- 15 Permeate me with attraction, lead me to Your love
 Love without which, I find not a moment's solace

دل من پاک کن زکبر و غرور
 سینہ ام پر گن از خاطر نور

- 16 Purify my heart from pride and arrogance
 Fill and enlighten my soul with Your light

آں چنانم اسیر عشق خود بکن
 که نماند رمن نہ شاخ دین

- 17 Captivate my heart with Your love
 Love, without which, I have no roots or branches

شور مجنون بریز در جانم
مست و مجذوب خود بگردانم

18 Imbue my soul with the clamour of a mad lover
Intoxicate, absorb and make me lost in Your love

آنکہ یکدم بجز تو ہو شش نیست
آنکہ بے تو زبان و گوشش نیست

19 Confer such a state on me, that I cannot live without You
Without You, I would be rendered deaf and dumb

آن گردان مرا کسے چیز سے نیست
قدر او نزد اور پیشیز سے نیست

20 Such a state in which, nothing matters except You
Everything, but You, would become worthless

آنکہ اور الخلق کار نماوند
باز کارش بروزگار نماوند

21 Cause me to loose interest in the world
The world and time mean nothing to me

دائم الحس شد دران چاہے
کہ نیائید ازو بروں گاہے

22 Hold me captive in Your deep love
Escape becomes out of the question

سیم دزرکن حقیر در نظرم
فقرکن مطلب بزرگ ترم

23 Make gold and silver worthless in my eyes
Make attaining poverty my greatest aim

آشناں بخش عقل حق جویم
کہ برائش بچشم و سرپویم

24 Grant me such wisdom which seeks truth
Make me follow Your path eagerly

شور عشقت بریز درجانم
مست و مجذوب ہم بگردانم

25 Enrich my soul with Your love
Intoxicate and absorb me in You

ہم مدح و ثنائے تو خواہم
ہرچہ خواہم برائے تو خواہم

26 My ultimate desire is, to praise and Glorify You
All I aspire for is, Your pleasure

ا مرا دل بہ تو حمد تو پیوست
از ہمہ کاروبار ہا بکست

27 Ever since, I lost myself in You and Your love
World and its affairs have become meaningless

اے خداوند من گناہم بخش
سوائے درگاہ خویش راہم بخش

28 O my God, forgive me my sins
Guide me to Your threshold

روشنی بخش دردل و جانم
پاک کن از گناہ پنہانم

29 Illuminate my heart and soul
Cleanse me of my invisible sins

دلستانی و در بانی کن
بہ نگاہے گرہ کشائی کن

30 Console and allure my heart
With a merciful glance resolve my problems

در دو عالم مرا عزیز توئی
و آنچه میخواستم از تو نیز توئی

31 You are my Beloved in both worlds
What I beseech You for, is You Yourself

Prayer for Decisive Distinction between Truth and Falsehood

اے قدیر و خالق ارض و سما
اے رحیم و مہربان و رہنما
O the Mighty Creator of the Heavens and the Earth
O the Merciful, Affectionate, and the Guide

اے کہ میداری تو بر دلہا نظر
ایکے از تو نیست چیزے مستتر
O my Master, You watch the hearts
O the One, from Whom, nothing is hidden

گر توے بینی مرا پُر فسق و شر
گر تو دیدستی کہ ہستم بدگہر
If You Know I am full of impiety and mischief
If You perceive me as a man of evil disposition

پارہ پارہ کن من بدکار را
شاد گن این زمرہ اغیار را
Tear me to pieces, me a wicked one
Delight my enemies with my destruction

بر دل شان ابررحمت ہا بیار
ہر مرادشان بفعل خود برآر
Shower rain of mercy on their hearts
Gratify their desires with Your Grace

