

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate

The Virtue of Du‘a

Allah, the Exalted, says in His mighty book:

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ
فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ

And when My servants ask you concerning Me, then surely I am very near; I answer the prayer of the suppliant when he calls on Me, so they should answer My call and believe in Me that they may walk in the right way (2:186).

In a hadith related by Tirmidhi, an-Nu‘man bin Bashir says: I heard the Messenger of Allah, Allah bless him and grant him peace, say upon the minbar, “Du‘a is worship,” then he read the ayat:

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي
سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ

And your Lord says: Call upon Me, I will answer you; surely those who are too proud for My service shall soon enter hell abased (40:60).

The Messenger of Allah, Allah bless him and grant him peace, said, “There is nothing more honored by Allah than du‘a.”

He, upon him be blessings and peace, said, “Don’t be weak in the performance of du‘a, for surely the one who makes du‘a will not perish.” He also said, “Du‘a is the core of ‘ibada, and the core of something is the pure thing itself.”

Tirmidhi relates that the Messenger of Allah, Allah grant him blessings and peace, said, “Call upon Allah certain that you will receive an answer. And know that Allah does not answer the heart that is in ghaflah.”

In the riwayas of Bukhari and Muslim it is related that the Messenger of Allah, blessings and peace be upon him, said, “He will answer all of you. But as for the one who is in a hurry, he will say, ‘I asked, but He did not respond to me.’”

The Messenger of Allah, blessings and peace be upon him, said, “Whoever has the door of du‘a opened for him, has the doors of rahmah opened for him. And of those things which are asked of Allah, there is nothing more beloved to Him than ‘afiya (well-being).”

Making du‘a is beneficial, whether the du‘a is from the Qur’an or not; therefore, it is an obligation upon you, O servants of Allah. The hadiths and ayats mentioned here indicate the exaltedness of making du‘a, taking one’s needs to Allah, and seeking His assistance. The best du‘a is made with a truthful tongue, a faithful heart, and sincerity in betaking oneself to Allah

(sidq). The best way to ask Allah is by His names and attributes (i.e., through His Ninety-Nine Names). Allah, the Exalted, says:

ولله الأسماء الحسنى فادعوه بها

And Allah's are the best names, therefore call on Him thereby (7:180).

Du'a has its secrets, its wisdoms, its rules, and its times—when it is best to perform it and when it will be answered. Among the best times to make du'a are when Muslims gather, at sessions of dhikr, when finishing the Qur'an, when praying for a brother who is absent, after finishing wudu', between the adhan and the iqamah, at dawn, at the Friday prayer, when it is raining, and when a severe punishment, prescribed by Allah, is exacted.

Among the best days in which du'a should be made are the day of 'Arafat, the day of 'Ashura', the nights of the two 'Ids, the night of mid-Sha'ban, the night of Asra' wa al-Mi'raj, and the night of the Mawlid of the Prophet.

For the believer, however, any time is good to make a du'a. It may be made silently or out loud, but, most importantly, the traditions indicate that Allah loves the du'a of the one who is persistent.

The Adab and Conditions for Making Du'a

Du'a has its courtesy and its conditions. Among the conditions that must be met are that the supplicant possess inner piety, a good niyah, sincerity, and a livelihood earned by halal means. Allah, the Exalted, says:

فادعوا الله مخلصين له الدين

Therefore call upon Allah, being sincere to Him in obedience (40:14).

In addition, the supplicant's heart should be present with Allah. In a hadith, the Messenger of Allah, said, "Surely Allah, the Exalted, doesn't answer the supplication of the servant whose heart is distracted and busy with other than Him." Rather, the supplicant should be completely present with, and submissive to, Allah. Another condition is that the du'a not be made while the supplicant is in heedlessness, persisting in disobedience. It has been related that the Prophet, Allah's peace and blessings be upon him, said, "The most foolish of men is he who, though desiring tawbah, persists in disobedience."

Among the courtesies accompanying the performance of a du'a is that the supplicant begin by praising and thanking Allah, then blessing His messenger, Muhammad, Allah's blessings and peace be upon him, then admitting the injustice that he has committed against himself, followed by a sincere desire to make tawbah, with the inclusion of all Muslims. Then, absorbed in the du'a and in asking, the supplicant should mention all his needs and hopes. Allah, may He be praised, will give him. He supplicates to Allah according to the good that is inspired within him.

