A selection of Supplications
From Al-Qur’an and Authentic Hadith

“When My servants ask you about Me, I am always near. I answer their prayers when they pray to Me. The people shall respond to Me and believe in Me, in order to be guided”.

(Al-Qur’an 2:186)

FOREWORD

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

All praise is due to Allah (SWT), the Almighty. We all praise Him, seek His Help, and ask His Forgiveness. We seek refuge with Him from the evil of our souls, and from our sinful deeds. He whom Allah (SWT) guides, no one can misguide him, and whoever Allah (SWT) misguides, no one can guide him. I bear witness that there is no deity worthy of worship but Allah (SWT), and I bear witness that Muhammad (pbuh) is truly His servant and Messenger.

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We pray to Allah (SWT) for guidance and help. Surely, He is over all things Powerful. May Allah (SWT) accept our effort and put it on our scale of good deeds on the Day of Resurrection to outweigh the evil deeds. Aameen.

ISLAMIC_KNOWLEDGE TEAM
DUA (SUPPLICATION)

Dua (supplication) in Islam is one of the most beautiful and profound aspects of worship. It is a direct channel to communicate personally with your Creator, Who is ever Present, and ever ready to Respond.

THE MERIT OF MAKING DU’A

"Then do remember Me, I will remember you. Be grateful to Me, and reject not Faith": (Qur’aan: 2:152)

"Those who believe & whose hearts find satisfaction in remembrance of Allah for without doubt in remembrance of Allah do hearts find satisfaction".

The Prophet (pbuh) said: "I am near to the thought of My servant as he thinks about Me, and I am with him as he remembers Me. And if he remembers Me in his heart, I also remember him in My Heart, and if he remembers Me in assembly I remember him in assembly, better than his (remembrance), and if he draws near Me by the span of a palm, I draw near him by the cubit, and if he draws near Me by the cubit I draw near him by the space (covered by) two hands. And if he walks towards Me, I rush towards him". (Muslim, Book 035, Number 6471)

BEST TIMES TO MAKE DUA

There are certain times Dua is more likely to be accepted by Allah (SWT) as mentioned by Prophet (pbuh). Some of these times are as follows:

1. THE LAST THIRD OF THE NIGHT
   The Prophet (pbuh) said: "When it is the last third of the night, our Allah (SWT), the Blessed, the Superior, descends every night to the heaven of the world and says, 'Is there anyone who invokes Me (demand anything from Me), that I may respond to his invocation; Is there anyone who asks Me for something that I may give (it to) him; Is there anyone who asks My forgiveness that I may forgive him?'"
   (Bukhari, Volume 8, Book 75, Number 333)

2. AN HOUR ON FRIDAY
   The Prophet (pbuh) said, "On Friday there is a particular time. If a Muslim happens to be praying and invoking Allah for something good during that time, Allah will surely fulfill his request." The Prophet (pbuh) pointed out with his hand. We thought that he wanted to illustrate how short that time was.
   (Bukhari, Volume 8, Book 75, Number 409)
   The Prophet (pbuh) said: "Seek the time in which hope is placed on Friday from after the afternoon prayer till sunset." (Al-Tirmidhi Hadith 1360)

3. THE NIGHT OF ‘QADR’ (DECREE)
   This night in Ramadan is the greatest night of the year. The Almighty Allah (SWT) said about it, "The night of Al-Qadar (Decree) is better than a thousand months." (Qur’aan 97:3)

4. THE DUA OF A MUSLIM FOR HIS MUSLIM BROTHER OR SISTER
   The Prophet (pbuh) said: "He who supplicates for his brother behind his back (in his absence), the Angel commissioned (for carrying dua to his Lord) says: Ameen, and it is for you also".
   (Muslim, Book 035, Number 6589)

5. DUA DURING THE MONTH OF RAMADAN
   The Prophet (SAW) said, "When the month of Ramadan comes, the gates of mercy are opened, and gates of Hell are locked and devils are chained". (Muslim Book 6, No. 2361)

6. A TRAVELLER’S AND A PARENT’S DUA
   The Prophet (SAW) said, three duas are answered, there being no doubt about them; that of a father, that of a traveller and that of one who has been wronged.
   (Abu Dawud Book 8, Number 1531)

GLORIFICATION OF ALLAH

"وَتَورَى الْمَلَائِكَةَ مَا بِهِمْ مِنْ ذَكْرٍ وَمَا تَورَى عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ ذَكْرٍ وَمَا تَورَى عَلَيْهِمْ وَمَا يَعْبُدُونَ"  

Quli allahumma malika almulki tutee almulka man tashao wataniAAu almulki mimman tashao wataniAAu man tashao wataAAizzu man tashao watabiAAyatu man tashao watuthillu man tashao watalAAizzun
Say: “O Allah! Possessor of the kingdom, You give the kingdom to whom You will, and you Take the kingdom from whom You will, and You endue with honour whom You will, and You humiliate whom You will. In Your hand is all good. Verily, You are able to do all things”.
   (Qur’aan: 3:26)

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) was instructed to make this dua. This verse refers to the situation of the Israelites. They had the kingdom, and Allah took it away. Israelites, who were a living nation, are turned into a spiritually dead community. Arabs, who were spiritually at the abyss, are now bustling with life with the message of Islam brought by the Prophet (pbuh). Allah (SWT) made them spiritually dead, politically and financially bankrupt, just because these people went away from Truth.

