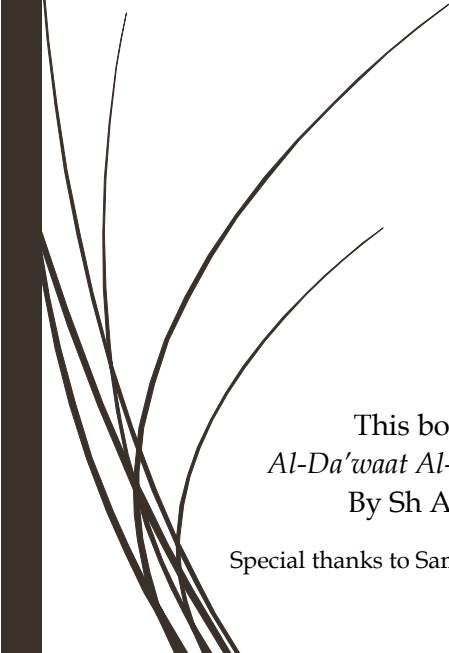




The Prophet's Dua List

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PRAISING ALLAH

All supplications in this section begin with the praise of Allah
الحمد لله.

DU‘Ā 1 - 300+ ANGELS

Rifa‘āh Ibn Raf‘i (RA) narrates, “I prayed behind the Prophet ﷺ and sneezed. Then I said (the du‘ā below). After prayer, the Prophet ﷺ inquired about who spoke during ṣalāh. No one replied. He asked again. No one replied. He asked a third time.

So I said, “I spoke, Messenger of Allah.”

The Prophet ﷺ asked, “What did you say?” I replied with (the du‘ā below). So the Prophet ﷺ said, “By Allah, more than 300 angels competed in recording these words.”

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا طَيِّبًا مُبَارَكًا فِيهِ مُبَارَكًا

عَلَيْهِ كَمَا يُحِبُّ رَبُّنَا وَيَرْضَى

*Al-ḥamdu li-llāhi, ḥamdan katīran ṭayyiban mubārakan fihi,
mubārakan ‘alay-hi kamā yuḥibbu rabbunā wa yardā*

**All praise is for Allah – abundant, pure praise that is
blessed in every way – just as He loves and He is
pleased with.**

Recorded in Sunan Al-Nasā’i.

DU‘Ā 2 – PRAISE ON THE DAY OF UHUD

Rifa‘āh Ibn Raf‘i (RA) narrates that on the day of the battle of Uḥud when the polytheists of Quraish were fleeing the Prophet ﷺ said, “Line up so that I can praise my Lord”. So the companions formed a line behind him. Then the Prophet ﷺ made the following du‘ā:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ كُلُّهُ

O Allah, all praise is
for You, in its entirety!

'Allāhumma la-kal ḥamdu kulluhū

اللَّهُمَّ لَا قَابِضَ لِمَا بَسَطْتَ

O Allah, there is no
one who can close
what You have
opened,

'allāhumma lā qābiḍa li-mā basat-ta

وَلَا بَاسِطَ لِمَا قَبَضْتَ

and there is no one
who can open what
You have closed.

wa lā bāsīṭa li-mā qabaḍta

وَلَا هَادِيَ لِمَا أَضَلَّتْ

There is no guide for
whoever You allowed
to go astray,

wa lā hādiya li-mā 'aḍlalta

وَلَا مُضِلَّ لِمَنْ هَدَيْتَ

and there can be no
one misleading those
You have guided.

wa lā muḍilla li-man hadayta

وَلَا مُعْطِي لِمَا مَنَعْتَ

wa lā mu 'ṭiya li-mā mana 'ta

There is no one who
can give what You
have prevented,

وَلَا مَانِعٍ لِمَا أُعْطِيَتْ

wa lā māni 'a li-mā 'a 'ṭayta

and there is no one
who can prevent what
You give.

وَلَا مُقَرِّبٍ لِمَا بَاعَدْتَ

wa lā muqarriba li-mā bā'ad-ta

There is no one who
brings close what You
have distanced,

وَلَا مُبَاعِدٍ لِمَا قَرَّبْتَ

wa lā mubā'ida li-mā qarrabta

and there is no one
who distances what
You have brought
close.

