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Duas For Ramadan

"Remembrance of Allah is the greatest (thing in life) without doubt.
And Allah knows the (deeds) that you do." Quran 29:45



دُعَاء

"There is nothing dearer to Allah than a servant making dua to Him." Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

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Ramadan Mubarak

*Come let us celebrate
Ramadan as exemplified by the
Prophet Muhammad. ﷺ*



What is Dua (prayer)?

Dua is a way of remembering, and having a "one to one" intimate conversation with Allah; the Lord of all being. There is a satisfaction in dua that stretches across all human cultures and all of human history.

Nowadays prayer is mocked by many as foolish, childish, retrograde, fuzzy headed, sentimental, and the like. But nevertheless, prayer continues to exist in the innermost human heart and will endure as long as humankind survives.

Allah Himself, instructs and guides us on how to make dua through His revealed Books and His Prophet's, especially Prophet Muhammad. ﷺ

Therefore, dua when done properly will ALWAYS be fruitful. Some benefits will be apparent right away and some over time. But the bottom line will always be a shower of Divine Mercy on the one who approaches God prayerfully.

Muslim's absolutely love to make Dua in the holy month of Ramadan. This is because the Prophet Muhammad ﷺ once said,

"When the month of Ramadan arrives, the gates of Heaven are opened; the gates of Hell are closed and the devils are chained."

(Hadith narrated by Bukhari & Muslim)

If Allah wants to favor somebody, he bestows on him the gift of understanding the Quran and Sunnah



Honorifics



ﷺ Azzawajal;

The Mighty & Majestic



ﷺ Salallahu Alayhi Wa Salam;

Allah's blessings & peace be upon him

What The Quran Says About Dua



When My servants ask thee concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them): I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calleth on Me: Let them also, with a will, Listen to My call, and believe in Me: That they may walk in the right way.

Quran: 2:186 (Yusuf Ali)



But, without doubt, I am (also) He that forgives again and again, to those who repent, believe, and do right; who are ready to receive true guidance.

Quran: 20:82 (Yusuf Ali)



So, remember Me and I will remember you. And give thanks to Me, and be not ungrateful!

Quran: 2:152 (Leila Bakhtiar)



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5 Rules For Dua

1

The supplicant must have good intentions

Believers must always invoke God with humility and reverence. Dua should not be made in jest, while committing a sin, with the intention of causing harm, or in the company of irreverent people.

2

We can supplicate God in almost any place, posture and time

However, solitude and a clean place are to be preferred when making dua. Devotees must try to do wudu and face the Qibla. It is also good to perform acts of charity and pray two rakahs before starting to pray.

3

Allah hears what is in the devotee's heart

Some invoke with their tongues, some with their heart, and yet others with their innermost self. Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is reported to have said, "Make dua to God in a state that you are certain that your dua will be responded to, and know that God does not respond to a dua that originates from a negligent, inattentive heart."

4

Do not say, "I want this" or "Allah do this for me" in your dua

Instead say, "O Allah, if it is good for me, let me have it" or words to that effect.

5

Devotees must be Patient

Only Allah knows the best method, time and place for the fulfillment of our dua's

What Muhammad ﷺ said about Dua



Dua is a conversation with Allah – the Rabb (Lord) of all being. It is utterly impossible to hide anything from Allah. So, make dua only with good intentions. True dua (prayer) is the one in which awe, trust, and longing for Allah fill the devotees heart.

The essence of dua is not the petition of the devotee, or the granting thereof, rather it is profound praise and adoration; a genuine surrender before the limitless Glory and Mercy of Allah.

"Whosoever asks pardon of God frequently, God will turn his every care into joy and provide a way out of every difficulty, and He will provide for him in such a way that he cannot calculate."

Hadith: Ibn as-Sunni, # 366

"Our Lord (May He be Mighty and Exalted!), says regarding the last third of the night, "Whosoever calls to Me, I shall answer him; whosoever asks forgiveness of Me, I shall pardon him until daybreak appears."

