

## DU'A IN THE EVENT OF EXTREME DANGER

Hadrat Abu Sa'id al-Khudri (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the battle of Trench, they asked ALLAAH's messenger whether there was anything they could repeat, for their hearts were in their mouths. He replied that there was, they could say,

اللَّهُمَّ اسْتُرْ عَوْرَاتِنَا وَامِنْ رَوْعَاتِنَا

'O ALLAAH! Cover our danger points and give security from fears'. He said that ALLAAH then sent a wind in the faces of the enemies and ALLAAH routed them by the wind. [Musnad Ahmad-Mishkat]

## NIGHTMARES

Hadrat Abdullah bin Amir bin al-As (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Prophet said: If anyone of you had a dreadful dream, then he should say:

أَعُوذُ بِكَلِمَاتِ اللَّهِ التَّامَّاتِ مِنْ غَضَبِهِ وَعَذَابِهِ  
وَمِنْ شَرِّ عِبَادِهِ وَمِنْ هَمَزَاتِ الشَّيَاطِينِ وَإِنْ يُحْمَرُنِ

(I seek refuge in complete words of ALLAAH from His wrath, from His chastisement, from the wickedness of His servants, from the Whisperings of the Devils and from their coming to me. The messenger of ALLAAH (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) further said that thereafter the devils will not be able to harm him in the least. [Ma'riful Hadis]

## A COMPREHENSIVE DU'A (SUPPLICATION)

Hadrat Abu Umam (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: The Prophet has taught us many supplications which we could not retain in our memory. So we said to him, 'O messenger of ALLAAH, you have told us a number of prayers which we have not been able to remember, (i.e. we wish to make a supplication embracing all these suplications). What

should we do? He replied, I tell you now a Salaah that will cover all of them. Say:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا سَأَلَكَ مِنْهُ نَبِيُّكَ مُحَمَّدٌ  
صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا اسْتَعَاذَ مِنْهُ  
نَبِيُّكَ مُحَمَّدٌ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ وَأَنْتَ الْمُسْتَعَانُ  
وَعَلَيْكَ الْمَبْرَءُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ

'O ALLAAH, I ask Thee all good that Thy Prophet Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) has asked Thee, and seek Thy refuge from all evils form which Thy Prophet Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) has sought Thy refuge. Thou art the One whose help is to be implored and achievement of anything rests on Thy will. There is no power or strength except ALLAAH. [Tirmizi-Ma'riful Hadis]

### QUNUTE-e-NAZILA

In the event of a general calamity, e.g. famine, epidemic, attack by an enemy, the following should be recited in the second rakah of Fajr Salaah after the ruku? If the Imam (leader) recites it, the followers should say Ameen shortly after every phrase.

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي فِي مَنْ هَدَيْتَ وَعَافِنِي فِي مَنْ عَافَيْتَ  
وَتَوَلَّنِي فِي مَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ وَبَارِكْ لِي فِي مَا آتَيْتَ وَقِنِي  
شَرِّ مَا قَضَيْتَ فَإِنَّكَ تَقْضِي وَلَا يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ وَإِنَّهُ  
لَا يَذِلُّ مَنْ وَالَيْتَ وَلَا يَعِزُّ مَنْ عَادَيْتَ تَبَارَكْتَ رَبَّنَا  
وَتَعَالَيْتَ نَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَنُؤَيِّبُ إِلَيْكَ وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ  
عَلَى النَّبِيِّ (حصن حصين)

(O ALLAAH! Show me the path of those whom Thou has guided and give me the solace and help me as Thou help those whom Thou helpst, and bless me in what Thou has given unto me, and protect from that which Thou has pre-ordained, for decree lies with Thee alone and surely on whom you hold in friendship cannot be disgraced and thy opponent cannot be

honoured. Thou art the Blessed, the Exalted. We ask Thy pardon and turn to Thee in repentance. And may ALLAAH bless the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) [Hisne-Hasin]

### THE EXTRAORDINARY REWARD FOR REMEMBRANCE OF ALLAAH IN THE DARKEING ATMOSPHERE OF THE MARKET

Hadrat 'Umar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) has narrated that the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said; if a servant of ALLAAH goes to the bazaar and in its tumultuous atmosphere and hue and cry he says (with a sincere heart):

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ  
وَلَهُ الْحَمْدُ يُحْيِي وَيُمِيتُ وَهُوَ حَيٌّ لَا يَمُوتُ  
بِيَدِهِ الْخَيْرُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

"There is no God other than ALLAAH, who is One and has no partner, the owner of absolute Sovereignty and praise who gives life and death, who is ever living and never dying, in whose hand is all good and who has power over all things. Then thousands of good deeds will be recorded for him and thousands of sins will be forgiven by ALLAAH, who will also build a magnificent place for him."