اللَّهُمَّ ابْسُطْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ بَرَكَاتِكَ
وَرَحْمَتِكَ وَفَضْلِكَ وَرِزْقِكَ

*'allāhumma-bsuṭ 'alaynā min barakātika wa
rahmatika wa fadlika wa rizqika*

O Allah, open up upon
us Your blessings,
Your mercy, Your
favours and Your
wealth and resources.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ التَّعِيمَ الْمُقِيمَ

'allāhumma 'innī 'as 'alukan-na 'īmal-muqīma

O Allah, indeed I ask
You for lasting
happiness,

الَّذِي لَا يَحُولُ وَلَا يَزُولُ

which does not change
nor disappear.

'alladī lā yahūlu wa lā yazūlu

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ النَّعِيمَ يَوْمَ
الْعَيْلَةِ

O Allah, indeed I ask
You for riches on the
day of extreme poverty
(the day of
judgement),

*'allāhumma 'innī 'as'alukan-na'īma yawmal-
'aylati*

وَالْأَمْنَ يَوْمَ الْخَوْفِ

and I ask You for
safety on the day of
fear.

wal-'amna yawm-al-kawfi

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي عَائِدٌ بِكَ مِنْ

O Allah, indeed I am
one who takes refuge
with You from

'allāhumma 'innī 'ā'idun bi-ka min

شَرِّ مَا أُعْطَيْتَنَا وَشَرِّ مَا مَنَعْتَنَا

the evil of whatever
You have given us and
the evil of whatever
You have prevented.

šharri mā 'a'ṭaytanā wa šharri mā mana'ta

اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ إِلَيْنَا الْإِيمَانَ

O Allah, instill in us a
love for faith (imaan),

'allāhumma ḥabbib 'ilaynal-īmāna

وَزَيَّنْهُ فِي قُلُوبِنَا

beautify it in our
hearts

wa zayyinhu fī qulūbinā

وَكِّرْهُ إِلَيْنَا الْكُفْرَ وَالْفُسُوقَ
وَالْعِصْيَانَ

and make us detest
disbelief, immorality
and disobedience.
Make us from those
who are on track and
rightly guided.

*wa karrih 'ilaynal-kufra wal-fusūqa wal-'iṣyāna
waj 'alnā min- 'ar-rāshidīna*

اللَّهُمَّ تَوَفَّنَا مُسْلِمِينَ وَأَحْيِنَا
مُسْلِمِينَ

O Allah, let us die as
Muslims and let us
live as Muslims.

*'allāhumma tawaffanā muslimīna wa 'ahyinā
muslimīna*

وَأَلْحِقْنَا بِالصَّالِحِينَ

Raise us in the
company of the
righteous.

wa 'alḥiqnā biṣ-ṣāliḥīna

غَيْرَ خَزَايَا وَلَا مَفْتُونِينَ

Don't raise us with
those who are
disgraceful nor with
those who give in to
temptations.

ḡayra ḵazāyā wa lā maftūnīna

اللَّهُمَّ قَاتِلِ الْكُفْرَةَ الَّذِينَ يُكْذِبُونَ
رُسُلَكَ وَيَصُدُّونَ عَن سَبِيلِكَ

*'allāhumma qātilil kafaratal-laḍīna
yukaḍḍibūna rusulaka wa yaşuddūna 'an
sabīlika*

O Allah, fight the
disbelievers, who deny
Your messengers and
deter others from Your
path.

وَأَجْعَلْ عَلَيْهِمْ رِجْزَكَ وَعَذَابَكَ إِلهَ
الْحَقِّ

*waj 'al 'alayhim rijzaka wa 'aḍābaka 'ilāhal-
ḥaqqi*

Bring upon them Your
punishment and
torment, O God of
Truth!

Recorded in Musnad of Imam Aḥmad.

PROTECTION FROM ALL EVIL

All supplications in this section contain the phrase “I see refuge with you أَعُوذُ”. These are things, events and circumstances that the

Prophet ﷺ would ask Allah to save him from.

DU‘Ā 1 – POVERTY AND SCARCITY

Abu Hurairah (RA) narrates, “The Prophet ﷺ used to say (the following du‘ā).”

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْفَقْرِ وَالْقِلَّةِ وَالذَّلَّةِ
وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ أَظْلِمَ أَوْ أُظْلَمَ

Allāhumma 'innī 'a'ūdu bi-ka min al-faqri wal-qillati wadh-dhillati, wa 'a'ūdu bi-ka min 'an-azlima aw-'uzlama

O Allah, indeed I seek refuge with You from poverty, scarcity and humiliation. I seek refuge in You from being unjust and from being treated unjustly.