"اللهُ لَا إِلَيْهِ مَلَكُوتٌ إِلَّا كَانُوا لَا يَعْبُدُونَ"  

Huwa Allahumma alaAAawlaAAawlaAAawlaAAaAdhaaAAaAdhunAAaAdhun
"O Allah, none can bring goodness except You and none can remove evil except You; and there is no power and strength except with Your help". (Abu Dawud, Book 29, No. 3909)

"هَوَيْنَا لَهُ الْكِتَابُ وَلَا إِلَيْهِ مَلَكُوتٌ إِلَّا كَانُوا لَا يَعْبُدُونَ"  

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"Allah is He, than Whom there is no other god- the Sovereign, the Holy One, the Source of Peace (and Perfection), the Guardian of Faith, the Preserver of Safety, the Exalted in Might, the Irresistible, the Supreme: Glory to Allah. (High is He) above the partners they attribute to Him".
   (Qur’aan: 59:23)
THANKING ALLAH

Waith taaththana rabbukum lain shakartum laazeedannakum walain kafartum inna AAathabee lashadeedun

And remember! Your Lord caused to be declared (publicly): “If you are grateful, I will add more (favours) unto you, But if you show ingratitude, truly My punishment is terrible indeed.”

(Qur’aan: 14:7)

Hatha min fadli rabbee liyabluwanee aashkuru am akfuru waman shakara fainnama yashkuru linafsii wa man kafara fainna rabbee ghaniyyn kareemun

“This is by the Grace of my Lord! To test me whether I am grateful or ungrateful! And if any is grateful, truly his gratitude is (a gain) for his own soul, but if any is ungrateful, truly my Lord is Free of all Needs, Supreme in Honour!”

(Qur’aan: 27:46)

Alhamdu lillahi allathee hadana lihatha wama kunna linahthadiyatun lawla an hadana Allah

“Praise be to Allah, who has guided us to this (felicity), never could we have found guidance, had it not been for the guidance of Allah.”

(Qur’aan: 7:43)

Rabbi aawziAAnee an ashkura niAAmtata allatee anAAaamta AAalayya waAAala waalidayya waan aAAamala salihun tardahu waaddhihi neerihatikin fayid akhbarisheen

“O my Lord! So order me that I may be grateful for Your favours, which you have bestowed on me and on my parents, and that I may work the righteousness that will please You: And admit me, by Your Grace, to the ranks of Your righteous Servants.”

(Qur’aan: 27:19)

TRUST IN ALLAH

Innee tawakkaltu AAala Allahi rabbee warabbikum ma min dabbatin illa huwa akhilun binasaytha inna rabbee AAala siratin mustaqeemin

“I put my trust in Allah, My Lord and your Lord! There is not a moving creature, but He has grasp of its fore-lock. Verily, it is my Lord that is on a straight Path”

(Qur’aan: 11:56)

Qul huwa alrrahmanu amanna bihi waAAalayhi tawakkalna fasataAAlamoona man huwa fee dalalin mubeenin

Say: “He is (Allah) Most Gracious, We have believed in Him, and on Him have we put our trust. So, soon will you know which (of us) it is that is in manifest error.”

(Qur’aan: 67:29)

Faqaloo AAala Allahi tawakkalna rabbana la tajAAalna fitnatan lilqawmi alththalimeena Wanajjina birahmatika mina alqawmi alkafireena

“They said: “In Allah do we put our trust. Our Lord! Make us not a trial for those who practise oppression. And save us by Your Mercy from those who disbelieve.”

(Qur’aan: 10:85-86)

Bismillaahi, tawakkaltu ‘alallaahi, wa laa hawla wa laa quwwata illa billaah

“In the name of Allah, I trust in Allah; there is no might and no power but in Allah.”

(Abu Dawud, Book 41, Number 5076)

The Prophet (SAW) said, “say Laa hawla wa laa quwwata illa billah, for it is one of the treasures of Paradise.”

(Bukhari, Volume 8, Book 75, Number 393)
**DEPANANCE ON ALLAH**

"For me, I have set my face, firmly and truly, towards Him Who created the heavens and the earth, and never shall I give partners to Allah."  
(Qur'an: 6:79)

**PROTECTION FROM SHAYTAAN**

"And say: "O my Lord! I seek refuge with You from the whisperings (suggestions) of the Shayatin (devils)  "And I seek refuge with You, My Lord! lest they should come near me."  
(Qur'an: 23:97)

**BLESSINGS ON PROPHET MUHAMMED (SAW)**

"I seek refuge in the Perfect Word of Allah from the evil of what He has created,"

(Bukhari, Volume 1, Book 11, Number 588)

The Prophet (SAW) said: "He who blesses me once, Allah (SWT) would bless him ten times."