Hadith: Ibn as-Sunni, # 371

"God does not bestow a blessing upon a servant who then says, "Praise be to God, Lord of the Worlds" without that which he has been given being better than that which was taken away."

Hadith: Ibn as-Sunni, # 358

"Ask God's blessings upon me often."

Hadith: Ibn as-Sunni, # 381

Do not even try to bribe, negotiate a deal, or play other games with Allah!

Ultimately dua is about aligning our own hearts voluntarily with God's will; full of reverence, without fear of Hell, or love for Heaven.

5 Quranic Reminders to Uplift Your Duas

1

Remembrance: Praise and Thanksgiving

They are an essential part of dua. Let your awe and adoration of God overflow into words. The Holy Quran says:

"...and remembrance of Allah is the greatest (thing in life) without doubt..."

Quran 29:45

2

Salawat: Praise for the Prophet ﷺ

Traditionally the devotee must salute Prophet Muhammad ﷺ before and after the dhikr. The Holy Quran says:

"Allah and His angels send blessings on the Prophet: O ye that believe! Send ye blessings on him, and salute him with all respect." Quran 33:56

3

Repentance: Seek the Mercy of Allah

Allah loves to forgive the sins of those who truly believe. He is most forgiving to those who repent, and do deeds of righteousness. The Holy Quran says:

"Why turn they not to Allah, and seek His forgiveness? For Allah is Oft-forgiving, Most Merciful." Quran 5:74

4

Petition Allah for His Bounty

Ask Allah to provide for all your needs, big or small by invoking His beautiful Names. The Holy Quran says:

"And He listens to those who believe and do deeds of righteousness, and gives them increase of His Bounty..." Quran 42:26

"In the bounty of Allah. And in His Mercy, in that let them rejoice": that is better than the (wealth) they hoard." Quran 10:58

5

Allah Loves Patience & Perseverance

Only Allah has perfect knowledge of all our real needs. Therefore, only Allah knows the best way, time, and place to fulfill all our needs. Muslims must not give up dua just because they do not see an immediate response. The Holy Quran says:

"Patiently, then, persevere: for the Promise of Allah is true: and ask forgiveness for thy fault, and celebrate the Praises of thy Lord in the evening and in the morning." Quran 40:55

A Powerful Quranic Dua For All Occasions

The Ayat ul-Kursi (The Throne Verse)

Verse 2:255 of the Noble Quran is known as the "Ayat ul-Kursi (the Throne Verse)." It is perhaps the most famous single verse of the Quran.

The Ayat ul-Kursi is one of the first passages Muslims memorize. Pious Muslims use it to adorn their homes and mosques. Believers carry it on their person in the form of a pendant, or an amulet.


It is often recited by Muslims setting out on a journey or seeking spiritual and physical protection.

Translation by Pickthall

Quran: 2: 255

“Allah! There is no God save Him, the Alive, the Eternal. Neither slumber nor sleep overtakes Him. Unto Him belongs whatsoever is in the heavens and whatsoever is in the earth. Who is he that can intercede with Him save by His leave? He knows that which is in front of them and that which is behind them, while they encompass nothing of His knowledge save what He will. His throne includes the heavens and the earth, and He is never weary of preserving them. He is the Sublime, the Tremendous.”

اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ
سِنَةٌ وَلَا نَوْمٌ لَّهُ مَا فِي السَّمَوَاتِ وَمَا فِي
الْأَرْضِ مَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ
إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ
وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا شَاءَ
وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ
وَلَا يَئُودُهُ حِفْظُهُمَا وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ



The Ayat ul-Kursi

(The Throne Verse)

The Prophet ﷺ told his Companions to recite it before going to sleep. He identified it as the greatest verse of the Quran, and said that it was *"a fourth of the Quran."*

The Prophet ﷺ is reported to have said,

"Everything has a zenith, and the zenith of the Quran is Surat al-Baqarah, and it has a verse which is the lord of the verses of the Quran; the Throne Verse"

"Truly Satan leaves a house when he hears Surat al-Baqarah recited in it"

"Whoever recites Ayatul Kursi immediately after each prescribed prayer, there will be nothing standing between him and his entering Paradise except death."