Recorded in Sunan Abi Dāwud.

DU‘Ā 2 – SERIOUS LOSS

‘Abdullah Ibn Ūmar (RA) narrates, “One of the Prophet’s ﷺ du‘ās was (the following du‘ā).”

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ زَوَالِ نِعْمَتِكَ وَتَحَوُّلِ
عَافِيَّتِكَ وَفُجَاءَةِ نِقْمَتِكَ وَجَمِيعِ سَخَطِكَ

Allāhumma 'innī 'a'ūdu bi-ka min zawāli ni'matika wa tahawwuli 'āfiyatika wa fujā'ati niqmatika wa jamī'i saḥatik

O Allah, indeed I seek refuge with You from the withdrawal of Your blessings, from the reversal of

good health/well-being, from the suddenness of Your punishment, and from all Your displeasure/anger.

Recorded in Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim.

DU‘Ā 3 – PROTECTION WITH YOU FROM YOU

‘Āishah (RA) narrates, “One night I woke up and didn't find the Prophet ﷺ in bed. So I prodded and searched for him until my hand fell upon his upright feet while he (SAWS) was in sajdah in the masjid (literally the next room). He was saying (the following du‘ā).”

اللَّهُمَّ أَعُوذُ بِرِضَاكَ مِنْ سَخَطِكَ

Allāhumma ‘a‘ūdū bi-riḍāka min saḡatika

O Allah, I seek refuge
in Your pleasure from
Your anger/displeasure,

وَبِمُعَافَاتِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ

wa bi-mu‘āfātika min ‘uqūbatika

and in Your reprieve
from Your punishment,

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْكَ

wa ‘a‘ūdū bi-ka min-ka

and I seek refuge with
You from You.

لَا أَحْصِي ثَنَاءً عَلَيْكَ

lā ‘uḡṣī ṡanā’an ‘alay-ka

I cannot count praise
for You,

أَنْتَ كَمَا أَثْنَيْتَ عَلَيَّ نَفْسِكَ

anta kamā 'aṭnayta 'alā nafsika

You are just as You
have praised Yourself.

Recorded in Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim.

DU‘Ā 4 - WORST BEHAVIOR

Anas Ibn Mālīk (RA) narrates, “The Prophet ﷺ used to say (the following du‘ā).”

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْعَجْزِ
وَالْكَسَلِ

*Allāhumma 'innī 'a'ūdu bi-ka min al-'ajzi
wal-kasali*

O Allah, indeed I seek
refuge with You from
weakness,
powerlessness,
laziness,

وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْبُخْلِ وَالْهَرَمِ

wal-jubni wal-bukli wal-harami

cowardice, greed and
extreme old age.

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَذَابِ الْقَبْرِ

wa 'a'ūdu bi-ka min 'aḍābil-qabri

I seek refuge in You
from the punishment of
the grave.

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ فِتْنَةِ الْمَحْيَا
وَالْمَمَاتِ

*wa 'a'ūdu bi-ka min fitnatil maḥyā wal
mamāti*

I seek refuge in You
from the trials of life
and death.

Recorded in Ṣaḥīḥ Al-Buḫḥārī and Muslim.

DU'Ā 5 - USELESS THINGS

Zaid Ibn Arqam (RA) narrates, "The Prophet ﷺ used to say (the following du'ā)."

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْعَجْزِ
وَالْكَسَلِ

*Allāhumma 'innī 'a'ūdu bi-ka min al-'ajzi
wal-kasali*

O Allah, indeed I seek
refuge with You from
weakness,
powerlessness,
laziness,

وَالْجُبْنِ وَالْبُخْلِ وَالْهَرَمِ وَعَذَابِ
الْقَبْرِ

*wal-jubni wal-buḫli wal-harami wa 'aḍābil-
qabri*

cowardice, greed,
extreme old age and the
punishment of the
grave.