[Tirmizi-Ma'riful Hadis & Ibn Majah]

### CURATIVE AYAT

Imam Abul Qasim Qushiri (ALLAAH have mercy on him) has been reported as saying: One of my children fell ill and his illness reached a point that he was about to die. At this stage, I saw the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) in dream and told him about the condition of my child. The Prophet said, "Why do you keep away from the curative ayat? Why don't you make use of them and beseech cure. I woke up and began to ponder over the matter. I found curative verses at six places in the Holy QURAN. These are:

1. وَيَشْفِي صُدُورَ قَوْمٍ مُّؤْمِنِينَ

(And he heals the breasts of the believing people).

[9/14]

2. وَشِفَاءٌ لِّمَا فِي الصُّدُورِ

(And a cure for that which is in the breasts). [10/57]

3. يُخْرِجُ مِنْ بَطُونِهَا شَرَابٌ مُّخْتَلِفٌ  
الْوَانَةُ فِيهِ شِفَاءٌ لِّلنَّاسِ

(There issues from their bodies a drink of varying colors, wherein is a cure for men). [16/69]

4. وَنَزَّلْنَا مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ مَاءً  
شِفَاءً وَرَحْمَةً لِّلْمُؤْمِنِينَ

(And we reveal in the Quran that which is a cure and a mercy for believers). [17/82]

5. وَإِذَا مَرِضْتُ فَهُوَ يَشْفِينِي

(And when I fall ill, he heals me). [26/80]

6. قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي أَنْوَاهَدِي وَشِفَاءً

(Say it is guidance and a balm for those who believe)

[41/44]

I wrote these ayat and dissolved the writing in water and made the child drink it. The child got instantly healed as if fetters had been removed from his feet.

[Madarijun Nubuwah]

**AS-SALAT-UW-AS-SALAM  
BLESSINGS ON THE PROPHET  
AND SALUTATION**

Allah has said:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

ALLAAH and His angels shower blessings on the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam). O ye who believe! Invoke blessings on him salute him with a worthy salutation. [33/56]

The Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) has said: If anyone recites durud i.e. invites blessings on me near my grave, I hear it personally. If anyone recites it at a distance, the angels bring it to me. [Baihaqi...]

The Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) has said: If anyone recites durud to me in a book, then the angels will continue to invoke blessings on him so long as my name remains in the book. As and when the name of the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) is mentioned in the Friday sermon or the khateeb recites the following ayah:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

One should say in his heart without moving the tongue, (May ALLAAH bless him and greet him).

[Dur-e-Mukhtar]

it has been stated in Dur-e-Mukhtar that moving the limbs and rising the voice while reciting durud-sharif is lack of knowledge. This means that it is not appropriate to sit in a circle after the Salaah and recite durud in a loud voice. While writing the name of the Prophet ﷺ - (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) should be written in full. There should be no abbreviation like (صلعم) or ص. The addition of the prefix سيدنا (our leader) is mustahabb (commendable) and afzal (preferable). [Dur-e-Mukhtar]

According to Imam Tahavi (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) if the name of the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) is mentioned again and again in a session, then it is incumbent both on the speaker and the listener to recite durud everytime. But the verdict of the doctors of law is that it is wajib (incumbent) only

once and mustahabb on subsequent occasions.

It is makruh (undesirable) to say durud in Salaah at stages other than the last tashahud. [Dur-e-Mukhtar]

It is permissible to recite durud without wudu (ablution) but to do so with ablution is نور علی نور light upon light.

