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بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

*In the Name of Allāh, the Most Gracious,
the Most Merciful.*

Publisher's Note

Praying to Allāh and making supplications to Him are a necessary part of every act of worship. In fact, the Prophet ﷺ said that prayers are the worship itself, or to be exact, the main part of it.

Allāh likes that His creatures worship Him and pray to Him, because the worship and the prayers are the physical and practical way of declaring our faith and creed that Allāh alone has created us and only He is to be worshipped.

Allāh has prescribed for us the ways and acts of worship. As Allāh does not burden His creatures more than they could bear, the prescribed acts of worship are the minimum one should perform. But to get nearer to Allāh and to attain His Pleasure, we should do something more than the prescribed acts. In this regard the prayers and supplications are the most easy acts of worship for us to adopt. We are

fortunate that the Prophet ﷺ has guided us about how to pray and has taught us the supplications we should make on various occasions.

In this book, the emphasis is on the style so that the children can easily understand the significance of prayers and supplications. All these are taken from the Qur'ān and the authentic books of *Hadeeths*.

May Allāh guide us all and keep us on the straight path of Islam, protect us from the evil whispers of Satan, make easy for us all the acts of worship and help us — attain righteousness.

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Allāh Commands Us to Make *Du'aa'*

Dear son and daughter, we thank Allāh Who created us to worship and obey Him, Who ordered us to make *Du'aa'* (supplication) to Him and promised us He would accept our *Du'aa'*. He said:

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

“And your Lord (Allāh) said: ‘Invoke Me (ask Me for anything), I will respond to your (invocation). Verily, those who scorn My worship (do not invoke Me, and do not believe in My Oneness) they will surely enter Hell in humiliation!’” (40:60)

Also, Allāh said:

﴿وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا لِي وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي﴾

لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ ﴿١٨٦﴾

“And when My slaves ask you (O Muhammad ﷺ) concerning Me, then (answer them), I am indeed near (to them by My Knowledge). I respond to the invocations of the supplicant when he calls on Me (without any mediator or intercessor). So, let them obey Me and believe in Me, so that they may be led aright.” (2:186)

The Importance of *Du‘aa’*

The Prophet ﷺ said that *Du‘aa’* is a type of *Ibaadah* (worship):

«الدُّعَاءُ هُوَ الْعِبَادَةُ»

“*Du‘aa’* is *Ibaadah* (worship).”

He also explained to us the significance of *Du‘aa’* when he said:

«لَيْسَ شَيْءٌ أَكْرَمَ عَلَى اللَّهِ سُبْحَانَهُ مِنَ الدُّعَاءِ»

“There is nothing that is more honorable (or dearer) to Allāh than *Du‘aa’*.”

What About Those Who do not Ask Allāh for Anything

It is very foolish and bad conduct not to make *Du'aa'* to Allāh, for this might lead one to earn Allāh's Anger. The Messenger of Allāh ﷺ said:

«مَنْ لَمْ يَدْعُ اللَّهَ سُبْحَانَهُ غَضِبَ عَلَيْهِ»

“Allāh gets angry with those who do not make *Du'aa'* to Him.”

Dear son and daughter, these few pages contain several types of *Du'aa'*s we collected for you so that it will be easy for you to say them. All of them are beautiful, as they are from the Words of Allāh, Who is the Most Wise and Most Knowledgeable, and from our beloved Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in the hope that you will beautify your life with them and that they make your life better. You should humbly say:

﴿إِنِّي وَجَّهْتُ وَجْهِيَ لِلَّذِي فَطَرَ السَّمَوَاتِ

وَالْأَرْضِ حَنِيفًا وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ﴾

“Verily, I have turned my face towards Him Who has created the heavens and the earth *Haneefan* (worshipping none but Allāh Alone), and I am not of *Al-Mushrikoon* (the polytheists).” (6:79)

We ask Allāh to bless you and make your parents happy with you, especially when they see that you are a good Muslim and a good son or daughter.

Dear son and daughter, would you like to enter Paradise and be with its people? We are sure that your answer will be, “Yes, I would love to enter Paradise and be with its people.” If this is your wish, then you have to work hard and ask Allāh to make it easy for you to enter it. Surely, when this happens, you will be happy to hear the angels say to you:

﴿سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ﴾

“*Salaamun 'Alaikum* (peace be on