We hope & pray that you and your family will be able to recite and benefit from the Ayatul Kursi often during Ramadan.

6 Daily Duas For Ramadan

Dua to Welcome the Month of Ramadan by Prophet Muhammad ﷺ

1

اللهم أهله علينا بالأمن
والإيمان والسلامة
والإسلام ربّي وربك الله

“O Allah, make it a start full of peace and faith, safety and Islam. My Lord and your Lord is Allah.”

Dua to Initiate the Fast before Sunrise (Suhoor)

2

وبصوم غدٍ نؤيت
من شهر رمضان

“I intend to keep the fast today in this month of Ramadan.”



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If You Feel Anger While Fasting

3

إني صائم،
إني صائم

“I am fasting. I am fasting.”

(This can be said out loud, or in silence as a self-reminder)

Dua for Breaking of the Fast After Sunset (Iftar)

4

ذهب الظمأ وابتلت
العروق وثبت
الأجر إن شاء الله

“The thirst is gone, the veins are moist, and the reward is confirmed by the will of God.”

(Abu Dawud 2:306)

Dua for Iftar

5

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي لَكَ صُمْتُ وَبِكَ
اهْتُ [وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ]
وَعَلَى رِزْقِكَ أَفْطَرْتُ

“O Allah, I fasted for You, I put my trust in You, and I break my fast with your sustenance.”

Dua for the host at Iftar

6

أَفْطَرُ عِنْدَكُمْ الصَّائِمُونَ،
وَأَكُلُ طَعَامَكُمْ الْأَبْرَارَ،
وَصَلْتُ عَلَيْكُمْ الْمَلَائِكَةَ

“May the fasting people break their fast at your place, may the pious eat of your food, and may the Angels pray for you.”



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One of Prophet Muhammads ﷺ Favorite Duas during Ramadan

“O Allah! O our Lord! We are at this moment in the protective embrace of Ramadan and we have already entered the month, therefore safeguard Ramadan for us.

Keep us safe, and grant us the ability to perform the fast during the day and qiyam during the night.

Give us, O Allah, the determination and diligence to perform our ibadah (worship) in the month and protect us in Ramadan from all slander.



What Are the Three Ashra's of Ramadan?

The Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ is reported to have said,

"Ramadan is the month whose beginning is mercy, its middle is forgiveness, and its end is emancipation from the fire of hell."

Traditionally therefore, Ramadan has been divided into three Ashraa's (or, Stages), each lasting ten days. The Arabic word "Ashraa" simply means 'Ten'.

- First Ashra: Ten Days of Mercy (Rahmah).
- Second Ashra: Ten Days of Forgiveness (Maghfirah).
- Third Ashra: Ten Days to seek Salvation (Nijaat) from Hell Fire.

Key Duas for Ramadan

“O Allah! Bless us in this, the Holy Month of Ramadan. O Allah, unite us this year with Ramadan in a way that You love and which pleases You. O Allah! Accept our acts of worship in this blessed month of Ramadan.”

استغفرُ الله ربِّي من
كلِّ ذنبٍ وَاَتُوبُ اليه

Rabbi ighfir wairham waanta
khayru alrrahimeena

“My Lord! Forgive and have
mercy! You are the Most Merciful
of all who show mercy”

استغفرُ الله ربِّي من
كلِّ ذنبٍ وَاَتُوبُ اليه

Rabbi ighfir wairham waanta
khayru alrrahimeena

“O the Ever Living, the
Everlasting, I seek help in
Your Mercy.”

