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**Question:** Is it permissible for a Muslim, while making Du'aa' (supplication) to Allaah, to say: "O servants of Allaah's Most Beautiful Names, answer and fulfil my needs."?

**Answer:** Calling the servants of Allaah's Most Beautiful Names to fulfil one's needs is Shirk (associating others with Allaah in His Divinity or worship), for it involves calling imaginary servants beside Allaah; a matter for which we know no evidence; Allaah (Exalted be He) says: [And who is more astray than one who calls on (invokes) besides Allaah, such as will not answer him till the Day of Resurrection, and who are (even) unaware of their calls (invocations) to them? And when mankind are gathered (on the Day of Resurrection), they (false deities) will become their enemies and will deny their worshipping.] Also Allaah (Exalted be He) says: [And whoever invokes (or worships), besides Allaah, any other ilaah (god), of whom he has no proof; then his reckoning is only with his Lord. Surely! Al-Kaafiroon (the disbelievers in Allaah and in the Oneness of Allaah, polytheists, pagans, idolaters) will not be successful.]

Also Allaah (Exalted be He) says: ["And invoke not besides Allaah, any such that will neither profit you nor harm you, but if (in case) you did so, you shall certainly be one of the Zaalimoon (polytheists and wrong-doers)."] [And if Allaah touches you with harm, there is none who can remove it but He]. Allaah (Glorified and Exalted be He) says: [And the mosques are for Allaah (Alone): so invoke not anyone along with Allaah.] Allaah (Exalted be He) says: ['And verily, there were men among mankind who took shelter with the males among the jinn, but they (jinn) increased them (mankind) in sin and transgression.] Similarly, it is authentically reported that the Prophet (عليه السلام)<sup>1</sup> said: **If you beg, beg of Allaah Alone; and if you need assistance, beseech Allaah Alone for help ...** There are other Ayahs (Qur'aanic verses) and Hadeeths that prove that Du'aa' to bring good or ward off harm must be offered to Allaah Alone. Hence, offering it to anyone other than Allaah is Shirk because Du'aa' is an act of `Ibaadah (worship).

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