(Muslim, Book 004, Number 0808)

Say: “I seek refuge with the Lord and Cherisher of Mankind, The King (or Ruler) of Mankind, from the evil of the Whisperer (devil who whispers evil in the hearts of men) who withdraws (from his whispering in one’s heart after one remembers Allah) who whispers into the hearts of Mankind,- among Jinns and among men”. (Qur’aan: 114:1-6)

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“I seek protection for you in the Perfect Words of Allah from every devil and every beast, and from every envious blameworthy eye.” (Bukhari, Volume 4, Book 55, Number 590)

“O Earth, your Lord and my Lord is Allah I (therefore) seek His protection from your mischief and the mischief of what He has created within you and the mischief of what walks on you. And I seek Allah’s protection against lions, black cobras, snakes, scorpions. And I seek His protection from the inhabitants of this town and from every father and what he has sired”. (Bukhari, Volume 14, Number 2597)

Allaahumma ‘Aalimal-ghaib wa shahaadati faa.tiras-samaa-wati wa-ar-adi, Rabba kulli shai’inn wa maleekahu, ash-hadu allaa ilaa illa Anta, a’uthu bika min sharri nafseex, wa min sharrii shaitaan wa shirkihi, wa min sharrii shaitaan wa shirkihi, wa an agtirfa ‘alaa ilaa nafseex socaan, aw ajurrahu ila Muslimin.

“Oh Allah, Knower of the unseen and the evident, Maker of the heavens and the earth, Lord of everything and its Possessor, I bear witness that there is none worthy of worship but You. I seek refuge in you from the evil of my soul and from the evil of Satan and his helpers. (I seek refuge in You) from bringing evil upon my soul and from harming any Muslims”. (Abu Dawud, Book 41, Number 5065)

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FaAllahu khayrun hafithan wahuwa arhamu alrahimeena
"But Allah is the best to take care (of them), and He is the Most Merciful of those who show mercy!"
(Qur’aan: 12:64)

Allahumma innee a’uthu bika min al-hammi wal-hazani wal-ajzi wal-kasali wal-bukhli wal-jubni wa dhala’id-daini wa ghalaabati ri’jali.
"Oh Allah, I seek refuge in you from grief and sadness, from weakness and from laziness, from miserliness and from cowardice, from being overcome by debt and from being overpowered by men (i.e. other people)"
(Bukhari, Volume 8, Book 75, Number 380)

Rabbana ikshif AAanna alAAathaba inna muminoona
"Our Lord! remove the Penalty from us, for we do really believe!"
(Qur’aan: 44:12)

Rabbana atina min ladunka rahmatan wahayyi lana min amrina rashadon
"Our Lord! bestow on us Mercy from Yourself, and dispose of our affair for us in the right way!"
(Qur’aan: 18:10)

This dua was recited by the people of the cave, known as ashaabul kahf, when they heard the sound of advancing soldiers, while running away from the army of the cruel king, who wanted to kill them because they, as true believers, refused to worship idols.

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"Truly distress has seized me, but You are the Most Merciful of those that are Merciful."
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This dua was recited by Prophet Ayyub (pbuh). Allah (SWT) put him through severe trials by taking away his wealth, health and children. His father, a descendant of Ishaq, was a very rich man. Although poor health, disease and poverty made him weak and miserable, he never complained or showed despair. His patience and endurance became a byword for coming generations till now.

Allahumma innee a’uthu bika min al-baqi’ al-ma’rinti wa la azafta inna muminoona
"Our Lord! I seek refuge in You from the enemies of You, and from the enemies of Your religion.
You are the Best of those who invoke!"
(Qur’aan: 2:242)

This dua was recited by Prophet Ayyub (pbuh) when the inhabitants of the town of ‘Aram were readying themselves to attack his family with a great army. When the prophet said this he was grieved and distressed that he could not repel the enemy, but he tried to put his trust in Allah. He trusted in Allah’s might and power, and the fact that Allah is very merciful. Allah ordered the inhabitants of the town ‘Aram to return home, so they could not harm the prophet’s family.

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"Oh Allah, I hope for Your mercy. Do not leave me to myself even for the blinking of an eye (i.e. a moment). Correct all of my affairs for me. There is none worthy of worship but You”  
(Abu Dawud, Book 41, Number 5071)

Qala rabbi ohkum bi alhaqqi warabbuna alrrahmanu almustaanu AAala ma tasifoon  
Say: “O my Lord! judge Thou in truth!” “Our Lord Most Gracious is the One Whose assistance should be sought against the blasphemies you utter!”  
(Qur’aan: 21:112)

Prophet Muhammad (SAW) made this dua. This dua confirms Allah (SWT) as the ultimate Judge of truth and that He alone will protect us against blasphemies uttered by non-believers.