It occurs in a tradition that the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said: Invoke blessings on me on Friday extensively as angels attend it and this durud is presented to me. [Ibn Majah-Abu Dawud]

Abu Hafs Ibn Shahin (ALLAAH be merciful on him) narrated on the authority of Hadrat Anas that the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said: If one of you recites durud a thousands times he will not breathe his last until he has seen his place in Paradise. [Sa'ayah-Zadua Said]

Hadrat Umar bin al-Khattab (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) said, The supplication remains suspended between heaven and earth, none of it ascending till you invoke blessing on your Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam). [Mishkat]

The above mentioned tradition has also been reported by Hadrat Ali (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) [Mu'jm-I-Ausat-Tabarani]

## **BLESSING ON THE PROPHET AND ITS EXCELLENCE**

Hadrat Anas (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) has narrated ALLAAH's messenger (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) as saying: If anyone invokes a blessing on me once, ALLAAH will grant him ten blessings, then sins will be remitted from him, and he will be raised ten degrees." [Nasai-Mishkat]

Hadrat Ka'b-bin-Ujra (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that one day the messenger of ALLAAH

asked us to get close to him and we did accordingly. (He said whatever he had to say and began to ascend the mimber (pulpit) when he set his foot on the first step, he said Ameen. When he set his foot on the second step, he again said, Ameen. When he set his foot on the 3rd step, he again said, Ameen. Then he said whatever he had to say: and as he came down the mimber we submitted, "O messenger of ALLAAH! We have today heard something from you that we did not hear before. (I.e. saying Ameen on every step while going up the mimber). He replied, when I put my foot on the mimber (first step). Hadrat Jibraeel (Alaihi Sallam) came upon me and said,

1. 'Woe be to the wretched who finds the month of Ramadan and (in this sacred month) his pardon remains undecided, On this I said Ameen. Then when I replaced my foot on the second step then he (Jibraeel عليه السلام) said:

2. 'Woe be to the wretched who does not invoke a blessing on me when I am mentioned in his presence.' On this I said Ameen. Thereafter when I placed my foot on the 3rd step, he (Jibraeel عليه السلام) said,

3. 'Woe be to the man one or both of whose parents have reached old age without causing him to enter paradise.' On this also I said Ameen.

[Mishkat, Tirmizi-Hakim]

Hadrat Ibn Mas'ud (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said, "The one who will be nearest to me on the day of resurrection will be the one who invoked most blessings on me. [Tirmizi-Mishkat]

Hadrat Abu Bakr (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated as saying: Invoking blessings on the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) is more effective for washing away one's sins and making one clean than

cold water is for extinguishing fire. Invoking blessing on the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) is more meritorious than setting the slaves free. In short, invoking blessings on the Prophet is the source of illumination and blessing on the Prophet is the source of good fortune and bliss. Many mystic guides who were very particular in this regard have been blessed with high rewards from ALLAAH. Some of such guides (ALLAAH be merciful on them) have said: When there is no Murshid-e-Kamil (perfect spiritual guide) available to guide him, one should make it incumbent on himself to invoke blessings on the Prophet. This is a method by which a talib (Seeker) becomes Wasil-ba-haq (Union with ALLAAH). This turning to the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and Salat-o-salam will be the best guide to acquire the noble manners and customs of the Prophet, and attain the highest perfection and nearness to ALLAAH. It will also win him the nearness of the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam).  
[Madarijun Nubuwah]

Some mystic guides advise that one should recite suratul-ikhlas (Cxii) and at the same time invoke blessings on the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam). They further say that recitation of suratul-ikhlas (Cxii) leads to marifah (معرفة) or knowledge of ALLAAH while one who invokes blessings on the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) (durud) extensively, is blessed with the Prophets love and association. And, whoever invokes blessings on the Prophet Profusely, will surely be blessed with the vision of the Prophet both in the waking and in the dream. [Sheikh Imam Ali Muttaqi's Da'watul Kabir, Tirmizi-Madarijun Nubuwah]

Hadrat Talha (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that one day ALLAAH's messenger was coming with a cheerful look on his face and saying: (Jibrael عليه السلام came to me and told me that my Lord says, "Does it not please you, Muhammad, that none of your people will invoke a blessing on you without my blessing him ten times, and that none of your people will give



you a greeting without my greeting him ten times?"  
[Nasai-Darimi]

Hadrat Ubayy bin Ka'b (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) told ALLAAH's messenger (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) that he frequently invoked blessing on him and asked how much of his prayer (du'a he should devote to him. He replied that he might devote as much time as he wished and when he suggested a quarter, he said, "whatever you wish but if you increase it that will be better for you." He suggested a half and he replied, "Whatever you wish, but if you will increase it that will be better for you." He suggested two thirds and he replied, "Whatever you wish, but if you will increase it will be good for you." He then suggested devoting all his prayer (Dua) to him and he replied. "Then you will be freed from care and your sins will be expiated."