اللَّهُمَّ آتِ نَفْسِي تَقْوَاهَا

O Allah, grant my soul
piety

Allāhumma 'āti nafsī taqwā-hā

وَزَكِّيْهَا أَنْتَ خَيْرُ مَنْ زَكَّاهَا

and purify it, since You
are the best of who
purifies it.

wa zakki-hā anta kayru man zakkā-hā

أَنْتَ وَلِيُّهَا وَمَوْلَاهَا

You are its helper and
its lord/protector.

anta waliyyuhā wa mawlā-hā

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ لَا
يَنْفَعُ

O Allah, indeed I seek
refuge with You from
knowledge which does
not benefit,

*Allāhumma 'innī 'a'ūdu bi-ka min 'ilmin lā
yanfa'u*

وَمِنْ قَلْبٍ لَا يَخْشَعُ

from a heart which is
not humbled and does
not submit,

wa min qalbin lā yakšha'u

وَمِنْ نَفْسٍ لَا تَشْبَعُ

a soul which is not
satisfied

wa min nafsīn lā tašba'u

وَمِنْ دَعْوَةٍ لَا يُسْتَجَابُ لَهَا

and from a du'a which
is not answered.

wa min da'watin lā yustajābu la-hā

Recorded in Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim.

DU'Ā 6 - SHOWING OFF

Abu Bakr (RA) narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said, "O Abu Bakr, the širk prevalent in you all is more hidden than the crawl of an ant."

"Is there any širk besides worshipping other gods?" asked Abu Bakr.

The Prophet ﷺ replied, "I swear by Allah, širk is more hidden than the crawl of an ant. Should I not tell you of a du'ā that when you make it all širk - big and small - will be purged from you? Say, (the following du'ā)."

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أُشْرِكَ بِكَ وَأَنَا أَعْلَمُ

وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا لَا أَعْلَمُ

*Allāhumma 'innī 'a 'ūdu bi-ka 'an- 'ušhrika bika wa 'ana
'a 'lamu wa 'astağfiruka limā lā 'a 'lamu*

O Allah, indeed I seek refuge with You that I associate anything with You while I know. I seek forgiveness from You for what I do not know.

Recorded in Al-Adab Al-Mufrad by Al-Buḫārī.

Imam Aḥmad narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said, “The thing I fear most for you is the minor širk.” The companions asked, “What is the minor širk?” The Prophet ﷺ replied, “Showing off.”

In light of this narration and Abu Bakr’s follow up question, the širk that the Prophet ﷺ seems to be referring to is showing off. As the Prophet ﷺ alluded to it, it is extremely hard to detect – like the crawl of an ant. We ask Allah’s protection from becoming full of ourselves through this du‘ā.

DU‘Ā 7 - DON’T LEAVE HOME WITHOUT IT

Umm Salamah (RA) narrates that the Prophet always looked at the sky and made this du‘ā when leaving home.

اللَّهُمَّ أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَضِلَّ أَوْ أُضَلَّ أَوْ أَزِلَّ أَوْ
أُزِلَّ أَوْ أَظْلِمَ أَوْ أُظْلَمَ أَوْ أَجْهَلَ أَوْ يُجْهَلَ عَلَيَّ

*Allāhumma ‘a ‘ūdu bi-ka ‘an- ‘aḍilla, ‘aw- ‘uḍalla, ‘aw- ‘azilla,
‘aw- ‘uzalla, ‘aw- ‘aḍlima, ‘aw- ‘uḍlama, ‘aw- ‘ajhala, ‘aw-
yujhala ‘alayya*

O Allah, I seek refuge with You that I go astray or that I am led astray, or that I slip or I am made to slip, or that I treat someone unjustly or I am treated unjustly by someone, or that I behave foolishly or that someone behaves foolishly towards me.

Recorded in Sunan Abi Dāwud.

DU‘Ā 8 – BAD MANNERS, ACTIONS, DESIRES

Qutbah Ibn Malik (RA) narrates, “The Prophet ﷺ used to say (the following du‘ā).”

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ مُنْكَرَاتِ الْأَخْلَاقِ
وَالْأَعْمَالِ وَالْأَهْوَاءِ

*Allāhumma 'innī 'a 'ūdū bi-ka min munkarātil aklāqi wal-
'a 'māli wal- 'ahwā'i*

O Allah, indeed I seek refuge with You from shameful character, deeds and desires.

Recorded in Sunan Al-Tirmidhi.

DURING STRESSFUL TIMES

We all go through tough times in life. The Prophet ﷺ showed us the way on how to deal with stressful times by his supplications.