آتش افشاں بر در و دیوار و کارمن
دشمنم باش و تیر کن کارمن

Let the fire of Your wrath, burn my abode
You be my enemy and destroy my affairs

در مرا از بندگانت یافتی
قبلہ من آستانت یافتی

But, O Lord, if You perceive me as Your servant
If You know, Your threshold is the object of my veneration

در دردل من آں محبت دیدہ
کز جہاں آں راز را پوشیدہ

If You discern such love in my heart
Which was hidden from the eyes of the world

بامن از روئے محبت کارکن
اندکے افشائے آں اسرار کن

Then O Lord, for this love, treat me as a beloved
And manifest some of the love You have for me

ایکے آئی سوئے ہر جوئندہ
واقفی از سوز ہر سوزندہ

My Master, You embrace every seeker of truth
You know the passion that burns in the lover's heart

زاں تعلق با کہ ہا تو داشتم
زاں محبت ہاکہ دردل کا شتم

I beseech You in the name of the bond I have for You
In the name of love which is implanted in my heart

خود بروں آ از پئے ابراء من
اے تو کہف و ملجأ و ماوائے من

Manifest Your Self, exonerate me from enemy's accusations
You are my Shelter, my Refuge, and my Retreat

آتھے کاندرلم افروتھی
وز دم آل غیرخود را سوختی

The fire of love that You have ignited in my heart
As a result, every other love has gone up in smoke

ہم از اں آتش رخ من برفروز
وین شب تارم مہدل کن بروز

Illuminate my face with the lustre of this love
Transform the darkness into a bright day

چشم بکشا ایں جہان کوررا
اے شدید لہٹش بنما زور را

Enlighten the eyes of the blind world
O the Mighty, show Your power and might

زآسماں نور نشان خود نما
یک گلے از بوستان خود نما

Show a bright sign from heaven
Make a flower bloom in Your garden

ایں جہاں بینم پر از فسق و فساد
غافلان رانیست وقت موت یاد

I see the world full of impiety and mischief
In negligence, the heedless people have forgotten death

از حقائق غافل و بیگانہ اند
بچوں طفلان مائل افسانہ اند

Unaware of reality, alien to truth
Like children, fascinated by fiction

سرد شد دلہا ز مہر روئے دوست
روئے دلہا تافتہ از کوئے دوست

Their love for the Friend has gone cold in their hearts
Their hearts have turned away from the path of the loved one

سیل درجوش است و شب تاریک و تار
از کرمہا آفتابے را برار

The storm is gathering, the night dark and gloomy
Save us, let the sun of Your mercy rise high and bright

AN Arabic Poem

يَا رَبِّ أَيَّدْنَا بِفَضْلِكَ وَأَنْتَ قَوْمٌ
مِمَّنْ يَدْعُ الْحَقَّ كَالْعُشَاءِ

O our Lord, support us with Your mercy
Exact retribution from him who discards truth as if it is worthless

يَا رَبِّ قَوْمِي غَلَسُوا بِجَهَالَةٍ
فَارْحَمْ وَأَنْزِلْ لَهُمْ بِدَارِضِيَاءِ

O my Lord, my people are sunk deep in darkness and ignorance
Have mercy on them; cause them to reach the illuminated house

يَا رَبَّنَا افْتَحْ بَيْنَنَا بِكَرَامَةٍ
يَا مَنْ يَرَى قَلْبِي وَلُبَّ لِحَائِي

O my Lord, arbitrate between us, grant an honourable decision
O the Being, Who watches my heart and my innermost self

يَا مَنْ أَرَى أَبْوَابَهُ مَفْتُوحَةً
لِلسَّائِلِينَ فَلَا تَرُدُّ دُعَائِي

O the One, Whose doors are open for supplicators,
Reject not my prayers, I beg of You

يَا رَبِّ صَلِّ عَلَيَّ نَبِيِّكَ دَائِمًا
فِي هَذِهِ الدُّنْيَا وَبَعَثْ ثَانًا

O my Lord, shower 'Durud' on Your Messenger for ever
In this world and in the world to come