GENERAL WELL BEING

Waqul rabbi adkhilnee mudkhala sidqin waakhrijnee mukhraja sidqin wa ijjAl lee min ladunka sultanan naseeran  
Say: “O my Lord! Let my entry be by the Gate of Truth and Honour, and likewise my exit by the Gate of Truth and Honour; and grant me from Your Presence an authority to aid (me).”  
(Qur’aan: 17:80)

“O Allah! I beg of You blessings of entering and leaving. With Allah’s name do we enter and with Allah’s name do we leave and upon Allah, our Lord do we rely.”  
(Al-Bukhari, Volume 1, Book 4, Number 247)

“O Allah! I submit my life to You (that which is better for me in this world and in the Hereafter) if the blessing of Your pleasure is better for me.”  
(Bukhari, Volume 8, Book 75, Number 362)

"Allahumma innee a’uthu bi ridhaaka min sakhatika, wa bi mu’aa-faatika min ‘uqoobatika, wa a’uthu bika minka, laa uhsee thanaa’an ‘alaika, Anta kamaa athnaita ‘alaika. "O Allah, I seek refuge in Your pleasure from Your anger, and in Your forgiveness from Your punishment, and I seek refuge in Thee from Thee (Your anger). I cannot count Your praises, You are as You have praised Yourself.”  
(Muslim, Book 004, Number 0986)

"Allahumma aslamtu wajhi ilaika, wa fauwadtu amri ilaika, wa alja’tu Zahri ilaika rahbatan wa rahbatan ilaika. La Malja’ wa la manja minka illa ilaika. Allahumma amantu bikita-bika-l-ladhi anzalta wa bina-biya-kal ladhi arsala”  
“O Allah! I surrender to You and entrust all my affairs to You and depend upon You for Your Blessings both with hope and fear of You. There is no fleeing from You, and there is no place of protection and safety except with You O Allah! I believe in Your Book (the Qur’an) which You have revealed and in Your Prophet Muhammad (SAW) whom You have sent”.

The Prophet (SAW) said “Whenever you go to bed perform ablution like that for the prayer, lie on your right side and say this dua, then if you die on that very night, you will die with faith (i.e. or the religion of Islam).”  
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"Rabbana atina fid-dunya hasanatan wa fil ‘akhirati hasanatan waqina ‘adhaban-nar. “Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire!”  
(Qur’aan: 2:201)

"Allahumma rahmataka arjoo falaa takilnee ilaa nafsee tarfata ‘ainin, wa aslih lee sha’nee kullahu, laa ilaaha lila Anta. "Oh Allah, I hope for Your mercy. Do not leave me to myself even for the blinking of an eye (i.e. a moment). Correct all of my affairs for me. There is none worthy of worship but You”  
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O Allah, set aright my religious life which is a safeguard in all my affairs, set aright my wordly life which is a source of my maintenance, set aright my life of the hereafter unto which I am bound to return, and make my life a source of earning more and more good and make my death a refuge against all troubles.

(O Allah, I seek your protection from useless knowledge, from a heart which is not disposed to fear you, from insatiable desire, from a prayer which is not answered and I seek Your protection from all the four said evils.)

(O Allah, I seek refuge in Your pleasure from Your anger, and in Your forgiveness from Your punishment, and I seek refuge in Thee (Your anger). I cannot count Your praises, You are as You have praised Yourself.)

(O Allah, forgive all my faults and sins. O Allah, grant me reverence, a pleasant life, lawful sustenance and guide me to do virtuous deeds and to have good character. Surely, none can guide to do good deeds and have good character except You and none can prevent from bad deeds and evil character except You).

“Lord, do help me and do not help anyone else against me, grant me success and do not enable my enemy to get the better of me, do support me by Your hidden manoeuvring and do not favour my opponents in similar manner against me; grant me guidance and make it easy for me to pursue the right path and help me in the event of an enemy rising against me. My Lord,’ grant me that I remember and remain grateful to You intensely and obey You thoroughly and make me one who supplicates to You profoundly and make me one who contemplates about You with incessant tears and devotion. My Lord, accept my repentance, wash off my sins, grant my prayer, strengthen my argument, straighten my speech, guide my heart aright and quench its irritation”.

(O Allah, I am pleased with Allah as My Lord, with Islam as my religion and with Muhammad as my Prophet).
“O Allah, unite our hearts and set aright our mutual affairs, guide us to the path of peace, liberate us from darkness by Your light, save us from obscene practices whether hidden or open, bless us in our ears, eyes, hearts, wives and children and accept our repentance; verily You are Oft-returning, Merciful; and grant us that we may be grateful to You and full of praise for You for Your bounty and that we may welcome it and be pleased to fulfill Your bounty for us”.

(Prophet Muhammad (SAW), Al-Bukhari, Volume 5, Book 59, Number 345)

“O Allah, I seek Your protection from acute hunger, for it is an evil companion and from dishonesty as it indicates a bad nature.”

(Prophet Muhammad (SAW), Al-Bukhari, Volume 8, Book 1542)

“None is worthy of worship besides You. You have no partner. O Allah! I seek forgiveness from You for my sins and I seek Your mercy. O Allah! Incease me in my knowledge and let not my heart deviate after You have guided me and grant me special mercy from Your presence for You are the one who grants bounties without measure”.

(Prophet Muhammad (SAW), Al-Bukhari, Volume 41, Number 5043)

“O Allah, I seek your protection from vicious manners and actions, evil desire and diseases.”