[Tirmizi]

## BLESSING OF DURUD

The most attractive and charming aspect of the durud is that through it, the lovers of the Prophet can be blessed with a vision of him. Certain forms of Salat (durud) have been in the daily routine of pious and devoted persons of high eminence. Sheikh 'Abdul Haqq of Delhi (محدث) has mentioned in his Targhibus-salat: One should day two rak'ahs of nafi prayers on Friday night. In each rak'ah, he should recite the ayatul-Kursi (Throne ayah) eleven times after Salam (salutation) he should recite the under mentioned durud:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَآلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

(O ALLAAH! Bless Muhammad, the Prophet who could neither read nor write, and on his family on his companions, and grant Thy peace on them).

The said Sheikh has also mentioned: If anyone performs two rak'ahs and recites in each rak'ah

suratul-ikhlas, twenty five times and after salam says the following durud, a thousand times, then he will be blessed with a vision of the Prophet.

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ (زاد السعيد)

May ALLAAH bless the Prophet who could neither read nor write.

He has further mentioned that recitation of the following durud while going to bed will lead to a vision of the Prophet:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ بِخَيْرِ أَنْوَارِكَ وَمَعْدِنِ  
 أَسْرَارِكَ وَلِسَانِ حُجَّتِكَ وَعُرْوَةِ مَمْلَكَتِكَ وَإِمَامِ  
 حَضْرَتِكَ وَطِرَانِ مُلْكِكَ وَخَزَائِنِ رَحْمَتِكَ وَطَرِيقِ  
 شَرِيْعَتِكَ الْمُنْتَدِيَّةِ بِتَوْجِيدِكَ إِنْسَانَ عَيْنِ الْوُجُودِ  
 وَالسَّبَبِ فِي كُلِّ مَوْجُودٍ عَيْنِ أَعْيَانِ خَلْقِكَ  
 الْمُتَقَدِّمِ مِنْ نُورِ ضِيَائِكَ صَلَوَةً تَدْوُمُ  
 بِدَوَامِكَ وَتَبْقَى بِبَقَائِكَ لَا مَنْتَهَى لَهَا  
 دُونَ عِلْمِكَ صَلَوَةً تُرَضِّيكَ وَتُرَضِّيهِ وَتَرْضَى  
 بِهَا عَنَّا يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ ۝

'O ALLAAH! Bless on our Syedina Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) who is the ocean of Thy light, the mine of Thy secrets, the tongue of Thy arguments, the bridegroom of Thy kingdom, the leader to Thy Presence, the treasurer of Thy mercy, the path of Thy law, the relisher of Thy oneness, the pupil of the eye of existence, the cause of all that exists, the eyes of Thy creation, the one born on the light of Thy manifestation, blessings that are co-extensive with Thy being eternal, co-exists with Thy existence, having no end other than in Thy knowledge, blessings that please Thee, please him and through which Thou art pleased with us, O Lord of All Creation"

The Sheikh has mentioned that saying the following durud a few times at the times of going to bed also brings a vision of the Prophet. (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam)

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ الْحِلِّ وَالْحَرَمِ وَرَبَّ الْبَيْتِ الْحَرَامِ وَ  
 رَبَّ الرُّكْنِ وَالْمَقَامِ اَبْلُغْ لِرُوحِ سَيِّدِنَا وَمَوْلَانَا  
 مُحَمَّدٍ مِنَّا السَّلَامَ (زاد السعيد)

'O ALLAAH! The Lord of what is to be permitted and what is to be forbidden, the Lord of Baitul Haram, Ruku and Maqam, Convey to our Syedina (Head) and master, Muhammad our greetings. [Zadus-Sa'id]