The supplicant should be in tahara (a state of purity), present in heart and mind, and facing the qibla, though in whatever direction the believer faces, there is Allah's face. Then he begins by raising his hands. Abu Huraira said,

The Prophet went out to a district of Madinah and I followed him. He stood in the direction of the qibla and raised his hands above his shoulders so that I could see the white of his sides

saying, “O Allah, Ibrahim, Your prophet and Your friend, made du‘a for the people of Makkah; and I, Your prophet and Your messenger, make du‘a for the people of Madinah. O Allah, bless their mudd and their sa‘ (i.e. their food), whether it be little or much, and make it twice the blessing You bestowed upon the people of Makkah.” Then he said, “O Allah, from here and there,” pointing in every direction of the Earth, “O Allah, anyone who intends to harm them, let him dissolve like salt in water.”

It has been narrated that when the Prophet made du‘a he would make it three times; and when he asked, he would ask three to seven times. He would ask Allah by His prophets and righteous servants (tawassul), in a low voice, never raising his eyes to the sky. By example, Allah says: *When he (Zakariya) called upon his Lord in a low voice* (19:3). After making his du‘a, he would wipe his noble face with his hands. The Prophet said, “When you finish, wipe your faces.” Wiping the hands over the face provides encouragement and reassurance. It is as if you are saying, “Look! My hands are full of heavenly barakat.” Thus, the ni‘ma (divine blessing) flows over the face, which is the first part of the body to receive karama. This has been reported in the book *al-Husn al-Hasin*.

In a sound hadith it is reported that when the Prophet, Allah bless him and grant him peace, heard the people making a loud and noisy du‘a he said, “Be gentle with yourselves, for surely you are not making munajat (secret and intimate conversation) with One who is deaf or absent. The One that you call upon is closer to you than the neck of your mounts.” Some of the salaf (predecessors) said that a du‘a made secretly is better than 70 made out loud.

Morning Du‘as

The following are du‘as that may be made in the morning.

سُبْحَانَ فَالِقِ الْإِصْبَاحِ ، سُبْحَانَ رَبِّ الْمَسَاءِ وَالصُّبْحِ سُبْحَانَ مَنْ يَسْبِخُ لَهُ مَا فِي
السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ . سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلَا حَوْلَ
وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ . اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ حَمْدًا دَائِمًا عِنْدَ كُلِّ طَرْفَةِ عَيْنٍ
وَتَنْفُسٍ نَفْسٍ .

Glory be to the Breaker of the Dawn! Glory be to the Lord of the evening and the morning! Glory be to the One who is worshipped by those on Earth and in Heaven. Glory be to Allah and praise belongs to Allah. There is no god except Allah. Allah is the greatest. There is no power and no strength except by Allah, the Exalted, the Great. O Allah, to You belongs the praise forever, with every blink of the eye and every breath.

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي لَجَلَالِ وَجْهِكَ وَعَظِيمِ سُلْطَانِكَ .

O Allah, to You belongs the praise as it should be to the nobleness of Your face and the greatness of Your authority.

أصبحنا وأصبح الملك لله رب العالمين ، وأمسينا وأمسى الملك لله رب العرش
العظيم اللهم بك أصبحنا وبك أمسينا وبك نحيا وبك نموت وإليك النشور . اللهم
اجعل صباحنا صباح الصالحين ومساءنا مساء الصالحين ، اللهم اجعل أول يومنا
هذا صلاحاً وأوسطه نجاحاً وآخره فلاحاً يا رحمان يا رحيم .

We wake in the morning and now the kingdom of the world is for Allah, the Lord of the Worlds. While we are in the evening, the kingdom of the world is also for Allah, the Lord of the Mighty Throne. O Allah, in the morning we are with You, and in the evening we are with You, and by You we live and by You we die, and to You we are gathered. O Allah, make our morning that of the salihun, and our evening that of the salihun. O Allah, make right and proper the beginning of this day of ours, make its middle favorable, and its end successful, O Merciful, O Compassionate.

