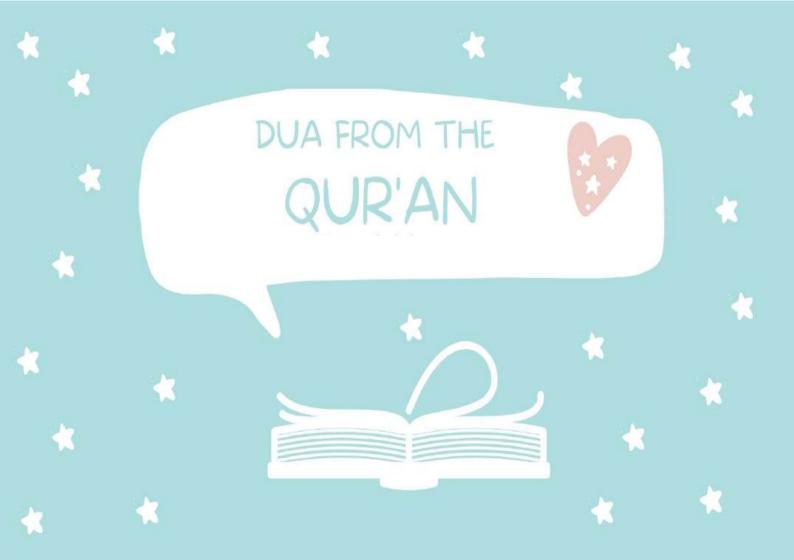
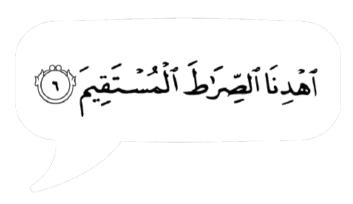


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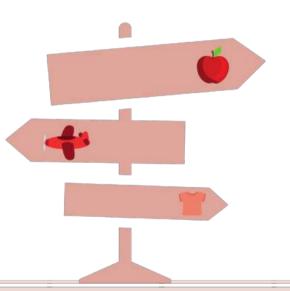


Guide us to the Straight Way
(Surah Al Fatiha 6)

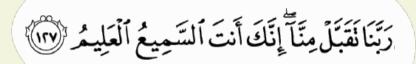
This is the most beneficial dua.

When you make this dua you are asking Allah to guide you, to show you a clear, easy and straight path – a path that leads you to Him and to paradise.

When you are confused which toy to buy, what treat to eat, which book to read, what clothes to wear, ask Allah to guide you. And He will guide you to choose the best.







Our Lord! Accept (this service) from us.

Verily! You are the All-Hearer, the All-Knower

(Surah Al Baqarah 127)



This is the invocation of Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him).

After doing any good deed, you should not feel proud of yourself. You should hope from Allah to accept it from you. Allah is the One Who hears you and knows about you.

When you help your mother at home or help your friend with his/her homework or you finish memorizing any surah or dua, ask Allah to accept it and reward you for it.



رَبَّنَا ءَانِنَا فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي اللَّهُ نَيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي اللَّهُ نَيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْأَخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ ٱلنَّارِ اللَّ

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!

(Surah Al Baqarah 201)

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) increased in making this dua and encouraged others as well to say it.

In this dua you are asking Allah to give you -

- * the best of everything in this world,
- and the best of everything in the hereafter.

You are also asking Allah to save you from the punishment of the hellfire. That is why this is the most complete dua.



WHAT CAN YOU ASK FOR THE BEST IN THIS WORLD?

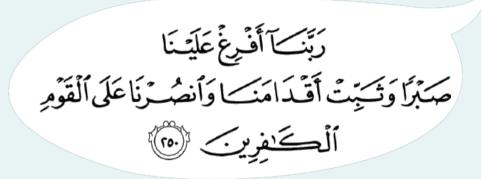
You can ask Allah for good friends, pure food, good health, loving family, kind teachers, beneficial knowledge, good deeds and so forth.

What can you ask for the best in the hereafter?

You can ask for safety from the punishment, the pleasure of Allah, paradise and to see Allah in paradise.



#4



Our Lord! Pour forth on us patience, and set firm our feet and make us victorious over the disbelieving people.

(Surah Al Baqarah 250)

You can make this dua whenever you face any difficulty or challenge. In this dua, you are asking Allah by His name Ar Rabb, the One Who nurtures and the One Who reforms,

- to give you patience
- to keep you strong
- and to help you win over your enemies.

WHO ARE YOUR ENEMIES?

- shaitan
- yourself, when you wish to do a bad deed
- bad friends, who take you far from Allah
- anyone and anything that makes you weak

When you want to do any good deed, such as giving away your best toy or dress for charity, and shaitan tries to stop you, ask Allah to give you strength to overcome his whispers so you can defeat the shaitan and complete the good deed.

رَبَّنَا لَا تُوَاخِذُنَا إِن نَسِينَا أَوْ أَخُطَأَنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلُ عَلَيْنَا إِلَّا الْكُولَا تُحَمِّلُنَا عَلَيْنَا إِلَّهُ مَكَا اللَّهُ عَلَى ٱلَّذِينَ مِن قَبْلِنَا رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَكِّلُنَا مَا لَاطَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ فَ وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمَنَا أَنْتَ مَوْلَكَنَا مَا لَاطَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ فَ وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا وَارْحَمَنَا أَنْتَ مَوْلَكَنَا فَانْصُرُنَا عَلَى ٱلْقَوْمِ ٱلْكَفِرِينَ السَّ

Our Lord! Punish us not if we forget or fall into error, our Lord! Lay not on us a burden like that which You did lay on those before us (Jews and Christians); our Lord! Put not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Pardon us and grant us Forgiveness. Have mercy on us. You are our Maula (Patron, Supporter and Protector, etc.) and give us victory over the disbelieving people.

(Surah Al Bagarah 286)

These special duas are from the last ayat of Surah Al Baqarah.