In Manahijul Hasanat, there is a quotation from Ibn-I-Fakihami's book Fajr-e-Munir that a pious old man Sheikh Saleh Musa Aziz who was blind narrated to him (Ibn-Fakihani) an event that had occurred to him once; A ship in which I was present, was about to sink. At that moment I felt drowsy, in that state, the Prophet taught me the following – durud and said, "Let the people on the ship say a thousand times." We had not yet said it even three hundred times when the ship was out of the trouble. This durud which is called Salat Tunjina is given below:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَوةً تُنَجِّنَا بِهَا مِنْ  
 جَمِيعِ الدَّهْوَالِ وَالْأَفَاتِ وَتَقْضِي لَنَا بِهَا جَمِيعَ الْحَاجَاتِ  
 وَتُطَهِّرُنَا بِهَا مِنْ جَمِيعِ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَتَرْفَعُنَا بِهَا  
 عِنْدَكَ أَعْلَى الدَّرَجَاتِ وَتُبَلِّغُنَا بِهَا أَقْصَى الْغَايَاتِ  
 مِنْ جَمِيعِ الْخَيْرَاتِ فِي الْحَيَوةِ وَبَعْدَ الْمَمَاتِ إِنَّكَ  
 عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

'O ALLAAH! Bless our Sayid Muhammad and through those blessings, save us from all fear and disaster, grant us all our needs, remove all evil from us, raise us to high ranks near Thyself, make us attain all good in this world and after death, for Thou hast power over all things. The blessings of this durud are

innumerable. It gives protections from all ills and epidemics, and gives the heart a peculiar serenity and repose. It has been in the daily routine of many pious and devoted men.'

[Zadus Sa'id]

Hadrat Abu Hurairah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated, ALLAAH's messenger as saying, "If anyone invokes a blessing on Muhammad saying

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَانزلهُ المقعدَ المُقَرَّبَ عِنْدَكَ

'O ALLAAH! Cause him to occupy the place near Thee on the day of resurrection, he will be guaranteed my intercession'. [Ahmad]

Rawifi-bin Sabit (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated ALLAAH's messenger as saying: If anyone would like to have the fullest measure granted to him when he invokes blessing on us, the members of Prophet's family he should say,

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ وَأَنْزِلْهُ وَأُمَّهَاتِ  
الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِ وَأَهْلَ بَيْتِهِ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ  
عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مُجِيدٌ

'O ALLAAH! Bless Muhammad, the Prophet, his wives, who are the mothers of the faithful, his offspring and the people of his house as thou did bless the family of Ibrahim عليه السلام . Thou are indeed praiseworthy and glorious.'

[Abu Dawud-Mishkat]

Imam Bukhari has mentioned a Maroof tradition in 'Al-Qaulul Badi' on the authority of Ibn Abi 'Asim that the Prophet said; My intercession is assured for anyone who says the following durud seven times on every Friday for seven successive Fridays.

[Annotations on Dalail-Zadus Sa'id]

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ  
وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
صَلَاةً تَكُونُ لَكَ رِضَى وَلَهُ جَزَاءٌ وَلِحَقِّهِ آدَاءٌ وَأَعْطِهِ  
الْوَسِيلَةَ وَالْفَضِيلَةَ وَالْمَقَامَ الْمَحْمُودَ الَّذِي وَعَدْتَهُ  
وَاجْزِهِ عَنَّا مَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَاجْزِهِ أَفْضَلَ مَا جَازَيْتَ  
نَبِيًّا عَن قَوْمِهِ وَرَسُولًا عَن أُمَّتِهِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى جَمِيعِ  
إِخْوَانِهِ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصَّالِحِينَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

'O ALLAAH! Bless Muhammad Thy servant and messenger, the Prophet who could neither read nor write, and on his family. O ALLAAH! Bless Muhammad and his family with the blessing that may be Thy pleasure and his reward and that may recompense him, and give him vasila (intercession) and fazila (excellence) and a praised station that Thou hast promised him, and give him on our behalf the best recompense that Thou has ever given from a people to its Prophet: and from an Ummah to its apostle; and bless all his brother Prophets and pious men- O Thou Most Merciful of all.' [Zadus Sa'id]

Hadrat Umar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated; the Prophet said, Jibraeel عليه السلام taught me these phrases of durud enumerating them on the fingers of my hand and told me, these have been sent down by ALLAAH, the Exalted in this form; these phrases are:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى  
إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ اللَّهُمَّ بَارِكْ عَلَى  
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ  
إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ اللَّهُمَّ تَرَحَّمْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى  
آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا تَرَحَّمْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ

حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ ۝ اللَّهُمَّ تَحَنَّنْ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
 كَمَا تَحَنَّنْتَ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ  
 مَّجِيدٌ ۝ اللَّهُمَّ سَلِّمْ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا  
 سَلَّمْتَ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ ۝

'O ALLAAH! Bless Muhammad and his descendants as Thou did bless Hadrat Ebrahim عليه السلام and his descendants. Thou art indeed praiseworthy and glorious. O ALLAAH grant favours to Muhammad and his descendants as Thou didst grant favours to Ebrahim عليه السلام and his descendents. Thou art indeed praiseworthy and Glorious.