بسم الله ما شاء الله لا يسوق الخير إلا الله ، بسم الله ما شاء الله لا يصرف السوء إلا
الله بسم الله ما شاء الله ما كان من نعمة فمن الله ولا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله العلي
العظيم .

In the name of Allah, what Allah wills, there is no bringer of goodness except Allah. In the name of Allah, what Allah wills, there is no diverter of evil except Allah. In the name of Allah, what Allah wills, every blessing is from Allah. There is no power nor strength except by Allah, the Exalted, the Great.

Evening Du'as

The following are du'as that may be made in the evening.

بسم الله خير الأسماء، بسم الله رب الأرض والسماء ، بسم الله الذي لا يضر مع
اسمه شيء في الأرض ولا في السماء وهو السميع العليم ، بسم الله على ديني
ونفسي .

In the name of Allah, the best of all names. In the name of Allah, the Lord of Earth and Heaven. In the name of Allah, with whose name no harm is done on the Earth or in Heaven, and He is the Hearing and Knowing. In the name of Allah upon my din and myself.

بسم الله على مالي وولدي ، بسم الله على كل شيء أعطانيه ربي ، لا إله إلا الله وحده
لا شريك له ، له الملك وله الحمد يحي ويميت وهو على كل شيء قدير ، حسبي الله

لا إله إلا هو عليه توكلت وإليه أنيب ، اللهم بك أضع جنبي وبك أرفعه ، اللهم أسلمت
 لك جنبي وآمنت بك لا إله إلا أنت . أعوذ بالله السميع العليم من الشيطان الرجيم ،
 اللهم إني أعوذ بك من همزات الشياطين وأعوذ بك رب أن يحضرون ، أعوذ بكلمات
 الله التامات من شر كل آفة أنت يا مولاي آخذٌ بناصيتها ، ولا حول ولا قوة إلا بالله
 العلي العظيم .

In the name of Allah for my wealth and children. In the name of Allah for everything that my Lord has given me. There is no god except Allah, alone without partner. To Him belongs the mulk and to Him belongs the praise. He gives life and causes death and He is over all things able. Allah is enough for me. There is no god except Him. Upon Him I rely and to Him I turn repentant. O Allah, by You I lie on my side and by You I rise. O Allah, to You I submit myself and in You I have faith. There is no god except You. I take refuge in Allah, the Hearing, the Knowing, from the Shaytan, the accursed. O Allah, surely in You I take refuge from following the footsteps of shayatin, and I take refuge with You, my Lord, from their coming. I take refuge with Allah's perfect words from the evil of everything that causes harm. You, O my Master, take hold of its forelock. There is no strength or power except with Allah, the Exalted, the Great.

وصلى الله على سيدنا محمد النبي الطاهر الزكي وعلى آله وصحبه وسلم .

Allah bless our Master Muhammad, the Prophet, the Clean, the Pure, and upon his family and companions.

Additional Du'as

اللهم إني أسألك يا الله رحمةً من عندك تهدي بها قلبي وتُصلحَ بها حالي وتحسِّنَ
 بها أخلاقي وتوسِّعَ بها رزقي وتلهِّمَنِي بها رُشْدِي وترفعُ بها شاهِدِي وترُدُّ بها غائبي
 وتهدي بها ذُرِّيَّتِي وتجمعُ بها شملي وترزقني بها رضاك يا ربَّ العالمين .

O Allah, I ask You, O Allah, for mercy from Your presence, by which You will guide my heart, rectify my state, improve my character, expand my rizq, inspire my guidance, raise my witnessing, return those absent from me, guide my descendents, gather all my relatives, and make me acceptable to You, O Lord of the Worlds.

اللهم إني أسألك من النعمة تمامها ومن العِصمةِ دوامها ومن الرحمة شمولها ومن
 العافية حصولها ومن العيش أرغدُهُ ومن العُمُر أسعدُهُ ومن الإحسان أتمهُ ومن الإنعام

أعمّه ومن الفضل أعذبه ومن اللطف أقره ، اللهم يا غنيّ يا حميد يا محصي يا معيد
أغني بحلالك عن حرامك وبطاعتك عن معصيتك وبفضلك عمّن سواك ولا حول ولا
قوة إلا بالله العلي العظيم ، اللهم صلي على سيدنا محمد وعلى آله وصحبه وسلم ،

O Allah, I ask you for complete ni‘ma, continuous protection, all-inclusive mercy, the attainment of well-being, a comfortable and happy life full of goodness, blessings, abundance, and kindness. O Allah, O Rich, O Praiseworthy, O Knower of Each Separate Thing, O Refuge, enrich me with what You have made halal and free me from what You have made haram; enrich me in obedience to You and free me from disobedience to You. By Your overflowing abundance free me from depending on other than You. There is no strength nor power except by Allah, the Exalted, the Great. O Allah, bless our Master Muhammad, his family, and his companions, and grant them peace.