When you read the last two ayat of Surah Al Baqarah before sleeping,

- v it will be enough for you
- it is protection from the Shaitan for three nights
- v it is a treasure from under the throne of Allah



When you make this dua,

You are asking Allah by His name Ar Rabb – The Reformer, The Nurturer, not to punish you when you forget or make mistakes.

You are asking Allah by His name Ar Rabb, not to make anything difficult on you like the people before had faced.

You are asking Allah by His name Ar Rabb, not to burden you with anything that you cannot handle.

Then you ask Allah to:

overlook your mistakes, وَاعْفُ عَنَّا

and forgive your sins وَاغْفُرْ لَنَا

and have mercy on you وَارْحَمْنَا



Allah is your Mawla, your Protector, so in the end of the dua you ask him to complete His blessing upon you, by protecting you and giving you victory over the enemies.

WHO ARE YOUR ENEMIES?

- Shaitan
- Your Self, when you wish to do a bad deed
- bad friends, who take you far from Allah
- anyone and anything that makes you weak

Allah protects you from your enemies and gives you victory by increasing your faith, giving you knowledge and making you do more good deeds.

Sometimes you may rush in your salah or forget to make wudu or make mistakes in your recitation and you may not know about it. Allah does not punish you for these mistakes. Allah loves to overlook and He loves to forgive you.

Many times you hurt yourself or fall ill, but Allah never gives you more pain than you can bear. Allah is full of mercy and He is the One who protects you.

#6

THE BEST DHIKR:



Better than any dua is Dhikr - when you remember Allah.

And the best Dhikr is צ וְנֹע וֹשׁ.

WHAT ARE THE VIRTUES OF لا إله إلا الله ?

It is the best of statements.

Allah loves it and is pleased when you say it.

All the Prophets and Messengers called people to لا إله إلا الله.

It is the greatest blessing when you live under the shade of لا إله إلا الله.

There is nothing better than it. It is the most correct word.

It protects you from sins and keeps you balanced.

When you hold on to لا إله إلا الله strongly, you will not fall.

It is the contract between you and Allah.

لا إله إلا الله will always remain and never go away.



WHAT ARE THE CONDITIONS OF لا إله إلا الله ?

There are seven conditions to צ וַנֹּג וְעֵׁ ווֹג and all of them are needed.

KNOWLEDGE: To know that Allah is the One true God. He is the One Who hears you, sees you and knows all about you.

CERTAINTY: To be certain Allah is the only One Who creates, provides and cures. For example when you fall ill, it is Allah who makes you better and not any doctor or medicine.

ACCEPTANCE: To accept all that Allah says is true. When Allah tells you something is good, then it is good, such as believing in Him and being good to the parents. When Allah tells you something is bad, then it is bad, such as lying and stealing.

SUBMISSION: To submit to Allah by doing what He tells you to do, like praying five times a day and by staying away from what He tells you not to do like lying and backbiting.

TRUTHFULNESS: To be truthful when you start to do anything. For example before you pray, you need to be truthful you are praying for Allah alone and not for others to see you.

SINCERITY: To be sincere and pure while doing all your actions. For example when you are helping others, you need to be sincere you are doing it for Allah alone and not for others to thank you and praise you. LOVE: To love Allah more than anyone and anything else. This is the main condition. When you love Allah, you will do everything that pleases Him. You love Allah because He takes care of you every moment. He is One, Perfect and there is no one like Him!

The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

Whoever bears witness to no one being worthy of worship except Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah then Allah will make the hellfire forbidden for him.

(Sahih At Tirmeedhi 2638. Authenticated by Al Albani as Hasan)

When you say لا إله إلا الله محمد رسول الله then Allah will make the hellfire forbidden for you!



The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said:

Receive glad tidings and give glad tidings to those after you – whoever bears witness to no one being worthy of worship except Allah and truthfully believes it will enter paradise.

(Sahih Al Jami'e 35. Authenticated by Al Albani as Sahih)

When you say لا إله إلا الله truthfully from your heart, you will enter paradise!







رَبَّنَا لَا تُرِغَ قُلُوبَنَا بَعَدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبُ لَنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً اللهُ اللهُ

Our Lord! Let not our hearts deviate (from the truth) after You have guided us, and grant us mercy from You.

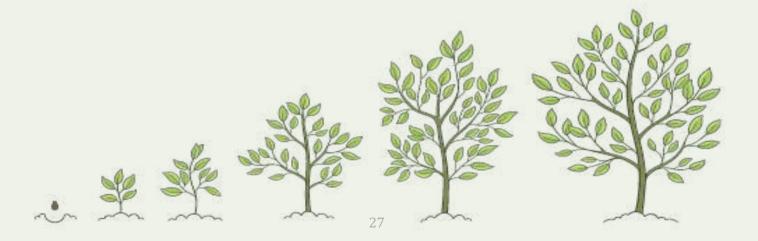
Truly, You are the Bestower.

(Surah Aal Imraan 8)



Allah Ar Rabb is the One Who nurtures you, reforms you and takes care of you. He takes care of your body and your heart.

He guides your heart by:
making your faith strong
teaching you knowledge



BUT HEARTS CAN CHANGE..

When you do bad deeds like lying and stealing

When you disobey Allah, your parents, your teachers

When you make this dua, you are asking Allah by His name Ar Rabb, not to change your heart after it has been guided. You ask Allah to keep you strong on guidance because you do not want to slip and go on the wrong path.

Also, you also ask Allah Al Wahhab to gift you mercy from Him; to get all the good and to prevent all the evil.

This makes the dua complete – guidance and mercy!

If you are doing any good deeds in Ramadan like reading a page of Qur'an or memorizing a hadith every day, make this dua to keep you firm, so you can continue it and not change even after Ramadan.



رَبُّنَ] إِنَّنَا ءَامَنَ افَأَغْفِ رَلَنَا ذُنُو بَنَ اوَقِنَا عَذَابَ ٱلنَّادِ اللَّ

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

(Surah Aal Imraan 16)

This is the dua of the Muttaqeen, the people who have taqwa.