O ALLAAH! Be merciful on Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and his descendants, as Thou had been on Ebrahim عليه السلام and his descendants. Thou are indeed Praiseworthy and Glorious.

O ALLAAH! Greet Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and his descendants as Thou didst greet Ebrahim عليه السلام and his descendants. Thou art indeed Praiseworthy and Glorious.

Hadrat Abdullah bin Masud (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that ALLAAH's messenger said: Whenever you have to invoke blessings on me, then say like this:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ  
 كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَىٰ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَىٰ  
 مُحَمَّدٍ النَّبِيِّ الْأُمِّيِّ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَىٰ  
 إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَّجِيدٌ ۝

(مسند محمد بن حبان معارف الحديث)

O ALLAAH! Bless Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) the Prophet, who could neither read nor write, and his descendants as Thou didst bless Ebrahim and his descendants. O ALLAAH! Grant favours to Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and his

descendants as Thou didst grant favours to Ebrahim عليه السلام and his descendants. Thou art indeed Praiseworthy and Glorious.

[Musnad Ahmad-Ibn Habban-Ma'riful Hadis]

Hadrat Abu Humaid al-Sa'idi (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that when some people asked ALLAAH's messenger how they should invoke blessing on him he told them to say,

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَوَدْرِيَّتِهِ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ  
عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَيَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَزْوَاجِهِ وَوَدْرِيَّتِهِ  
كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

'O ALLAAH! Bless Muhammad, his wives and his offsprings as Thou didst bless the descendants of Ebrahim عليه السلام and grant favour to Muhammad, his wives and his offspring as Thou didst grant favours to the descendants of Ebrahim. Thou are indeed Praiseworthy and Glorious. [Bukhari-Muslim]

Hadrat Zaid bin Harisah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that he asked the Prophet as to how to invoke blessing on him, He replied when you invoke blessings on me, put your heart and soul into it and say:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَيَبَارِكْ عَلَى  
مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَ  
عَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

'O ALLAAH! Bless Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and his descendants; and grant favours to Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and his descendants as Thou did grant favours to Ebrahim عليه السلام and his descendants. Thou are indeed praiseworthy and glorious.'

Hadrat Abu Hurairah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated the messenger of ALLAAH as saying:

'Whoever invoked blessings on me in the following words:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ  
عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ  
عَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا بَارَكْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ  
إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَتَرَحَّمْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ كَمَا  
تَرَحَّمْتَ عَلَى إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ

O ALLAAH! Bless Muhammad (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and his descendants as Thou did bless Ebrahim عليه السلام and his descendants, and grant favours to Muhammad and his descendants as Thou did grant favours to Ebrahim عليه السلام and his descendants, and be merciful to Muhammad and his descendants as Thou had been merciful to Ebrahim عليه السلام and his descendants, then on the day of resurrection I shall bear witness and intercede in his favour. [Ma'riful Hadis]

### ISTIGHFAR (SEEKING PARDON)

Hadrat Abu Hurairah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) has narrated that the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said "I swear by ALLAAH that I seek ALLAAH's pardon and turn to Him in repentance more than seventy times a day." [Bukhari]

Hadrat Abdullah Ibn Umar (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated: We counted that ALLAAH's messenger would say (the following) a hundred times during a meeting.

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَتُبْ عَلَيَّ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الْغَفُورُ

My Lord, forgive me and pardon me, Thou art the Pardoning and forgiving one. [Tirmizi Ahmad...]

Hadrat Anas (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the messenger of ALLAAH said, "All the sons of Hadrat Adam عليه السلام are sinners, but the best of



sinners are those who are given to repentance.

[Tirmizi-Ibn Majah]

Hadrat Abu Bakr as-Siddiq (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated ALLAAH's messenger (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) as saying, "He who asks pardon is not a confirmed sinner, even if he returns to his sin seventy times a day.