(Prophet Muhammad (SAW), Al-Bukhari, Volume 8, Number 1549)

“O Allah. I beg of You guidance, piety, chastity and independence (from your creation).”

(Muslim, Book 035, Number 6566)
Subhaan Allaahi wa bi hamdihi, Subhaan Allaahil Adheem
“Glorified is Allah and praised is He, Glorified is Allah the Most Great”.  
(Bukhari, Volume 8, Book 75, No. 415)

The Prophet (SAW) said, “There are two expressions which are very easy for the tongue to say, but they are very heavy in the balance and are very dear to The Beneficent (Allah), and they are, ‘Subhan Allah Al-Azim and ‘Subhan Allah wa bihamdihi.”  
(Bukhari, Volume 8, Book 75, No. 415)

The Prophet (SAW) said, ‘Whoever says, ‘Subhan Allah wa bihamdihi’, one hundred times a day, will be forgiven all his sins even if they were as much as the foam of the sea.  
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“O Allah, I seek Your protection from obstinacy, hypocrisy and all bad manners.”  
(Abu Dawud, Book 8, Number 1541)

AYAT-UL-KURSI

Allahu la ilaha illa huwa alhayyu alqayyoomu la takhuthuhu sinatun wala nawmun lahu ma fee allsamawati wama fee alardhi wala yashfa’u llahillaa AQidatuhum wala yuheetoona bishayin min AQimtihi illa bima shaa wassal alAaliyyu alAAaliyyu alAAatheemu

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SEEKING KNOWLEDGE AND WISDOM

Rabbi zidnee ilma
“My Lord! Increase me in knowledge”.  
(Qur’aan: 20:114)

This dua is taught by Muhammad (SAW) by Allah (SWT) Himself. The verse relates to an instruction not to hasten with Qur’aan before it is completely revealed. While revelation of the Qur’aan was incomplete, our Prophet (SAW) was instructed to make this dua. In our situation, when our knowledge is limited about Qur’aan, we should always make this dua to understand Qur’aan more.

Rabbi hab lee hukman waalhiqnee bialssaliheena
“My Lord! Bestow wisdom on me, and join me with the righteous”.  
(Qur’aan: 26:83)

Prophet Ibrahim (pbuh) made this dua. Ibrahim (pbuh) was making dawah to his father Azar and his people. The people were disbelievers. Ibrahim (pbuh) while explaining to the people about the truth and benefits of obeying Allah (SWT), made this dua. This dua stresses that our knowledge should guide us to be righteous. We are to be righteous, not blindly, but based on sound knowledge and wisdom.

SEEKING GUIDANCE

Lain lam yahdinee rabbee laakoonanna mina alqawmi alddalleena
“Unless my Lord guide me, I shall surely be among those who go astray”.  
(Qur’aan: 6.77)

AAasa rabbee an yahdiyanee sawaa alssabeeli
“I do hope that my Lord will show me the smooth and straight Path.”  
(Qur’aan: 28.22)

Rabbana la tahdiq alladunnee baAAda ith hadaytana wahab lana min ladunik rahmatan innaka anta alwaahabu
“Our Lord! Let not our hearts deviate (from the truth) after You have guided us, but grant us mercy from You. You are the Grantors of bounties without measure”.  
(Qur’aan: 3:8)
SEEKING PROTECTION

Fatira alsamawati waalardi anta waliyyee fee alddunya waalakhirati tawaffanee (Musliman waalhiqnee bialssaliheena)

“You Creator of the heavens and the earth! You are my Protector in this world and in the Hereafter. Take You my soul (at death) as one submitting to Your will (as a (Muslim), and unite me with the righteous.”

(Qur’aan: 12:101)

Prophet Yusuf (peace be upon him) made this dua after he became the ruler of Egypt, and he met with his parents. The parents prostrated to Allah (SWT) and Yusuf (peace be upon him) realised his dream of eleven stars and the sun and the moon making obeisance to Allah (SWT).

Allaahumma innee a’uthubika an adhilla, aw udhalla, aw azilla, aw uzalla, aw adhlima, aw udhlama, aw ajihala aw yujhala ‘alayya.

“Oh Allah, I seek refuge in You lest I misguide others, or I am misguided by others, lest I cause others to err or I am caused to err, lest I abuse others or be abused, and lest I behave foolishly or meet with the foolishness of others”.

(Abu Dawud, Book 41, Number 5075)

Allaahumma innee as’alukal- ‘afwa wal- ‘aafiyata fid-dunya wa dunyayaa wa ahlee, wa maalee, Allaahum-mastur ‘auraatee, wa aamin rau’aatee, Allaahum-mahfadhni min baini yadayya, wa min khalfee, wa ‘an shimaalee, wa min fawqee, wa a’uthu bi’adhamatika an ughtaala miii tahtee

“Allah, I seek Your forgiveness and Your protection from being buried alive (under the debris of a building falling down) and from falling down (from the roof of a building), from being drowned and from being burnt, and from evil old age; and I pray to be saved from the deceit of the devil at the time of death, from dying in holy war with my back to the enemy (i.e. while I am fleeing from battle) and from death caused by the biting of venomous animals”.