DU‘Ā 1 – MY LORD

Asmā Bint 'Umays (RA) narrates that the Prophet ﷺ told her, "Shouldn't I teach you some words that you can say when you're sad or during sadness?"

اللَّهُ اللَّهُ رَبِّي لَا أُشْرِكُ بِهِ شَيْئًا

Allāhu allāhu rabbī lā 'uṣhriku bihī shay'ā

Allah, Allah is my lord! I do no associate anyone with Him.

Recorded in Sunan Abi Dāwud.

DU‘Ā 2 - THE MOST GENTLE

Āli (RA) narrates, "The Prophet ﷺ taught me that when I'm struck by grief or sadness I should say (the following du‘ā)."

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ
وَتَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ
رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

*Lā 'ilāha 'illallāhul ḥalīmul karīmu subḥānallāhi, wa
tabārakallāhu rabbul 'arshil 'azīmi wal-ḥamdu lillāhi rabbil
'ālamīna*

There is no god but Allah, the Most-Gentle, the Most-Noble. Glory is for Allah! Allah is blessed, the Master of the great throne. All praise is for Allah, the Lord of the worlds.

Recorded in Musnad of Imam Aḥmad.

DU‘Ā 3 – NEGATIVE PRESSURE FROM SOMEONE

Ābdullah Ibn Ābbas (RA) narrates that the Prophet ﷺ would make this du‘ā when things would get tough.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَظِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ

الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ السَّمَاوَاتِ

وَالْأَرْضِ وَرَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ اصْرِفْ عَنِّي شَرَّ

فُلَانٍ

*Lā 'ilāha 'illallāhul 'azīmul ḥalīmu, lā 'ilāha 'illallāhu rabbul
'aršhil 'azīmi, lā 'ilāha 'illallāhu rabbus-samāwāti wal 'arḍi,
wa rabbul 'aršhil 'azīmi, 'iṣrif 'annī šharra fulānin*

Only Allah is the true god, the Greatest, the Most-Gentle. Only Allah is the true god, the Master of the great throne. Only Allah is the true god, the Master of the skies and the earth, the Master of the great throne. Avert so-and-so's evil from me.

Recorded in Ṣaḥīḥ Al-Buḫḥārī.

DU‘Ā 4 - ANNOYED?

Ābdullah Ibn Ābbas (RA) narrates that whenever the Prophet ﷺ would be annoyed or bothered by something, he say:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْعَظِيمُ

Lā 'ilāha 'illallāhul ḥalīmul 'azīmu

Only Allah is the true god, the Most-Gentle, the Greatest.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ

Lā 'ilāha 'illallāhu rabbul 'aršhil karīmi

Only Allah is the true god, the Master of the noble throne.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

Lā 'ilāha 'illallāhu rabbul 'aršhil azīmi

Only Allah is the true god, the Master of the great throne.

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ رَبُّ السَّمَوَاتِ

Lā 'ilāha 'illallāhu rabbus-samāwāti

Only Allah is the true god, the Master of the skies

وَرَبُّ الْأَرْضِ وَرَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْكَرِيمِ

wa rabbul 'arḍi wa rabbul 'aršhil karīmi

and the Master of the earth, and the Master of the noble throne,

ثُمَّ يَدْعُو

then (insert du‘ā here).

Recorded in Musnad of Imam Aḥmad.

DU‘Ā 5 – STRESSED OUT?

Anas Ibn Malik (RA) narrates, “Whenever a matter would distress him, the Prophet would say (the following du‘ā).”

يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغِيْثُ

Yā ḥayyu yā qayyūmu bi-rahmatika 'astaḡītu

O Ever-living! O Eternal Sustainer! Exclusively by Your love and mercy, I seek help!

Recorded in Sunan Al-Tirmidī.

FORGIVENESS

We all are in need of Allah’s forgiveness. The Prophet ﷺ, whose sins were all forgiven, repeatedly and continually asked Allah to forgive him. How much more diligent should we be?

DU‘Ā 1 – BEST DU‘Ā FOR FORGIVENESS

Šhaddad Ibn Aws (RA) narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said, “The chief of du‘ās for forgiveness is (the du‘ā below).

Whoever says this in the morning - fully believing in what he/she is saying - then passes away before the evening will be in Jannah. Similarly, whoever says this in the evening - fully believing in what he/she is saying - then passes away before the morning will be in Jannah.”