[Tirmizi-Abu Dawud]

Hadrat Bilal bin Yasar bin Zaid (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that the Prophet (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) said: Any servant of ALLAAH who reports and seeks ALLAAH's pardon in the following words will be surely pardoned even if he has committed such a grave sin as to desert the battler field (Jihad).

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

'I ask ALLAAH for pardon beside whom there is no god, the living, the Eternal and Lasting, I turn to him in repentance.'

### BLESSINGS OF ISTIGHFAR (SEEKING PARDON)

Hadrat Ibn Abbas (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated ALLAAH's messenger (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) as saying, "If anyone continually asks pardon, ALLAAH will appoint for him a way out of every distress and a relief from every anxiety and will provide for him from where he did not reckon."

[Ahmad, Abu Dawud]

### THOSE WHO SIN REPEATEDLY AND ALSO SEEK PARDON REPEATEDLY

Hadrat Abu Hurairah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated that ALLAAH's messenger (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) told of a man who committed a sin and said, "My Lord, I have sinned, so forgive me". His Lord replied, "Does my servant know that he has a Lord who pardons him and punishes for it? I have pardoned my servant". After

remaining (obedient) for such time as ALLAAH willed he committed a sin and said, "My Lord, I have sinned, so forgive me". His Lord replied, "Does my servant know that he has a Lord who pardons sins and punishes for it? I have pardoned my servant." Then after remaining (obedient) for such time as ALLAAH willed he committed another sin, so forgive me," He replied, "Does my servant know that he has a Lord who pardons him and punishes for it. I have pardoned my servant, so let him do what he likes.

[Bukhari-Muslim]

### **DU'A (SUPPLICATION FOR PARDON FOR THOSE WHO ARE NO MORE**

Hadrat 'Abdullah bin 'Abbas (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated ALLAAH's messenger (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) as saying "A dead man in his grave is just like a drowning man calling for help, for he hopes that a supplication from a father, a brother, or a friend may reach him, and when it does it is dearer to him than the world and what it contains. ALLAAH brings to those who are in the graves blessings several times as great as the size of the mountains because of the supplication of those who are on the earth. The gift of the living to the dead is to ask pardon for them." [Baihaqi In Shu'Abu Imam]

Hadrat Abu Hurairah (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) narrated ALLAAH's messenger (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) as saying ALLAAH who is great and glorious will raise a righteous servant's state in paradise and when he asks his Lord how this has been, granted to him, he will reply that it is because his son has asked pardon for him."

Hadrat Abu Darda (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) has narrated the messenger of ALLAAH (Sallallaahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) as saying: A servant of ALLAAH will become a favoured one of ALLAAH whose prayers are answered and by whose benediction all humanity gets its sustenance, if he makes the following supplication twenty five or twenty

seven times every day for the sins of the believing men and women to be pardoned.

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَالْمُسْلِمِينَ  
وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ الْأَحْيَاءِ مِنْهُمْ وَالْأَمْوَاتِ

(O ALLAAH! Pardon all the believing men and women and all-Muslim men and women, both living and dead).  
[Hasn-e-Haseen]

### BEST MANNER OF SEEKING PARDON

Hadrat Shaddad bin Aus (Radi Allaahu Ta'ala Anhu) reported ALLAAH's messenger as saying that the best manner of asking pardon is to say,

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ رَبِّي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ خَلَقْتَنِي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ  
وَأَنَا عَلَى عَهْدِكَ وَوَعْدِكَ مَا اسْتَطَعْتُ أَعُوذُ بِكَ  
مِنْ شَرِّ مَا صَنَعْتُ أَبُوءُ لَكَ بِنِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ وَأَبُوءُ بِذُنُوبِي  
فَاغْفِرْ لِي فَإِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

“O ALLAAH Thou art my Lord, There is no god but Thee. Thou hast created me, and I am Thy servant and hold to Thy covenant and promise as much as I can. I seek refuge in Thee from the evil of what I have done. I acknowledge Thy favour to me, and I acknowledge my sin. Pardon me, for none but Thee pardons sins.” He said that if anyone says it during the day time with firm belief in it and dies that day before evening, he will be one of those who go to paradise; and if anyone says it during the night with firm belief in it and dies before morning, he will be one of those who go to paradise. [Bukhari]

**Note:** The reason for the extraordinary merit of this Dua (supplication) for seeking forgiveness of ALLAAH is that every word of it is replete with the spirit of devoutness.