(Abu Dawud, Book 8, Number 1547)

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SEEKING PATIENCE AND PERSEVERANCE

Rabbana afrigh AAalayna sabran watawaffana (Muslimeena)
“Our Lord! pour out on us patience and constancy, and cause us to die as (Muslims).”
(Qur’an: 7:126)

Wama lana alla natawakkala AAala Allahi waqad hadana subulana walanasbiranna AAala ma athaytumoona waAAala Allahi falyatawakkali almutawakkloona
“No reason have we why we should not put our trust on Allah. Indeed He Has guided us to the Ways we (follow). We shall certainly bear with patience all the hurt you may cause us. For those who put their trust should put their trust on Allah.”
(Qur’an: 14:12)

SEEKING HEALTH

Allaahummaj’al fee qalbee nooran, wa fee lisaanee nooran, waj’al fee sam’e nooran, waj’al fee basaree nooran, waj’al min khaffe nooran, wa min amaamee nooran, waj’al min fauqee nooran, wa min tahtee nooran, Allaahum-ma a’tinee nooran.

"Oh Allah, place light in my heart, and on my tongue, in my ears, in my eyes, and shed it at the back of me, in front of me, above me and beneath me. O Allah! Grant me light.”
(Bukhari, Volume 8, Book 75, Number 328)

Allahuhamma ‘aafinee fee badanee, Allaahumma ‘aafinee fee sam’e, Allaahumma ‘aafinee fee basaree, laa laa ha ila Anta. Allaahumma innee a’uthu bi a’uthu bi almu’taabi ul qi’ba laa laa ha ila Anta.

“O Allah, I seek Your protection from the mischief of my ears, eyes, tongue, heart and semen” (i.e. sexual passion).
(Abu Dawud, Book 8, Number 1546)
SEEKING WEALTH

WaAllahu khayru alrraziqeena
"Allah is the Best to provide (for all needs)".
(Qur'aan: 62:11)

Inna alfadla biyadii Allahi yuteehi man yashao waAllahu walsu'Aun AAaleemun
"All bounties are in the hand of Allah. He grants them to whom He pleases, And Allah cares
for all, and He knows all things.
(Qur'aan: 3:73)

Whqala irkaboo feeaha bismi Allahi majraha wamursaha inna rabbee laghafoorun raheem
So he said: "Embark ye on the Ark, In the name of Allah, whether it move or be at rest! For
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WHEN TRAVELLING

Subhanalla-thee sakh-khara-lana haatha wa-ma kun-na lahoo muqrineena wa inna ila Rabbina la-
mun-qali-boon.
"Glory be to Him (Allah) Who has brought this (vehicle) under our control though we were
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(Qur'aan: 43:13)

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**WEARING NEW GARMENT**

Allahumma lakal hamdu kama kasatu'ihi, as-saluka khayrahu wa-khayra ma-suni'a lahu wa-a'u-dhu bika min sharrihi wa-sharri ma-suni'a lahu.

"Oh Allah, all praise and thanks to You for clothing me with this (garment). I ask You for the good of it and the good of what it was made for, and I ask Your protection from the evil of it and the evil of what it was made for."

(Abu Dawud Book 32, Number 4009: Tirmidhi (59) Hadith Number 7)

**DUAS FOR SPEECH**

Qala rabbi ishrah lee sadree. Wayassir lee amree. Waohlul AAuqdatan min lisanee. Yafqahoo qawlee

"Oh My Lord! Open for me my chest (grant me self-confidence, contentment, and boldness). And ease my task for me; And loose the knot (the defect) from my tongue, That they may understand my speech"

(Qur'aan: 20:26)

Prophet Musa (pbuh) made this dua while proceeding to the court of Firawn for the arguments. In this dua, there is a request to increase one’s knowledge base – an important requirement for arguments. The second request is to remove physical limitations or limitation of resources. The third request is to allow him make lucid, easy to understand arguments. As we know, Musa (pbuh) was successful in the Firawn’s court and the wise men in the court had accepted the truth.

**DUAS FOR PARENTS**

Rabbana ighfir lee waliwalidayya waaliman dakhala baytiya muminan waalimuminati waal tadizi aliththalimeena illa tabaran

"O my Lord! Forgive me, my parents, all who enter my home as a believer, and (all) believing men and believing women: and to the wrong-doers grant You no increase but destruction!"

(Qur'aan: 71:28)

**DUAS FOR OFFSPRING**

Rabbi hab lee mina alssaliheena

"O my Lord! Grant me (offspring) from the righteous"

(Qur'aan: 37:100)

Rabbana waijAAalna (Muslimayni laka wamin thurriyyatina ommatan (Muslimatan laka warina manaskana watub AAalayna innaka anta alttawwabu alrraheemu

"Our Lord! Make of us (Muslims, bowing to Your (Will), and of our offspring a nation submissive unto You, and show us our Manasik (all the ceremonies of pilgrimage – Hajj and Umrah) and accept our repentance. Truly You are the One Who accepts repentance, the Most Merciful."