سبحان ربك ربّ العزّة عما يصفون وسلامٌ على المرسلين والحمد لله
ربّ العالمين .

Glory be to your Lord, the Lord of Honor, above what they describe. And peace be on the messengers. And all praise is due to Allah, the Lord of the worlds (37:180-182).

Anas, may Allah be pleased with him, said, “The Messenger of Allah, Allah bless him and grant him peace, taught me the following du‘a saying that supplicating by it each morning frees one from the harm of other people:”

بسم الله الرحمن الرحيم ، بسم الله خير الأسماء ، بسم الله الكافي ، بسم الله
المُعافي ،

In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate. In the name of Allah, the best of names. In the name of Allah, the Self-Sufficient. In the name of Allah, the Restorer of Well-being,

بسم الله الذي لا يضرُّ مع إسمه شيءٌ في الأرض ولا في السماء وهو السميعُ
العليم ،

In the name of Allah by whose name nothing can cause harm on the Earth nor in Heaven, and He is the All-hearing, the All-knowing,

بِاسْمِ اللَّهِ عَلَى نَفْسِي وَدِينِي ، بِاسْمِ اللَّهِ عَلَى أَهْلِي وَمَالِي ، بِاسْمِ اللَّهِ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
أَعْطَانِيهِ رَبِّي ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ ، أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِمَّا أَخَافُ وَأَحْذَرُ ، اللَّهُ
رَبِّي وَلَا أُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا ، عَزَّ جَارُكَ وَجَلَّ ثَنَاؤُكَ ، وَتَقَدَّسَتْ أَسْمَاؤُكَ ، وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ ،

In the name of Allah over my self and my din. In the name of Allah over my family and my wealth. In the name of Allah over everything my Lord has given me. Allah is greater, Allah is greater, Allah is greater. I seek refuge with Allah from what I fear and what I am cautious of. Allah is my Lord, He has no partner. Mighty is Your refuge. Manifest is Your praise. Holy are Your names. There is no god other than You,

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ جَبَّارٍ عَنِيدٍ وَشَيْطَانٍ مَرِيدٍ وَمِنْ شَرِّ قَضَاءِ السُّوءِ وَمِنْ شَرِّ
كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ أَنْتَ آخِذٌ بِنَاصِيَتِهَا ، إِنَّ رَبِّي عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ .

O Allah, I take refuge with You from the evil of every stubborn tyrant and rebellious Shaytan, from the harm of an evil outcome, and from the harm coming from animals which You have taken by its forelock. Surely my Lord is upon a straight path.

A Du'a for Breaking the Fast (Iftar)

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ صُئِمْتُ وَعَلَى رِزْقِكَ أَفْطَرْتُ ، ذَهَبَ الظَّمْأُ وَابْتَلَّتِ الْعُرُوقُ بِالْمَاءِ وَثَبَتَ
الْأَجْرُ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ ، يَا وَاسِعَ الْفَضْلِ اغْفِرْ لِي ، الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَعَانَنِي فَصُمْتُ وَرَزَقَنِي
فَأَفْطَرْتُ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ كَرِيمٌ تَحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاغْفِرْ عَنِّي ،

O Allah, I have fasted for You. I am breaking my fast on what You have provided. Thirst has departed. The veins are tested by water. Inshallah, the reward has been fixed. O Spreader of Abundance, forgive me. The praise belongs to Allah who supports me, so I fast; and who provides for me, so I break my fast. O Allah, surely You are forgiving and generous. You love to pardon, so pardon me.

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا وَحَبِيبِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلَّمَ .

Allah sends blessings upon and grants peace to our Sayyid and our Beloved, Muhammad, and his family and companions.

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Ameen!