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

Allāhumma 'anta rabbī lā 'ilāha 'illā anta

O Allah! You are my master, You are the only true god!

خَلَقْتَنِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ

kalaqtanī wa 'ana 'abduka

You created me and I am Your slave.

وَأَنَا عَلَىٰ عَهْدِكَ وَوَعْدِكَ مَا
اسْتَطَعْتُ

wa 'ana 'alā 'ahdika wa wa'dika mas-taṭa'tu

I'm trying my best to live in accordance to Your command, seeking the fulfillment of Your promise.

أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ

'a'ūdu bi-ka min šarri mā ṣana'tu

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

أَبُوءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ

'abū'u laka bi-ni'matika 'alayya

I return to You because of Your blessings on me.

وَأَبُوءُ لَكَ بِذُنُوبِي

wa 'abū'u laka bi-ḍunūbī

I return to You with my sins hoping for forgiveness.

فَاغْفِرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ
إِلَّا أَنْتَ

So forgive me! Indeed,
no one forgives sins
except You.

*faġfirli fa 'innahū lā yaġfiruḍ-ḍunūba
'illā 'anta*

Recorded in Ṣaḥīḥ Al-Buḫḥārī.

DU‘Ā 2 – FORGIVENESS EVEN IF YOU’RE FORGIVEN!

Āli (RA) narrates that the Prophet ﷺ said, “Shouldn't I teach you some words that when you say them, Allah will forgive you...even if you have been forgiven previously?”

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ
الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ
الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

*Lā 'ilāha 'illallāhul 'aliyyul 'azīmu, lā 'ilāha 'illallāhul
ḥalīmul karīmu, lā 'ilāha 'illallāhu subḥānallāhi rabbil 'arṣhil
'azīmi, al-ḥamdu lillāhi rabbil 'ālamīna*

**Only Allah is the true god, the Most-Exalted, the
Greatest. Only Allah is the true god, the Most-Gentle,
the Most-Noble.**

Only Allah is the true god, the Master of the great throne. All praise is for Allah, the Master of the worlds.

Recorded in Sunan Al-Tirmidī.

DU‘Ā 3 - MY FLAWS

Uṭman Ibn Abi Al-Āas (RA) narrates that he heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ make the following du‘ā:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذَنْبِي خَطِيئِي وَعَمْدِي اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي

أَسْتَهْدِيكَ لَأَرْشَدَ أَمْرِي وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ

نَفْسِي

*Allāhummaḡfir li dambī wa ḡaṭa‘ī wa ‘amdī. Allāhumma
'astahdīka li 'aršadi 'amrī, wa 'a‘ūdu bi-ka min šarri nafsi*

O Allah! Forgive my sins, my unintentional mistakes and my intentional mistakes.

O Allah! I beg You to guide me to the best course of action for me. I seek Your protection from the evil of my soul.

Recorded in Musnad of Imam Aḡmad.

DU‘Ā 4 - HAPPINESS IN THE HOME

Abu Hurairah (RA) narrates a man said to the Prophet ﷺ, “Oh Prophet, I heard you making this du‘ā last night.” The Prophet ﷺ said, “Yes. Do you see how comprehensive this du‘ā is? Is there anything that this du‘ā leaves behind?!”

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذَنْبِي وَوَسِّعْ لِي فِي دَارِي

وَبَارِكْ لِي فِي مَا رَزَقْتَنِي

*Allāhummaḡfir lī dambī, wa wassi‘ lī fī dārī, wa bārik lī fīmā
razaqtanī*

O Allah! Forgive my sins for me, expand my home for me (i.e. make me happy in my home), and bless me in the wealth and resources You have given me.

Recorded in Sunan Al-Tirmidī.

Al-Mubarakpuri comments on this hadith,

“Expand my home for me means make my home accommodating for me as congestion in the basic necessities of the house makes the heart congested, results in sadness and depresses the soul. It could also refer to the grave as that is the real home.

In some manuscripts, we find the wording of the hadith to be "wa wassi‘ lī fī ra‘yi Expand my opinions", which means make me open-minded.

Bless me in wealth/resources means make my wealth and resources blessed and surrounded by goodness from all sides. It

also means, "Make me content with what I have" and to not long for what others have."

DU‘Ā 5 - THE NIGHT OF POWER

‘Āishah (RA) asked the Prophet ﷺ, "O Messenger of Allah, if I knew which night is the night of power, what should I say in it?"