(Qur'aan: 2:128)

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"O My Lord! grant me that I should be grateful for Your favor which You have bestowed on me and my parents, and that I should do good such as You are pleased and do good to me in respect of my offspring; surely I turn to You, and truly I submit (toYou) in Islam."

(Qur'aan: 46:15)

Rabbi irhamhuma kama rabbayanee sagheeran

"My Lord! Bestow on them Your Mercy as they did bring me up when I was young."

(Qur'aan: 17:24)

Rabbana ighfir lee waalimuminaya yawma yaqoomu alhisabu

"O our Lord! Forgive me and my parents, and (all) Believers, on the Day that the Reckoning will be established!"

(Qur'aan: 14:41)

This is a dua made by Prophet Ibrahim (pbuh). He had offered this dua for protection from Hell-fire. This is an extraordinary dua where Ibrahim (pbuh) is not only asking for him and his parents, but for all the believers. This should be an example for us to include other believers in our duas so that Allah (SWT) grants His mercy to all Muslims.

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"Our Lord! Forgive, in Your mercy, the Muslims who do good, and who believe in the Oneness of Allah, and do good and do not associate partners with Allah. And let the prayer be accepted from us, the Muslims, the righteous ones."

(Qur'aan: 2:89)

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(Qur’aan: 2:128)
Prophet Zakariya (pbuh) made this dua. Maryam was entrusted with Zakariya as a guardian. When Maryam grew up in purity and devoutness, Zakariya longed for such a child for himself, a child who would be pure, virtuous and honourable as Maryam.

Wainnee khiftu almawliya min waraee wakanati imraatee AAaqiran fahab lee min ladunka waliyyan
"Now I fear (what) my relatives (and colleagues) (will do) after me: but my wife is barren: so give me an heir as from Yourself".                                                                     (Qur’aan 19:5)

As a parent of Ismail and Ishaq, Prophet Ibrahim (pbuh) supplicated to Allah (SWT) to make him steadfast in his Salaat. He also asked to make his offspring steadfast in their Salaat.

**DUAS FOR FINDING A SUITABLE SPOUSE**

> “Glory to Allah, Who created in pairs all things that the earth produces, as well as their own (human) kind and (other) things of which they have no knowledge”. (Qur’aan: 36:36)

Subhana allathee khalaqa alazwaja kullaha mimma tunbitu alardu wamin anfusihim wamimma la yaAAalamoon

Bismillah, Allahumma jannibna-sh-shaitan, wa jannibi-sh-shaitan ma razaqtana
"In the name of Allah. O Allah! Protect us from Satan and also protect what you bestow upon us". (Bukhari, Volume 8, Book 75, Number 397)
SORTING OUT DIFFERENCES

Allamunna yaqooloona: "Rabbana innana amanna faighfir lana thunoobana waqina AAathaba alnnari

"Our Lord! We have indeed believed: forgive us our sins, and save us from the punishment of the Fire"

(Qur'aan: 3:16)

SEEKING VICTORY OVER ENEMIES

Walamma barazoo lijalota wajunoodihi qaloo rabbana afrigh AAalayna sabran walhabbit aqdamama waonsurna AAala alqawmi alkafireena

“O our Lord! Bestow on us patience and set firm our feet and make us victorious over the disbelieving people”.

(Qur’aan: 2:250)

When Talut (Saul) marched with his soldiers to confront Jalut (Goliath), the small force of Talut including Dawud made this dua. Jalut's army was larger than Talut's. But on Talut’s side was Allah (SWT) since Talut was marching to establish a kingdom in the name of Allah (SWT). In the war, Talut’s forces fought with the authority of Allah (SWT), in a response to this dua. Dawud killed Jalut, and Allah (SWT) gave Dawud the kingdom and wisdom.

Qala rabbi onsurnee AAala alqawmi almufsideena

"O my Lord! Help You me against people who do mischief!"

(Qur’aan: 29:30)
Rabbana la tajAAalna fitnatan lillatheena kafaroo waighfir lana rabbana innaka anta alAAazeezu alhakeemu
“Our Lord! Make us not a (test and) trial for the disbelievers, but forgive us, our Lord! Verily, You, only You, are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.” (Qur’aan: 60:5)

Rabbana faighfir lana thunoobana wakaffir AAanna sayyiatina watawaffana maAAa alabrari
“Our Lord! Forgive us our sins, blot out from us our iniquities, and take to Yourself our souls in the company of the righteous”. (Qur’aan: 3:193)

Rabbana AAalayka tawakkalna wailayka anabna wailayka almaseeru
“Our Lord! In You we have placed our trust, and to You do we turn in repentance, for unto You is the end of all journeys”. (Qur’aan: 60:4)

Qala rabbana thalamna anfusana wain lam taghfir lana watarhamna lanakoonanna mina alkhasireena
“Our Lord! We have wronged our own souls: If you forgive us not and bestow not upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be lost”. (Qur’aan: 7:23)