First Ashraa

First Ten Days of Ramadan

Ten Days of Seeking Rahmah

(The Mercy of Allah)

The Believer's Prayer for Mercy

"O Allah! Look at me, I beg of thee the right guidance, righteousness, piety, and freedom from want."

Dua for Mercy in This Life

"My Lord, my sins are enormous, but a little of Your forgiveness is greater than all of them. O Allah, so erase with a little of Your forgiveness the enormity of my sins"

Dua's for Health & Relief from Disease

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ once said that when we visit a sick person whose death is not imminent, we should sit by his side, and sincerely supplicate Allah seven times with these words. Inshallah, the patient will be cured soon.

"I beg Allah, the incomparably great, the Lord of the Great Throne that He may cure you." (Jami At-Tirmidhi, hadith 2083)

"Remove the illness, O Sustainer of Mankind. Cure the disease, for You are the One Who cures, there is no cure except Your cure. Grant me a cure that leaves no illness."

An Excellent Dua for Mercy

"My Lord! Behold, I beg of Thee safety and forgiveness, in this world and the Hereafter."

A man came to the Prophet of God and said:

"O Messenger of God, which is the most excellent supplication?"

The Prophet ﷺ replied:

"Ask of Thy Lord safety and forgiveness in the world and the Hereafter."

The man came to him again, the following day and asked:

"O Messenger of God, which is the most excellent supplication?"

The Prophet ﷺ gave the same answer.

On the third day the man came again with the same question. Once again, the Prophet ﷺ repeated his answer but added:

"When you are given safety and forgiveness in the world and the Hereafter, you have achieved success." Anas—Tirmidhi: Ibn Majah

Dua for Mercy frequently Recited by the Prophet ﷺ

Once the Messenger of God visited a sick Muslim who had lost his speech and become weak like a small bird. The Messenger of God said to Him:

"Did you pray to God, or ask Him for anything?"

The man said: *"Yes! I used to pray:*

"O God! Whatsoever be my punishment in the Hereafter, hasten it on to me in this world."

Thereupon the Messenger of God said:

"Glory be unto God! You have neither the power nor the strength to bear it. Why did you not say:

"O God! Grant to us that which is good in this world, and the Hereafter, and save us from the doom of the Fire."

So, the sick man changed his supplication, and God healed him.

Anas—Sahih Muslim and Bukhari

Second Ashraa

The Middle Ten Days of Ramadan

Ten Days of Seeking Maghfirat (Forgiveness of Allah)

As the midpoint of Ramadan approaches pious Muslims start to focus more on seeking the forgiveness of Allah for their sins of omission and commission. They well know that only, and only Allah; the Sovereign Lord, Creator, and Sustainer of All Being, can forgive the sins of His creatures.

Fortunately the Quran makes it abundantly clear that Compassion and Mercy are the dominant characteristics of Allah. Truly Allah, loves to forgive His creatures!

The key to success is frequent and sincere repentance. The test for repentance that is accepted is that the devotee will not repeat the sin ever again. Allah is always supremely generous and forgiving.

But, the Second Ashraa of Ramadan is that very special time of the year when Allah makes repentance extra easy for His creatures. Only the ignorant will neglect this golden opportunity.

Crucial Dua for the Second Ashraa

استغفرُ الله رَبِّي مِنْ
كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ وَاتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

“I ask for forgiveness from
Allah, my Lord, from every
sin I have committed”

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The Prophet ﷺ said,

"He who does not abandon falsehood in word and action, then Allah the Mighty and Majestic has no need for his fast, even if he would leave his food and drink"
(al-Bukhari)



The Duas of Muhammad ﷺ

Seeking the Forgiveness of Allah

The best way to seek forgiveness from Allah is to contemplate and then sincerely recite the supplications that Prophet Muhammad ﷺ taught to his Companions. These prayers reveal the mindset and words that can secure forgiveness for pious believers. Invocations that enumerate the attributes of Allah educate and enlighten all of us about the creation of the worlds, the nature of life, its purpose, and its ultimate fate. They mature our understanding of life's challenges and develop an awareness and acceptance of human destiny. These prayers should be recited sincerely, both in the morning and the evening.