The Prophet ﷺ replied, "Say (the following dua)".

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ كَرِيمٌ

تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

Allāhumma 'innaka 'afuwwun karīmun

tuhibbul 'afwa fa'fu 'annī

O Allah! Indeed you are one who is always forgiving and merciful, and most generous; You love to forgive and pardon, so forgive and pardon me!

Recorded in Sunan Al-Tirmidī.

I ASK YOU...

The supplications in this chapter all begin with "I ask you...أَسْأَلُكَ".

What did the Prophet ﷺ want? Let's find out through his supplications:

DU‘Ā 1 - THE COMPLETE

Abu Bakr (RA) entered the house of the Prophet ﷺ, wanting to talk to him. ‘Āishah (RA) was praying. The Prophet ﷺ says to ‘Āishah, "You should make the COMPLETE du‘ā (الكوامل)".

When she left, Abu Bakr asked the Prophet about it. The Prophet said the following du‘ā:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ كُلِّهِ

O Allah! Indeed I ask
You from the best of
everything,

Allāhumma 'innī 'as 'aluka minal kayri kullihī

عَاجِلِهِ وَأَجَلِهِ مَا عَلِمْتُ مِنْهُ وَمَا
لَمْ أَعْلَمْ

the immediate and the
delayed; from whatever
I know and whatever I
do not know.

'ājilihī wa 'ājilihī, mā 'alimtu minhu wa mā

lam 'a'lam

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ الشَّرِّ كُلِّهِ

I seek refuge in You
from the evil of
everything,

wa 'a 'ūdu bi-ka minas-šharri kullihī

عَاجِلِهِ وَأَجَلِهِ مَا عَلِمْتُ مِنْهُ وَمَا
لَمْ أَعْلَمْ

the immediate and the
delayed, from whatever
I know and whatever I
do not know.

'ājilihī wa 'ājilihī, mā 'alimtu minhu wa mā

lam 'a'lam

وَأَسْأَلُكَ الْجَنَّةَ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ
قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ

*wa 'as'alukal jannata wa mā qarraba 'ilayhā
min qawlin aw 'amalin*

I ask You for Jannah,
and for whatever words
and actions that take
me closer to it.

وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا
مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ

*wa 'a'ūdu bi-ka minan nār wa mā qarraba
'ilayhā min qawlin aw 'amalin*

I seek refuge in You
from hell, and from
whatever words and
actions that take me
closer to it.

وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ مَا سَأَلْتُكَ
عَبْدُكَ وَرَسُولُكَ

*wa 'as'aluka minal khayri mā sa'alakā 'abduka
wa rasūluka*

I ask You from the best
of what Your slave and
Your Messenger,

مُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

muḥammadun ṣallallahu 'alayhi wa sallama

Prophet Muhammad,
prayers and blessings
on him, asked You for.

وَأَسْتَعِيذُكَ مِمَّا اسْتَعَاذَكَ مِنْهُ
عَبْدُكَ وَرَسُولُكَ

*wa 'asta 'īḍuka min māsta 'ādaka minhu
'abduka wa rasūluka*

I seek protection with
You from what Your
slave and Your
Messenger,

مُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

muḥammadun ṣallallahu 'alayhi wa sallama

Prophet Muhammad,
prayers and blessings
on him, sought
protection with You.

وَأَسْأَلُكَ مَا قَضَيْتَ لِي مِنْ أَمْرٍ

wa 'as'aluka mā qaḍayta lī min 'amrin

I ask You for whatever
matters You have
decreed for me,

أَنْ تَجْعَلَ عَاقِبَتَهُ رَشَدًا

'an taj'ala 'āqibatahū rašhadan

to make their end, a
source to the right
path/a source of
guidance.

Recorded in Musnad of Imam Aḥmad.

DU‘Ā 2 – KNOWLEDGE, WEALTH, JANNAH

Umm Salamah (RA) narrates that the Prophet ﷺ would make this du‘ā after praying Fajr prayer.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا وَرِزْقًا طَيِّبًا

وَاسِعًا وَعَمَلًا مُتَقَبَّلًا

*Allāhumma 'innī 'as'aluka 'ilman nāfi'an, wa rizqan ṭayyiban
wāsi'an, wa 'amalan mutaqqabalan*

**O Allah! I ask You for knowledge which is beneficial,
and sustenance which is pure/good and
wide/abundant, and deeds which are accepted.**

Recorded in Musnad of Imam Aḥmad.