Qala rabbi innee aAAoothu bika an asalaka ma laysa lee bihi AAilmun waallahy waqaf fir lee watarhammna akun mina akhasireena
Noah said: “O my Lord! I do seek refuge with You, lest I ask You for that of which I have no knowledge. And unless You forgive me and have Mercy on me, I should indeed be lost!” (Qur’aan: 11:47)

Prophet Nuh (pbuh) had requested Allah (SWT) to save his sinner son at the tie of Great Deluge on the pretext of he being a member of his family. He had made this request out of fatherly love for his son. But the son being a sinner and rejector of faith, was not to be saved. Allah (SWT) admonishes Nuh (pbuh) not to ask about which he has no knowledge. This dua is to be made to show humility in our mind and seek forgiveness and guidance from Allah (SWT).
PROTECTION FROM TRIALS OF THE HEREAFTER

Waallatheena yaqooloona rabbana AAanna AAathaba jannahama inna AAathabaha kana gharaman
“Our Lord! Avert from us the Wrath of Hell, for its Wrath is indeed an affliction grievous -
Evil indeed is it as an abode, and as a place to rest in”. (Qur’aan: 25:65)

Rabbana wasiAAta kulla shayin rahmatan waAAilman faighfir lillatheena taboo waittabaAAoo
saveelaka waqihim AAathaba aljaheemi
“Our Lord! You comprehend all things in Mercy and Knowledge. Forgive, then, those who
turn in Repentance, and follow Your Path; and save them from the torment of the Blazing
Fire!” (Qur’aan: 40:7)

Rabbana waadkhilhum jannati AAadnin allatee waAAadtahum waman salaha min abaihim
waazwajihim wathurriyyatihim innaka anta alAAazeezu alhakeemu
“And grant, our Lord! that they enter the Gardens of Eternity, which You hast promised to
them, and to the righteous among their fathers, their wives, and their posterity! For You art
(He), the Exalted in Might, Full of Wisdom”. (Qur’aan: 40:8)

Allahumma innee a'uthu bika min athaabil-qabri, wa min 'athaabi jahannama, wa min fitnatil-
mahyaa wal-mamaati, wa min sharri fitnatil-maseehid-dajjaal.
“O Allah! I seek refuge in You from the punishment of the grave, and from the
punishment of Hell-fire, and from the trials of life and death, and from the evil of the trial of
Dajjaal”. (Bukhari, Volume 6, Book 60, Number 230)
ISTIKHARA PRAYER

Allahuma innee astakheeruka bu-ilmika, wa astaqdiruka biqudra-tika, wa as'aluka min fadhlikal Adheem, fa innaka taqdiru wa laa aqdiru, wa ta'lamu, wa laa a'lamu, wa Anta 'Allaamul Ghuyoobi; Allahumma in kunta ta 'lamu anna haathal-amra,- (then mention the thing to be decided) Khairun lee fee deenee wa ma'aashee wa 'aaqibati amree — (or say)— Aajilihi wa aajilihi. Faqdurhu lee wa yassirhu lee thumma baarik lee feehi wa in kunta ta'lamu anna haathal-amra sharrun lee fee deenee wa ma'aashee wa 'aaqibati amree — (or say) — 'Aajilihi wa aajilihi. Fasrifhu 'annee wasrinee 'anhu waqdur liyal-khaira haithu kaana thumma ardhinee bihi.

"Oh Allah, I seek the counsel of Your knowledge, and I seek the help of Your omnipotence and I beseech You for Your magnificent grace. Surely You are Capable and I am not. You know and I know not, and You are the Knower of the unseen. Oh Allah, if You know that this matter (then mention the thing to be decided) is good for me in my religion and in my life and for my welfare in the life to come, — (or say: in this life and the afterlife) — then ordain it for me and make it easy for me, then bless me in it. And if You know that this matter is bad for me in my religion and in my life and for my welfare in the life to come, — (or say: in this life and the afterlife) then distance it from me, and distance me from it, and ordain for me what is good wherever it may be, and help me to be content with it."

(Bukhari Volume 2, Book 21, Number 263)

TAHAJJUD PRAYER

"O Allah! All the praises are for you, You are the Holder of the Heavens and the Earth, And whatever is in them. All the praises are for You; You have the possession of the Heavens and the Earth And whatever is in them. All the praises are for You; You are the Light of the Heavens and the Earth And all the praises are for You; You are the King of the Heavens and the Earth; And all the praises are for You; You are the Truth and Your Promise is the truth, And to meet You is true, Your Word is the truth And Paradise is true And Hell is true And all the Prophets (Peace be upon them) are true; And Muhammad is true, And the Day of Resurrection is true. O Allah ! I surrender (my will) to You; I believe in You and depend on You. And repent to You, And with Your help I argue (with my opponents, the non-believers) And I take You as a judge (to judge between us). Please forgive me my previous And future sins; And whatever I concealed or revealed And You are the One who make (some people) forward And (some) backward. There is none to be worshipped but you . Sufyan said that 'Abdul Karim Abu Umaiya added to the above, 'Wala haula Wala quwata illa billah' (There is neither might nor power except with Allah)".

(Bukhari Volume 2, Book 21, Number 221)