"O Allah! You are my Lord. There is no true god except You. You have created me. I am Your servant. I stick to the pledge and the promise that I made with You, to the best of my ability. I seek Your refuge from the evil I have done. I acknowledge Your blessings on me. I also confess my sins. Please forgive me; there is none who can forgive sins save You."

"O Allah! I seek refuge in You from detestable characteristics, actions, and longings." He would continue, "O Allah! I seek refuge in You from leprosy, insanity, and malignant illnesses."

"O Allah! Set right for me my religion, for it safeguards my affairs. Set right for me my life, for in it resides my well-being. Set right for me my end, for it is my ultimate return. And make life for me ever-increasing in everything good, and make death a comfort for me from every evil."

Each and every prayer of the Prophet ﷺ is a reflection of his completely thoughtful, joyous surrender, and dependence on his beloved Allah. At the heart of every prayer lies the hope for the pleasure of Allah and eventually nearness to Him in Paradise.

As we peruse these and so many more of his dua we are left astonished by the grace, wisdom, humility, total dependence and love for Allah that is incorporated in his prayers. Truly Muhammad ﷺ has surpassed all of humanity in the worship and adoration of Allah! Truly only Muhammad ﷺ deserves to be the model human being for all of humanity.

The spiritual elevation that a pious believer experiences through the contemplation of the Holy Quran, and the repetition of such prayers is immense. From these prayers we learn that the Mercy, and Bounty of Allah are truly limitless, all-answering and beyond imagination.

The heartfelt, sincere supplications of a sincere Muslim are so much more than rote utterances, or the routinely repeated "Ameen" after duas made in public spaces like the mosque. The dua of true believers is a living, dynamic relationship with God. It is their lifeblood. For them dua is a limitless resource for inner detox and renewal. Indeed, after life itself, prayer is God's biggest favor for Humankind. Allah Almighty encourages insignificant us, to take unlimited advantage of Him; the Lord of the Mighty Throne, with these epic verses from the Holy Quran:

**"So remember Me;
I shall remember you."**

Quran 2:152

**"Call upon Me;
I shall answer you."**

Quran: 40:60

As if this level of concern is not enough to dazzle and completely overwhelm humanity, Allah informs us that He Himself – the Majestic and the Exalted – personally bestows His favor of blessings upon us lowly, usually confused humans.

"It is He who sends prayers of blessings down upon you, as do His angels, to bring you forth from darkness into light. And indeed, to the believers, He is mercy-giving."

Quran: 33:43

A Powerful Dua for Forgiveness in the Second Ashraa

استغفرُ الله العظيم الذي لا إله
إلا هو الحي القيوم واتوبُ إليه

Astaghfir ullah-alladhi la ilaha illa Huwal-Haiyul-Qayyum wa atubu ilaihi

"I seek forgiveness from Allah, there is no god except He, who is living, eternal and I turn towards Him in repentance."

Third Ashra

Last Ten Days of Ramadan

Ten Days of Seeking Nejat (Salvation) from Hellfire

As the end of Ramadan comes near the blessings of this holy month get multiplied even more. This is a time that will not return until the next Ramadan. The last ten days are also significant because of Laylat al-Qadr; the night on which the Holy Quran was first revealed to Prophet Muhammad ﷺ.

Some Muslims undertake Itikaf (an Islamic spiritual retreat) during the third Ashraa. They are motivated by the Quranic verse 40:60 which says,

"Call on me, I will respond to you."