DU‘Ā 3 – MY LORD, MAKE ME...

Ābdullah Ibn Ābbas (RA) narrates that the Prophet ﷺ used to make the following du‘ā:

رَبِّ أَعِنِّي وَلَا تُعِنِّ عَلَيَّ

**O My Lord! Support
me, don't prevent me.**

Rabbi 'a'innī wa lā tu'in 'alayya

وَأَنْصُرْنِي وَلَا تَنْصُرْ عَلَيَّ

Help me win, not lose.

wanṣurnī wa lā tanṣur 'alayya

وَأْمُرْ لِي وَلَا تَمْكُرْ عَلَيَّ

Plan for me, not against
me.

wamkur lī wa lā tamkur ‘alayya

وَاهْدِنِي وَيَسِّرْ الْهُدَى إِلَيَّ

Guide me and make it
easy for me to follow
the guidance.

wahdinī wa yassiril-hudā ‘ilayya

وَأَنْصُرْنِي عَلَى مَنْ بَغَى عَلَيَّ

Help me win against
whoever wrongs me.

wanṣurnī ‘alā man baḡā ‘alayya

رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي لَكَ شَاكِرًا

O My Lord! Make me
someone who is always
grateful to You.

rabbij ‘alnī laka šhakkārā

لَكَ ذَكَرًا لَكَ رَهَابًا لَكَ مِطْوَاعًا

Make me someone who
always remembers You,
always fears You, is
always obedient to You.

laka ḏakkārā, laka rahhābā, laka miṭwā‘ā

لَكَ مُخْبِتًا إِلَيْكَ أَوَْاهًا مُنِيبًا

Make me someone who
always humble in front
of You. Make me
someone who always
returns to You humbly.

laka muḡbitā, ‘ilayka ‘awwāhan munībā

رَبِّ تَقَبَّلْ تَوْبَتِي وَاغْسِلْ حَوْبَتِي

O My Lord! Accept my
repentance, wash away
my sins,

rabbi taqabbal tawbatī, waḡsil ḡawbatī

وَأَجِبْ دَعْوَتِي وَثَبِّتْ حُجَّتِي

wa 'ajib da'wati, wa ṭabbit ḥujjati

respond to my du'ās,
strengthen me with
evidence in support of
the religion,

وَسَدِّدْ لِسَانِي وَاهْدِ قَلْبِي وَأَسْأَلْ

سَخِيمَةَ صَدْرِي

*wa saddid lisānī, wahdi qalbī, waslul saḳīmata
ṣadri*

fix my tongue so I
speak the truth, guide
my heart so I can
control my emotions,
and remove all hatred
and resentment from
my heart.

Recorded in Sunan Al-Tirmidī.

This du'ā covers all bases, especially if you have to stand up for the religion of Islam in any capacity – da'wah, debate or conversation. Al-Mubarakpuri makes a number of interesting comments about this du'ā:

“On the word "لَكَ laka (for You)": the sentence structure suggests that these traits are exclusively for Allah's sake. Moreover, it shows the worshiper very sincerely wants to have these beautiful traits.”

DU‘Ā 4 - THE BEST

Anas Ibn Mālik (RA) narrates, “The most frequent du‘ā of the Prophet ﷺ was (the following du‘ā)”.

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ

حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

*Allāhumma rabbanā 'ātinā fi-dduniyā ḥasanatan wa fil ākirati
ḥasanatan wa qinā 'aḍāban-nāri*

**O Allah, Our Master, grant us the best in this world
and in the hereafter; and protect us from the
punishment of the fire.**

Recorded in Ṣaḥīḥ Al-Buḫḥārī.

Anas Ibn Mālik (RA) also narrates that the Prophet ﷺ visited a Muslim who had grown feeble like the chicken to inquire about his health.

Upon seeing his condition, the Prophet ﷺ said, “Did you supplicate for this condition?”

The man replied, “Yes. I used to supplicate: O Allah, punish me in this life according to what I deserve of punishment in the next life so I have no punishment in the next life.”

The Prophet ﷺ said, “Glory is for Allah! You cannot handle this. Why did you not say instead (the aforementioned du‘ā)?”

Then the Prophet ﷺ made du‘ā for the man and he was cured.

Recorded in Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim.