

The Spiritual Pharmacy

We present Part V in the series of continuing articles on supplications for all times and places.

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Supplication to be Protected During a Journey

Just before a person proceeds on a journey, the following supplication should be recited three times in his or her right ear and then three times in his or her left ear so that Inshā-Allāh, one will return back home safely:

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ. إِنَّ الَّذِي فَرَضَ عَلَيْكَ الْقُرْآنَ لَرَأْدُكَ إِلَى مَعَادِ فَآلِلَهُ خَيْرٌ حَافِظًا وَهُوَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

Supplication to Have a Speedy

Reply to a Letter Written

It has been narrated from Imām Mūsā ibn Ja'far al-Kāzīm ؑ that he said: *When you intend to write a letter and need to get a fast reply to it, then on the top of your letter, write the following Duā:*

وَعَدَ اللَّهُ الصَّابِرِينَ الْمُخْرَجَ مِمَّا يَكْرَهُونَ وَالرَّزْقَ مِنْ حَيْثُ لَا يَحْتَسِبُونَ جَعَلْنَا اللَّهُ إِلْيَاكُمْ مِنَ الَّذِينَ لَا خَوْفٌ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا هُمْ يَحْزَنُونَ

Supplication for Asking Forgiveness

The Angel Jibrā'il brought this duā to the Prophet ﷺ who was instructed to teach it to his Ummah and it has been narrated that whoever recites it, writes it and keeps it with ones' self will have a great return (from Allāh).

اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَيْنَا وَارْفَعْ عَنَّا بَلَايَانَا يَا رَوْوْفُ لَسْبِكَ إِشْفَعُ لَبَيْكَ وَارْحَمْ لَبَيْكَ وَأَنَّ اللَّهَ يَبْعَثُ مَنْ فِي الْقُبُورِ وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى خَيْرِ خَلْقِهِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا دَائِمًا أَبَدًا بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

Supplication to Have One's Repentance Accepted

It has been narrated from Imām Muḥammad ibn 'Ali al-Bāqir ؑ that the 'words' which Prophet Ādam ؑ was taught through which he asked forgiveness from Allāh ﷻ and it was accepted are the following:

اللَّهُمَّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ. سُبْحَانَكَ وَبِحَمْدِكَ إِنِّي عَمِلْتُ سُوءًا وَ

ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي فَاغْفِرْ لِي إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ. لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ وَبِحَمْدِكَ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي فَاغْفِرْ لِي إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْغَافِرِينَ.

A Great Supplication from Prophet Dawūd

While Prophet Dawūd ؑ was busy supplicating to Allāh ﷻ and praising Him, the revelation came to Prophet Dawūd ؑ from Allāh that he had put the Two Noble Angels (Kirām al-Kātibin) into much difficulty in trying to write down the reward (thawāb) for this supplication:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ دَائِمًا مَعَ دَوَامِكَ وَ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ بَاقِيًا مَعَ بَقَائِكَ وَ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ خَالِدًا مَعَ خُلُودِكَ وَ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ كَمَا يَنْبَغِي لِكَرَمِ وَحْهَكَ وَ عِزِّ جَلَالِكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ.

A Powerful Supplication by which Prophet Isā ؑ was Lifted Up Into the Heavens

It has been narrated from Imām Ja'far ibn Muḥammad as-Sādiq ؑ that the Prophet ﷺ had said: *"The Jews had joined together to murder Isā ibn Mariam ؑ when the Angel Jibra'il covered him with his wings. When Prophet Isā looked up, he saw a supplication written on the inside of the wing of Jibra'il."*

The Prophet of Islām ﷺ then said, *"I swear by Allāh who holds my life in His hands, there is not a single believer who recites this supplication with sincerity except that the Noble 'Arsh and the seven Heavens and the seven Earths shake and Allāh the Most High says to his Angels: 'You bear witness that I have accepted this person's supplication and whatever he wants in this world and in the Hereafter, I have granted it unto him.'"*

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَدْعُوكَ بِاسْمِكَ الْوَاحِدِ الْأَعَزِّ. وَ أَدْعُوكَ: اللَّهُمَّ بِاسْمِكَ الصَّمَدِ. وَ أَدْعُوكَ: اللَّهُمَّ بِاسْمِكَ الْكَبِيرِ الْعَظِيمِ الْوَتَّوْرِ. وَ أَدْعُوكَ: بِاسْمِكَ الْكَبِيرِ الْمُتَعَالِ الَّذِي تَبَّتْ أَرْكَانُكَ كُلُّهَا أَنْ تَكْشِفَ عَنِّي مَا أَصْبَحْتُ وَ أَمْسَيْتُ فِيهِ.