For most Muslims the Third Ashraa of Ramadan is all about seeking salvation from the terrors of Hellfire. Therefore, the Dua at the heart of the third Ashraa is:

اللَّهُمَّ أَجِرْنِي مِنَ النَّارِ

Allahumma Ajirni Minan Nar

***"O Allah, save me from the
fire of Hell"***

Laylat ul-Qadr (The Night Of Power)

Al-Qadr, surah 97 from the early Meccan period is famous for its declaration regarding the Night of Power (Laylat ul-Qadr), during which the Quran was first revealed. It is stated in the Quran,

"The month of Ramadan is that wherein the Quran was sent down as guidance to mankind, as clear proofs of guidance, and as the Criterion." Quran: 2:185

اَنَا أَنْزَلْنَاهُ فِي لَيْلِ الْقَدْرِ
 وَمَا أَدْرَاكَ مَا لَيْلِ الْقَدْرِ
 لَيْلِ الْقَدْرِ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ
 نَزَلَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا
 بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ
 سَلَامٌ هِيَ حَتَّىٰ مَطْلَعِ الْفَجْرِ

Surah 97 Al-Qadr (The Power)

Translation by Pikhthall

Surah 97 Al-Qadr (The Power)

1. Lo! We revealed it on the Night of Power.
2. Ah, what will convey unto thee what the Night of Power is!
3. The Night of Power is better than a thousand months.
4. The angels and the Spirit descend therein, by the permission of their Lord, with all decrees.
5. (That night is) Peace until the rising of the dawn.

Duas for Layat ul-Qadr

The Night of Power occurs every year on one of the odd-numbered last ten nights of Ramadan. The relevant hadith says,

"Look for the Night of Power in the last ten nights of Ramadan, on the night when nine or seven or five nights remain out of the last ten nights of Ramadan."

The Prophet ﷺ would usually take a spiritual retreat (itikaf) for a few days during the last ten days of Ramadan. He would fast during the day, and pray throughout the night, devoting himself for several days to secluded worship, away from the distractions of everyday life. That is why traditionally, itikaf is observed in a mosque; never at home. A well-known hadith says,

"Whoever stands (in prayer) during the Night of Power out of belief and seeking reward, his previous sins are forgiven".

The Prophet's ﷺ wife, Bibi Ayesha, may Allah bless her, is reported to have said,

"O messenger of Allah ﷺ, if I come upon Laylat ul-Qadr, what do you think I should say in my supplication?"

The Prophet replied,

"Say, O Allah, truly Thou art a pardoner who loves pardoning; so pardon me."

(Allahumma innaka afuwwun tuhibbul-afwa, fafu annee)

The Prophet Muhammad said:

"Whoever reads Surah al-Mulk every night, Allah will protect him from the torment of the grave."

(Al-Mulk (The Sovereignty) is the 67th surah of the Quran. It has 30 verses.)



Powerful Duas for Salvation

The Highest Companionship

"O Allah, I ask you for faith that does not unravel, and delight that never depletes, and the companionship of Your Prophet Muhammad ﷺ in the highest eternal garden."

On his deathbed Caliph Abu Bakar رضي الله عنه invoked this dua attributed to Prophet Yusuf.

"Let me die a Muslim and be accompanied by the righteous." Quran: 12:101

Abu Bakar رضي الله عنه then added,
"...and let the best of my days be the Day that I meet You (O Allah, on the Day of Judgement)"

Powerful Duas for Salvation

A Quranic Plea for Help

"God places not a burden on a soul beyond its capacity. For it is what it earned and against it is what it deserved. Our Lord! Take us not to task if we forgot or made a mistake. Our Lord! Burden us not with a severe test like that which Thou hadst burdened those who were before us. Our Lord! Load us not such that we have no energy for it and pardon us and forgive us and have mercy on us. Thou art our Defender so help us against the folk, the ones who are ungrateful."

Quran: 2:286 (Leila Bakhtiar)

A Quranic Plea for Salvation

"Men who celebrate the praises of Allah, standing, sitting, and lying down on their sides, and contemplate the (wonders of) creation in the heavens and the earth, (With the thought): "Our Lord! not for naught Hast Thou created (all) this! Glory to Thee! Give us salvation from the penalty of the Fire."

Quran: 3:191 (Yusuf Ali)

Top 7 Ways to Please God in Ramadan

Read the Quran

Ideally every Muslim must perform a khatam – complete reading of the Quran in the month of Ramadan. The Prophet ﷺ said:

1

"The fast and the Quran are two intercessors for the servant of Allah on the Day of Resurrection. The fast will say: 'O Lord, I prevented him from his food and desires during the day. Let me intercede for him.' The Quran will say: 'I prevented him from sleeping at night. Let me intercede for him.' And their intercession will be accepted." Ahmad

Recite Salawat (Bless the Prophet ﷺ)

Salawat is the invocation of peace and blessings upon the Prophet Muhammad. The Noble Quran says:

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"Verily, God and His angels bless the Prophet: [hence,] O you who have attained to faith, bless him and give yourselves up [to his guidance] in utter self-surrender!" Quran 33:56

Perform Tahajjud Prayers and Supplicate God

The voluntary Tahajjud Prayer is usually performed in the last third of the night (though its time extends between Isha and Fajr). The month of Ramadan is the most appropriate time for Muslim's to supplicate God for Mercy, Forgiveness, and Salvation. The Prophet ﷺ said:

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"Whoever stands in the night prayer during Ramadan out of faith and seeking his reward, then all of his previous sins will be forgiven."

Sahih Muslim; Sahih Bukhari

Forgive Others

Ramadan is the month of generosity and giving – both of which come in many forms. Be humble, and extend the olive branch of reconciliation. The Prophet ﷺ said:

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"Charity does not decrease wealth, no one forgives another except that Allah increases his honor, and no one humbles himself for the sake of Allah except that Allah raises his status."

Sahih Muslim

Give Zakat; Obligatory Charity for the Poor

The Arabic word 'zakat' literally means 'to cleanse' or 'that which purifies.' Zakat is the third pillar of Islam. Most Muslims pay their annual zakat contribution in the month of Ramadan. The Prophet ﷺ said:

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"Invite the people to testify that none has the right to be worshipped but Allah and I am Allah's Messenger ﷺ, and if they obey you to do so, then teach them that Allah has enjoined on them five prayers in every day and night (in twenty-four hours), and if they obey you to do so, then teach them that Allah has made it obligatory for them to pay the Zakat from their property and it is to be taken from the wealthy among them and given to the poor." Sahih Bukhari

Give Fitrana (Zakat ul-Fitr)

Fitrana is the compulsory charity payable between sunset on the last day of Ramadan and the beginning of the Eid prayer. It is a way for pious Muslims to thank God for the privilege of fasting in Ramadan. Fitrana helps poor Muslims to enjoy the Eid celebrations. According to the Hadith, Ibn Umar (ra) reported:

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"Allah's Apostle made it incumbent on all slave and free Muslims, male or female, to pay one Saa (two handfuls or the monetary equivalent) of dates or barley as Zakat ul-Fitr." Sahih Bukhari

Give Sadaqah Jariya

This is charity, from which donor's receive blessings long after they have passed away. Educating a child; building a facility like a mosque, school or hospital are all forms of Sadaqah Jariya. The Prophet ﷺ said:

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"When a man passes away, his good deeds will also come to an end except for three: Sadaqah Jariyah (ceaseless charity); a knowledge which is beneficial, or a virtuous descendant who prays for him (for the deceased)" Sahih Muslim

When Dua Appears to Fail

Allah, the Protecting Friend, always hears our prayers and always replies in one of three merciful ways. We cannot change this answer.

- **Yes**
- **Yes, but not now.**
- **I have a better plan for you**

We, in turn have the freedom to respond in one of three ways. Our response determines our future.

- **Acknowledge the bounty of Allah with humility and gratitude.**
- **Patiently accept the decree of Allah and persevere in righteousness.**
- **Lose faith in the Guidance, Mercy, and Bounty of Allah**

When asking God for something it is essential to say:

"God please do that something for me if it is in my interest"

or words to that effect. Thereafter, if supplicants do not get that something, they should understand that it was not good for them. Allah alone knows what is best for us, and when it's best for us to have it. The Quran explains:

"If Allah were to enlarge the provisions for His Servants, they would transgress beyond all bounds through the earth..." Surah 42:27

All prayers, even of good people, are not answered "as is" because even they do not fully understand what is best for them. Values and wants in this life get distorted due to lack of knowledge and other human frailties. If everyone got what they asked for there would be chaos and confusion through the earth. Conflicting interests are best resolved by God who has perfect knowledge of all our real needs.

Allah is the one who answers all prayers. This response to prayer matches the genuineness of the asking. The Quran say:

"Call to me and I will answer you".

The imperative here is to act. Not knowing the time, manner, and place in which Allah answers is actually a protection from getting trapped by our limited expectations.

The act of asking in prayer is a light that penetrates our inner darkness of confusion and shines upon our own self, and in this way reveals what we are really asking for. This addresses the often-repeated question of why we should pray when God already knows what we need. Invoking Allah is not simply about receiving His bounty; it means to pay attention and receive Allah's merciful guidance.

Always the last of our prayers should be, ***"Our Lord, perfect for us our light, and forgive us, for surely You are powerful over all things (Quran: 66:8)"*** followed by, ***"All praise is for Allah, Lord of the Worlds (Quran 10:10)."***

Dua to Preserve Blessings

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

*O Allah! I seek refuge in You from the decline
of your blessings, the removal of our state of
safety and well-being, the sudden onset of
Your punishment and from all that
displeases You.*

(Sahih Muslim 2739)

6 Duas from the Heart for the Last Day of Ramadan

Dua, or a 'conversation from the heart' of a believing soul with God, the 'Lord of all Being', is a vital form of worship. As the last night of Ramadan approaches, the blessings inherent in dua are multiplied even more so. This is an opportunity that will not return for another year and should not be missed by any Muslim.

1

Dua for guidance, forgiveness and the Afterlife

"O Allah! Guide me on the straight path, and make me among those who sincerely struggle for Your sake. O Allah! Forgive me all my sins, great and small, the first and the last, those that are apparent and those that are hidden. O Allah! Protect me from the Fire and build for me near You a house in paradise."

2

Dua for sincerity of niyah (intention) and acceptance of ibadah (worship)

"O Allah, purify my intentions and accept my worship of You. O Allah, accept all the efforts I made during this month of Ramadan. O Allah! Accept all of my prayers and fasts, and allow them to weigh heavily on the scales of good."

3

Dua for patience in times of stress and grief

"O Allah! I seek refuge in You from stress and anxiety. O Allah! By your Mercy ease my grief, remove my sorrow. Grant me, out of Thy grace, sustaining strength!"

4

Dua for the next Ramadan

"O Allah, guide and protect me, my family, and my community. O Allah! Allow us to witness the blessings of Eid. O Allah! Grant us Taqwa, health and the opportunity to worship You yet again next Ramadan."

5

Dua for the departed

"O Allah! Forgive and have mercy upon their souls, beautify their deeds, forgive their misdeeds, protect them from the punishment of the grave, give their families strength and patience, grant them entry into the highest level of Jannah and make them amongst the best of our Ummah."

6

Dua for the Ummah

"O Allah! Bless the Ummah and unite us so that we may worship you in unity and keep us on the straight path. O Allah! Protect us from those who seek to oppress us. O Allah! Heal and cure our sick. O Allah! Help us to perform good deeds, abandon bad deeds and have compassion for the poor and needy."



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