WHAT IS TAQWA?

Taqwa is to not follow your desires. It is to guard yourself from the anger of Allah and to do what pleases Him.

There are a lot of delights in this world like games, chatting, movies, music and so forth that can make you forget Allah and lead you to sin. Sins can make you slip and can take you away from the Straight Path.



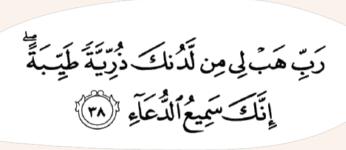
When you make this dua you ask Allah by His name Ar Rabb - The Nurturer, The Reformer, to keep you firm and not let you slip.

You confirm to Allah that you believe in Him.

You ask Him for forgiveness of your past sins. And you ask Him to protect you from sins in the future that can lead to the hellfire.

SECURITY =

FORGIVENESS (from past sins) + PREVENTION (from future sins)



O my Lord! Grant me from You, a good offspring. You are indeed the All-Hearer of invocation.

(Surah Aal Imraan 38)

This is the dua of Prophet Zakariya (peace be upon him) asking Allah to grant him a child. He made this dua when he and his wife were old and had no children.

When you make this dua, you ask Allah Ar Rabb - the Nurturer, the Reformer, and the One Who takes care of you - to give you pure delights and blessings that you can enjoy and that will benefit you in the duniya and akhirah.

Surely Allah is the One Who listens and responds to your duas. Ask Allah to gift you طيب food, طيب clothes, طيب friends and so forth so you can enjoy it completely!

#10

رَبَّنَآءَامَنَابِمَآ أَنزَلْتَ وَٱتَّبَعْنَا ٱلرَّسُولَ فَٱكْتُبْنَا مَعَ ٱلشَّهِدِينَ السَّ

Our Lord! We believe in what You have sent down, and we follow the Messenger; so write us down among those who bear witness (to the truth i.e. La ilaha ill-Allah - none has the right to be worshipped but Allah)

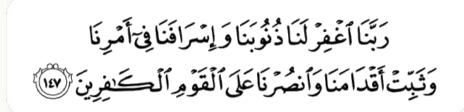
(Surah Aal Imraan 53)

This is the dua made by the followers of Prophet Isa (peace be upon him) to show their belief in Allah and His messenger.

When you make this dua, you accept and confirm your belief in the messengers that Allah sent and the news and commands Allah sent through them. Also you ask Allah to make you among those who say the shahaadah: لا إله إلا الله محمد الرسول الله – There is no one worthy of worship but Allah and Muhammad (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) is His slave and messenger.

We should always follow the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) such his manners of eating and drinking, sleeping and waking up and praying as he prayed.

#11



Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and our transgressions (in keeping our duties to You), establish our feet firmly, and give us victory over the disbelieving folk.

(Surah Aal Imraan 147)

This dua was made by people of faith (ربیون) who supported the messengers in times of difficulty.

When you make this dua, you are asking Allah Ar Rabb – your Nurturer, your Reformer – to forgive your sins and any other excessive action (إسراف) you may have done in the past. You also ask Allah to keep you firm and strong in this life and in the hereafter. Lastly, you ask Allah to help you win over your enemies.

? إسراف WHAT IS

Eating, talking, spending or doing anything excessively (more than required).

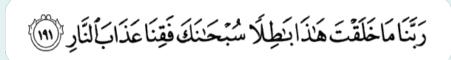
At times when you are hungry, you pile up lots of food in your plate, more than you can actually eat and end up wasting a lot of it. Or you talk too much and others may get upset that they never got a chance to speak. Or when you are at the shopping store, you buy more toys and candies than required and may feel guilty about it later.

When you make this dua you ask Allah to forgive you for your actions and keep you firm. And Allah will grant you with an excellent reward in this life and the hereafter.









Our Lord! You have not created (all) this without purpose, glory to You! (Exalted be You above all that they associate with You as partners). Give us salvation from the torment of the Fire.

(Surah Aal Imraan 191)







This is the dua of the people of understanding (أولو الألباب) who look at the creation of Allah (the sun, the moon, the stars, the heavens, the earth and so forth) and it increases them in faith.

Allah did not create anything without a purpose. When you make this dua you are confirming your belief in Allah Ar Rabb by saying everything Allah created is for the truth.

You remove from Allah any faults and imperfections in His actions or creation by saying (سبحانك) – Glory be to You.

And in the end, you ask Allah to protect you from the punishment of the hellfire. Every star, planet, mountain, pond, bird, insect and leaf are created by Allah for a purpose. For example, if you have planned for a picnic and it starts to rain, do not get upset that your plan was ruined, rather think Allah has a reason behind it. Maybe going for a picnic was not good for you at that time.

Everything Allah created has a purpose and it is to increase you in faith. سيحان الله



#13

رَبَّنَاۤ إِنَّكَ مَن تُدِّخِلِ ٱلنَّارَ فَقَدُ أَخْزَيْتَهُۥ وَمَالِلظَّلِمِينَ مِنْ أَنصَادٍ إِنَّ

Our Lord! Verily, whom You admit to the Fire, indeed, You have disgraced him, and never will the Dhalimun (polytheists and wrong-doers) find any helpers.

(Surah Aal Imraan 192)

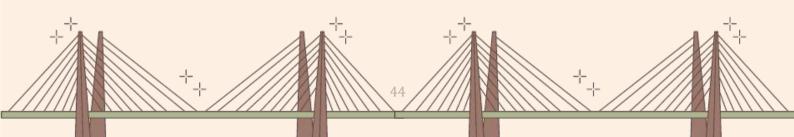
This is a continuation of the dua of (آولوا الألباب) people of understanding.

This dua shows their feelings and their belief about the people in the hellfire. They ask Allah by their belief in the unseen (hellfire) to protect them from it.

Every person has to cross the sirat.

WHAT IS THE SIRAT?

It is a bridge to paradise which is thinner than the hair, sharper than the sword and underneath it is the hellfire.

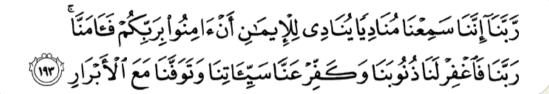


Depending on the deeds of the person, he will either cross the sirat quickly, or may fall off the sirat and end up in hellfire and this is a big disgrace (shame). And if he falls, there is no one who can help him. Allah is the One Who knows who is deserving to go to the hellfire.

When you make this dua, you ask Allah Ar Rabb, to save you from the disgrace of falling into the hellfire and protect you from it. When you believe in Allah and do good deeds, it will keep you firm and you will be safe from the fire.

Sometimes during a sports competition, if you happen to fall down while everyone else is watching, you may feel ashamed. But the biggest disgrace is to fall off the sirat into the hellfire. May Allah keep us firm and protect us from the hellfire.

#14



Our Lord! Verily, we have heard the call of one (Muhammad (peace be upon him)) calling to Faith: 'Believe in your Lord,' and we have believed. Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and remit from us our evil deeds, and make us die in the state of righteousness along with Al-Abrar (those who are obedient to Allah and follow strictly His Orders)

(Surah Aal Imraan 193)



This is the continuation of the dua of (أولوا الألباب) the people of understanding. All their duas begin with رُبُنَا "Our Rabb" as they are always asking for nurturing, reforming and care from Allah.

In this dua they are remembering the favors of Allah upon them. They appreciate His nurturing and His sending of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to call them to believe in Allah. They magnify the actions of Allah and this creates more feelings in them and keeps them firm.

Then they mention their action by saying they believed - (لا إله الا الله). They end their dua by asking Allah for forgiveness and to make them die as (أبرار) Abrar.

WHO ARE THE أبرار?

They are those people who do good deeds all their life. They have a pure heart, free from any bad feelings.

When you make this dua, you are being grateful for the blessing of faith. You are also asking Allah Ar Rabb to forgive your major (big) and minor (small) sins. Sins can make you heavy, it can also make you slip, so you ask Allah to forgive all of them so that you can be firm.

In the end you ask Allah to make you among the Abrar - pure and doing good deeds all the time.

Always race forward to do good deeds so you can be among the أبرار reading Qur'an, giving charity, helping your mother, helping your siblings with their homework, smiling and speaking kind words, respecting your elders, being kind to the animals and so forth.



#15

رَبَّنَا وَءَانِنَا مَا وَعَدَّنَّنَا عَلَىٰ رُسُلِكَ وَلَا تَخْزِنَا يَوْمَ ٱلْقِيكَمَةِ إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ ٱلِمِيعَادَ ﴿ ﴿ ﴾ ﴿ اللَّهِ عَلَىٰ اللَّهِ عَلَىٰ اللَّهِ عَلَىٰ اللَّهِ عَلَمَ اللَّهِ عَلَىٰ اللَّ

Our Lord! Grant us what You promised unto us through Your Messengers and disgrace us not on the Day of Resurrection, for You never break (Your) Promise.

(Surah Aal Imraan 194)

This is the last part of the dua of (أولوا الألباب) the people of understanding. All their duas are best and complete, increasing them in faith and firmness.

In this dua, they ask Allah Ar Rabb to grant them the best of everything that has been promised to the best of people (the messengers).

WHAT HAS ALLAH PROMISED THE MESSENGERS?

- Victory and Success in this life.
- His Pleasure and Paradise in the hereafter.

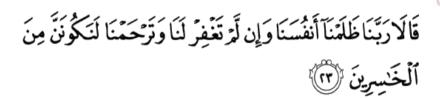
Also they ask Allah not to disgrace them on the Day of Judgement. They do not want to slip in this life or in the hereafter. And they end their dua by confirming Allah's action that He never breaks His promise.

All that Allah promised to His messengers is the best and Allah always fulfills His promises. When you make this dua, you ask Allah Ar Rabb to give you the best in this life and in the hereafter. You also ask Allah to protect you from any disgrace on the Day of Judgement, not even for a single moment.

Always ask for the best from Allah – the best of deeds, the best of companions, the best of character, the best of speech, the best of food, and the best of paradise: Jannat ul Firdous. اللهم إنى أسألك فردوس الأعلى







Our Lord! We have wronged ourselves. If You forgive us not, and bestow not upon us Your Mercy, we shall certainly be of the losers.

(Surah Al 'Araaf 23)



This dua was made by Adam and Hawwa (peace be upon them) when they ate from the forbidden tree. Allah taught them this dua after they admitted their sin and felt ashamed of it. This is the first dua made by mankind.

In this dua, they asked Allah by His name Ar Rabb, the Reformer, because you need reforming to recover from your mistakes. They admitted to their sin and did not blame Shaitan for misleading them. They asked Allah to forgive them and have mercy on them, so they would not be among the losers. Allah accepted their dua and forgave them.

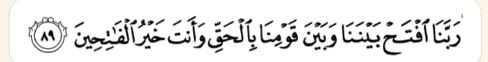


It is very important to admit when you have done something wrong. When you make this dua, you begin by admitting your mistake and asking for forgiveness. Also you ask Allah for the mercy - wellbeing and safety from the sins. If there is no forgiveness and mercy from Allah, then we cannot be among the winners.

For example, your mother told you not to touch her laptop. When she is away, your little sister might suggest playing games on it. While doing so, the laptop stops working and your mother comes to know about it. Admit your mistake and do not blame your sister for it. Ask your mother with sincerity for forgiveness and she will forgive you.



#17



Our Lord! Judge between us and our people in truth, for You are the Best of those who give judgment.

(Surah Al 'Araaf 89)

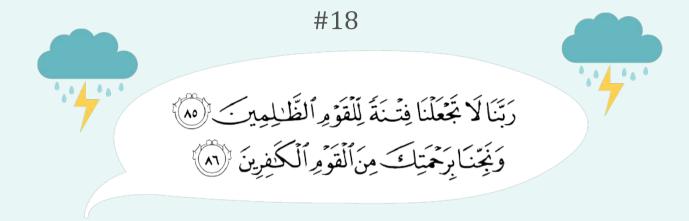


This dua was made by Prophet Shuaib (peace be upon him) when he faced the disbelievers and their threats. He did not ask for support or victory, but asked Allah Ar Rabb for opening and clarity - to show them the truth. Allah is the best One to decide and judge between truth and falsehood.

When you are confused and do not know what to do, ask Allah Ar Rabb to show you what is right. Allah is vast in His knowledge and you should rely (depend) on Allah to guide you to the best of knowledge and worship. Allah is the best Who can open for you, protect your faith and keep you firm.

There are times when you and your friends may differ in opinions. For example, wearing the hijab. You know you are right but your friends may argue that it is not compulsory. You do not want to fight them. So you make this dua and ask Allah to show your friends the truth and guide them.





Our Lord! Make us not a trial for the folk who are Dhalimeen (polytheists and wrong-doing) (i.e. do not make them overpower us)

And save us by Your Mercy from the disbelieving folk.

(Surah Yunus 85, 86)

This dua was made by the young believers from Banu Israel. They believed in Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) but at the same time feared that Fir'aun and his people would change their religion.

In this dua, they ask Allah by His name Ar Rabb because they need Allah to make them better and give them victory over Fir'aun and his people. They do not want to fail in front of those who are unjust, thereby making them believe they are right.

They also ask Allah by His mercy to save them from disbelief or ingratitude. They make this dua so they can fulfill their duties (worship Allah) without any distractions.

When you make this dua, you ask Allah to support you and give you victory over your enemies who can be unjust – could be your own self, or Shaitan or bad companions and so forth.

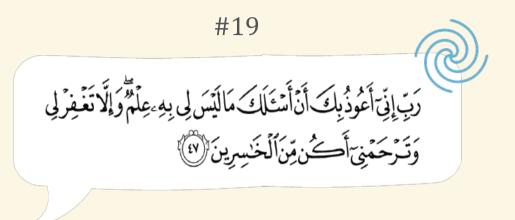
Also you ask Him to have mercy on you and save you from any kind of disbelief or ingratitude so you can fulfill your task.

For example, you intended to stop playing games and chatting online in Ramadan in order to finish the recitation of the Qur'an. When you see your friends chatting online the whole day, you may get distracted. They might even call you for a game or two with them. As a result, you are not able to finish your daily target or you lose interest in it. So you make this dua and ask Allah to help you be firm and keep you away from anything that could distract or disturb you.



For example, you told your friend you want to stop playing games and chatting online in Ramadan in order to finish reciting the Qur'an. Your friend continued to play games and would always tell you to join her. You get torn between the two, but you know reciting the Qur'an is better than playing games so you make this dua asking Allah to not fall back. You also want to be a good example so your friend can see that reciting the Qur'an is better and that it's something we should be grateful for.





O my Lord! I seek refuge with You from asking You that of which I have no knowledge. And unless You forgive me and have Mercy on me, I would indeed be one of the losers

(Surah Hud 47)

This is the dua of Prophet Nuh (peace be upon him). When Prophet Nuh saw his son drowning, he made dua to Allah to save him. But Allah did not consider him as a believer, so he scolded Prophet Nuh for asking Him what he did not know about.

Prophet Nuh felt extremely guilty for his act and quickly turned to Allah in dua. He asked Allah to protect him from what he had no knowledge of. And he asked Allah for forgiveness and mercy so that he would not be among the losers.

When you make this dua, you are asking Allah by His Name Ar Rabb, the One Who reforms you and protects you from saying or asking anything that you do not know of. Only Allah knows the end result of everything.



Also in this dua, you ask Allah to forgive you and have mercy on you. Forgiveness will save you from sins and mercy will make you among the successful ones.

Sometimes you may ask Allah for things that may actually be bad for you. For example, there is a new girl in school who appears to be very smart and stylish. Everyone wants to hang out with her. You wish you could also be her friend and ask Allah for her friendship. After a while, she stops coming to school and you come to know from other friends that the school had expelled her because she was a bad company for everyone. You feel guilty that you had asked Allah for her friendship. You return to Allah and make this dua to protect you from asking anything wrong and being among the losers.

#20



فَاطِرَ ٱلسَّمَوَتِ وَٱلْأَرْضِ أَنتَ وَلِيّ - فِ ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلْآخِرَةِ تَوَفَّنِي فَاطِرَ ٱلسَّمَوَتِ وَٱلْآرْضِ أَنتَ وَلِيّ - فِي ٱلدُّنْيَا وَٱلْآخِرَةِ تَوَفَّنِي مُسْلِمًا وَٱلْحِفْنِي بِٱلصَّنلِحِينَ اللهِ

The (only) Creator of the heavens and the earth! You are my Wali (Protector, Helper, Supporter, Guardian, etc.) in this world and in the Hereafter, cause me to die as a Muslim (the one submitting to Your Will), and join me with the righteous."

(Surah Yusuf 101)

Dream

This is the dua made by Prophet Yusuf (peace be upon him) after Allah made his dream come true.

Allah took Prophet Yusuf (peace be upon him) through many stages in life, from being thrown into the well, to being in the house of Aziz, then in prison and finally to be a minister of the treasures of the land. After all this when he saw his dream come true, he made this dua, whereby he realized two important matters:

Allah is the Originator of the heavens and the earth because He created for Prophet Yusuf (peace be upon him) situations like never before. And throughout his journey Allah was his Wali – his Supporter, Guardian and Close Friend. Prophet Yusuf (peace be upon him) appreciated the companionship of Allah.

Then he makes the dua asking Allah to make him die as a Muslim – to keep him firm on Islam until death. And to make him join the righteous people – the Prophets and the Messengers, the truthful ones and the worshippers.

You may go through many stages in life, and Allah is the One Who can support you at every step and keep you safe from any disbelief. When you make this dua, you are asking Allah to keep you firm on Islam till the end. Also you ask Allah to join you with the righteous people and then you will not be lost.





Your Qur'an teacher has chosen you to become the leader of the Qur'an study group. You are grateful to Allah for being your Wali and helping you to get this position. You make this dua asking Him to keep you firm on it and keep you humble in the company of righteous and truthful friends.



رَبِّ ٱجْعَلْ هَٰذَا ٱلْبَلَدَءَامِنَا وَٱجْنُبْنِي وَبَنِيٓ أَن نَّعَبُدَ ٱلْأَصْنَامَ

O my Lord! Make this city (Makkah) one of peace and security, and keep me and my sons away from worshipping idols

(Surah Ibrahim 35)

This is the dua of Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) - the father of the Prophets. His duas are special because he not only made dua for himself, but also for his offspring until the Day of Judgement.

Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) begins his dua by asking Allah Ar Rabb for peace and security. He asks Allah to first set up a secure place to live in before asking anything for himself and his children. Then he asks Allah for keeping himself and his offspring away from idol worship. Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) and his children were believers yet he took precaution to be away from shirk.

When you make this dua, you are asking Allah for peace and security in your home and the country you are living in. The most important thing is to have a secure home and to live in a secure land.

After being in a secure place, you ask Allah for security of faith. The greatest security is to be protected from shirk. To fall into shirk is like falling into a sticky spider web and this can be very dangerous. So you make dua to Allah to keep you far from shirk and idol worship.



WHAT ARE IDOLS?

Idols can be anything in life you are attached to and admire – statues of false gods, money, famous people or even your own self.

For example, your older brother admires this particular football player with a weird hairdo. Despite your father's warning, your brother gets the same haircut done and ends up disobeying your father.



When you make this dua, you ask Allah to protect you and your family from following or attaching to any such idols because it can be a source of disobedience and misguidance.

#22

رَبَّنَآ إِنَّكَ تَعْلَمُ مَا نُخُفِي وَمَا نُعْلِنُ وَمَا يَخْفَى عَلَى ٱللَّهِ مِن شَيْءِ فِي ٱلْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي ٱلسَّكَمَآءِ ﴿ ﴿ اللَّهِ السَّكَمَاءِ ﴿ ﴿ اللَّهِ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهِ اللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى الللَّهُ عَلَى اللَّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى اللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى الللّهُ عَلَى الللللّ

O our Lord! Certainly, You know what we conceal and what we reveal. Nothing on the earth or in the heaven is hidden from Allah.

(Surah Ibrahim 38)

This is the continuation of the dua of Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him). He is the best example of those who submit to Allah.

Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) went through many tests in life, and successfully passed each one of them. When Allah told him to leave Hajar and Prophet Ismael (peace be upon him) in Makkah, it had no people or cultivation. But he put his trust in Allah and made dua for them. He asked Allah to make them establish the prayer and become good examples for others, and to put love and respect in people's hearts for them. Then he asked Allah to provide them with the best of the provisions in order they will be grateful.

When you are grateful, then the blessings will always increase.



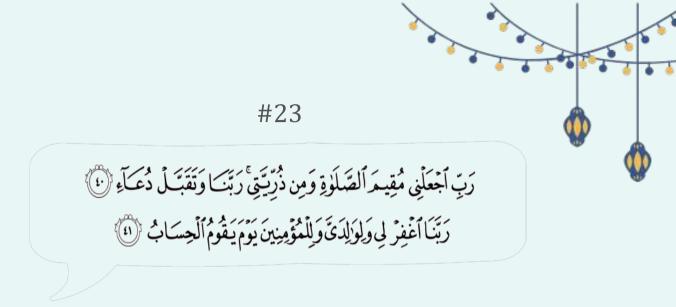
Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) knew that Allah alone has the knowledge of everything unseen and nothing is hidden from Him. He alone knows what is best for everyone. So he also asked Allah for making all their affairs easy for them.



There are many things that we do not know about, something which maybe inside us or any opportunities around us. But Allah has full knowledge of everything – what you hide inside your hearts and what you show outside. When you make this dua, you ask Allah Ar Rabb, by His knowledge and mercy, to set all your affairs right and make everything easy for you.

For example, you are doing a presentation for the first time, and you do not know which topic to choose, how to go about and so forth. Allah knows what talents you have inside and what resources you can use. So you ask Allah by His knowledge to show you what is best and make it easy for you.





O my Lord! Make me one who performs As-Salat (Iqamat-as-Salat), and (also) from my offspring, our Lord! And accept my invocation.

Our Lord! Forgive me and my parents, and (all) the believers on the Day when the reckoning will be established.

(Surah Ibrahim 40, 41)

This is the last part of the dua of Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him). Allah mentioned all his duas in the Qur'an because they are the best and so we that we can learn from them.

In this dua, Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) asks Allah Ar Rabb by His special nurturing to make him and his offspring the ones who establish the prayer (مُقْيِمُ الصَّلاةِ).



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO ESTABLISH THE PRAYER?

It means to fulfill all the conditions of prayer

- Internally (with khushoo' and feelings)
- Externally (by timings and outer actions)

The prayer is our connection with Allah. If the prayer is good, everything else will be good.

Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) ends his dua by asking Allah Ar Rabb to forgive him, his parents and all the believers - especially at the time when we will be accounted (on the Day of Judgment).



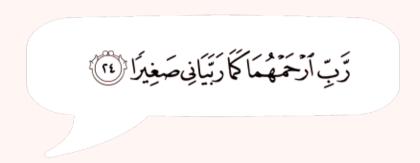
When you make this dua, you ask Allah to make you establish and perfect the prayer.

You also ask Allah for forgiveness – for yourself, your parents and all the believers at the time of accounting. You do not want to get stuck on the Day of Judgement, because of your sins. So you ask Allah to forgive you in that particular time when you really need it.

The best dua you can make for anyone is to seek forgiveness for them. Imagine how many believers existed at all times – dead and alive. When you ask forgiveness for them, you will be rewarded for each one. Subhan Allah! So do not forget to make this dua every time and especially in Ramadan while you are fasting.



#24



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

(Surah Al Israa 24)



This dua is made for the parents and anyone who has nurtured (looked after) us when we were young.

Allah has put forth rights for everyone. First is the right of Allah; which is not to worship anyone other than Allah لا إله الا الله الا الله الا الله الا الله الا الله الله

Then comes the rights of the parents. Allah tells us very clearly how to treat them and what dua to make for them.

Allah has told us to treat them with Ihsan - do your best in your speech and actions. Speak kind words to them and do not speak harshly, show them respect and honor more than anyone else and if they are old then be patient and humble with them and be merciful towards them.

Then Allah mentioned the dua we should make for them:

We ask Allah by His name Ar Rabb, the Nurturer, to have mercy on them as they nurtured us when we were young.

Our parents have done a lot for us, especially when we were young. They looked after us, fulfilled our needs and wants, cared for us when we fell ill and so much more. The rights of the mother are three times more than the rights of the father because she carries the child, gives birth and feeds him. Whatever we do, we can never return their favors or fulfill their rights.

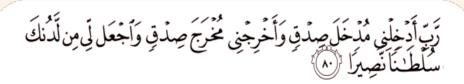
When you make this dua, you are asking Allah to have mercy on your parents – to give them all the goodness and to make it easy for them.

Your parents are more deserving of your time, care, love and kindness, even more than your friends or teachers.

You can also make this dua for those who looked after you when you were young, like your nanny, your grandparents, your aunty and so forth.







My Lord! Let my entry be good, and likewise my exit be good.

And grant me from You an authority to help me

(or a firm sign or a proof).

(Surah Al Israa 80)

This dua is made by the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

For every matter we have an entry (starting point) and an exit (ending point). And in our life, we keep going through many entries and exits – be it entering or exiting our homes, classes, or even prayer, month of Ramadan, fasting and so forth.

When we make this dua, we ask Allah Ar Rabb to make us enter everything with a truthful entry and also exit it truthfully.





WHAT IS A TRUTHFUL ENTRY AND EXIT?

To enter and exit anything

With Sincerity – for the sake of Allah

With Obedience – following the Sunnah of the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him)

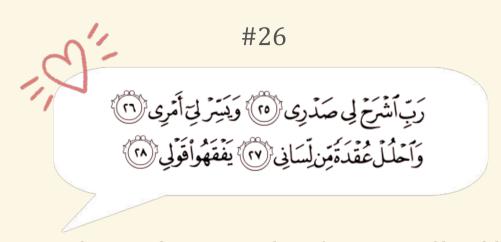
Also, we should not enter anything with desire - just because we want to do it. When we do so, we may lose interest after some time or even forget to do it. So we ask Allah to grant us from Him سُلُطَانًا نَّصِيرًا (clear guidance and help). When things are open and clear, it is easier to decide whether to continue any matter or to exit it peacefully.



For example, you want to memorize a particular surah of the Qur'an, you make this dua to help you start truthfully and end truthfully, without any problems. When there is sincerity and truthfulness, Allah will surely guide you and help you.

Also, when Ramadan comes to an end, you can make this dua to guide you to exit this month truthfully with the best of the deeds.





O my Lord! Open for me my chest (grant me self-confidence, contentment, and boldness) And ease my task for me. And make loose the knot (the defect) from my tongue, (i.e. remove the incorrectness from my speech) that they understand my speech.

(Surah Ta Ha 25 to 28)

This dua was made by Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) when Allah commanded him to call Fir'awn to guidance.

There is no command that can be harder than to meet Fir'awn as he was the biggest tyrant and a clear enemy. Before he could face him, Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) made dua to Allah and asked for His support.

In his dua he asked Allah Ar Rabb for three things:

To open his chest for him - to expand his chest so that he can take in all the harm of Fir'awn and his people and not be affected to retaliate (react).



- * To make all his affairs easy for him and to show him an easy path.
- * To loosen/undo the knot from his tongue to make his speech clear and expressive so they may understand him.

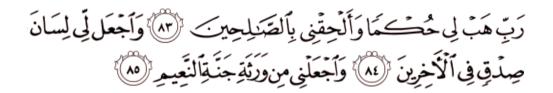


When you make this dua, you ask Allah to expand your chest because when the chest is tight you cannot teach or guide anyone. Then, you ask Allah to make your path easy - you do not want to go around and then realize the right way; you want a shortcut from the start. Also, you ask Allah to give you fluent speech so that your words are understood clearly and there is no miscommunication.

For example, you are asked to give a speech on the National Day in school. You are very nervous about speaking in front of a large audience especially your school Principal. So you make this dua and ask Allah to give you confidence and to help you speak clearly and fluently without going wrong.



#27



My Lord! Bestow Hukman (religious knowledge, right judgement of the affairs and Prophethood) on me, and join me with the righteous;

And grant me an honourable mention in later generations; And make me one of the inheritors of the Paradise of Delight;

(Surah Ash Shu'ara 83 to 85)

This dua is made by Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him).

In this dua he asks Allah Ar Rabb four things for himself;

- * To grant him abundant knowledge and wisdom so that he could judge between the people.
- * To make him follow the righteous people though he is already from the righteous. This shows how humble he was.
- * To grant him a truthful tongue after his death (we'll see what that means)
- * To make him one of those who inherit (get) Gardens of Delight (paradise)

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO HAVE A TRUTHFUL TONGUE?

To have a good reputation among all the people.

To have love and acceptance of the people.

To have people praise you truthfully, even after you die.

None of us have seen Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him). Yet after so many generations have passed, he is remembered and praised by people all over the world. We as Muslims love him and praise him daily (in our salah and other times as well). We also follow his example when we perform Hajj and Umrah.

When you make this dua, you ask Allah by His name Ar Rabb - your Nurturer and the One Who takes care of you – to grant you knowledge and wisdom – so you know the rules, and what is right and wrong. You also ask Allah to make you follow the righteous people who do all their deeds with sincerity and following the Sunnah. Moreover, you ask Allah to give you a truthful tongue – so all the people praise you truthfully even after you die. Lastly, you ask Allah to make you inherit the Gardens of Delight – to grant you paradise.



For example, you have joined a new school, and you do not know who to be friends with. You ask Allah to give you wisdom to choose the right friends and make you among the righteous ones.







#28

رَبَّنَاهَبْ لَنَامِنْ أَزْوَجِنَا وَذُرِّيَكِنِنَا قُرَّرَةً أَعْيُنِ وَٱجْعَكَلْنَا لِلْمُنَّقِينَ إِمَامًا ﴿ ﴿ ﴾

Our Lord! Bestow on us from our wives and our offspring who will be the comfort of our eyes, and make us leader for the Muttagun.

(Surah Al Furgan 74)

This dua is made by عباد الرحمن – they are slaves of Allah Ar Rahman who are humble, balanced and stay away from anything unnecessary. They fear Allah's punishment and keep within their boundaries. They always repent to Allah. They do not turn away from Allah's signs and always benefit from them.

In this dua they ask Allah Ar Rabb to grant them from among their أزواجنا - partners, friends, companions, spouses, and their نرياتنا - offspring – children, grandchildren, to be coolness of eyes for them.



WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO BE COOLNESS OF EYES?

Comfort of the eyes – the eyes are happy looking at them. The eyes look forward to seeing them.

The eyes do not turn elsewhere to look for someone else.

They also ask Allah to make them leaders of the Muttageen – the pious people who do not follow their desires.

When you make this dua, you ask Allah Ar Rabb - your Nurturer, your Reformer, to give your eyes comfort and satisfaction when you see your family, friends and loved ones. You also ask Allah to make you a leader for the pious, good people and not those who are greedy, proud

or follow their desires. When the followers are good, then there will not be any problems.

For example, you do not want to be jealous or compete with your family or friends. So you make this dua and ask Allah to give you coolness of the eyes – to make you happy and satisfied with them.



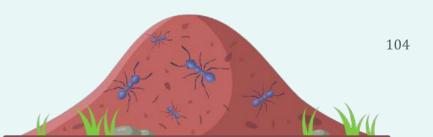
رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِى أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ ٱلَّتِى أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَى وَعَلَى وَالِدَّتَ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَرَالِحُ الْرَحْمَةِ فَ عَبَادِكَ ٱلصَّرَالِحِينَ اللَّ

My Lord! Inspire and bestow upon me the power and ability that I may be grateful for Your Favours which You have bestowed on me and on my parents, and that I may do righteous good deeds that will please You, and admit me by Your Mercy among Your righteous slaves.

(Surah An Naml 19)

Allah bestowed many blessings on Prophet Sulaiman and his father Prophet Dawud (peace be upon them). Among the many favors were that Prophet Sulaiman (peace be upon him) could understand the language of the birds and animals.

This dua was made by Prophet Sulaiman (peace be upon him) after he heard the ants returning to their homes in distress. He understood the ant's speech and was grateful to Allah for gifting him this knowledge. Because of his gratitude, Allah showered him with more favors.



In this dua he asks Allah by His name Ar Rabb to inspire him to be grateful for all the blessings that He bestowed upon him and his father. He also asks Allah to help him do righteous good deeds that would please Him. And lastly he asks Allah to admit him by His mercy among His righteous slaves.

This is the best dua to show your gratitude to Allah.

When you make this dua you ask Allah Ar Rabb, your Nurturer, your Reformer, to inspire you – to guide, help and encourage you – to be grateful for all His favors that He gave you and your parents. When you are grateful, Allah will increase your blessings.

Also you want Allah to be pleased with you. So you ask Him to inspire you to do righteous good deeds that would please Him.

And in the end you ask Allah to make you enter paradise by His mercy with His righteous slaves.

If you sit together with your family and each one counts the numerous favors of Allah upon you – yummy food, clean water, good health, home delivery, wi-fi (for sure) and so much more – how He takes care of you, How He guides you to do the best deeds in Ramadan, how He is keeping you safe in your house, how He is taking care of your grandparents at their home - there is no end to His blessings.

And the greatest of His favors upon you is that He made you a believer.

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Our Lord! Forgive us and our brethren who have preceded us in Faith, and put not in our hearts any hatred against those who have believed. Our Lord! You are indeed full of kindness, Most Merciful (Surah Al Hashr 10)

This dua was made by the people who came after the time of Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him), they are the ones who came after the Muhajireen and Ansar.

We all want to have a clean and pure heart in our journey to Allah.

WHAT ARE THE PROBLEMS WE CAN FACE IN THIS JOURNEY?

SINS - between us and Allah. It can slow us down.

BAD FEELINGS – between us and people. It can spoil us.

So we make this dua to fix our relationship with Allah and the people and to have a clean heart.

In this dua we ask Allah by His name Ar Rabb, our Reformer, to forgive us our sins and protect us from its evil effects. Forgiveness of sins make us lighter and then we can move forward easily in life and in the hereafter.

We also ask Allah to forgive the believers who came before us. The believers are brothers in Islam supporting and caring for each other. So we appreciate them for their faith and ask forgiveness for them. When we seek forgiveness for the believers, we will be rewarded the same for each one.

Then we ask Allah not to place any (غل) in our hearts for anyone who is a believer.



WHAT IS (غل)?

Any bad feeling, grudge or hatred towards anyone which is like a deep stain; it cannot be removed except by Allah on the Day of Judgement.



We do not want to have any bad feelings towards anyone. So we ask Allah from before not to place in our hearts any ill feelings or hatred; instead, we want to love, have good feelings and think best for them. When we have this, we will have a clean and pure heart.



So we ask Allah by His names: (الرؤوف الرحيم) - Ar Raoof Ar Raheem, the One Who is full of kindness and mercy, to give us a heart free from any bad feelings and to fill it with love and mercy towards everyone.

For example, if you had an argument with your friends, you can make this dua so you are able to forgive them and forget about it. You do not want to have these feelings become a deep grudge and make you heavy or slow you down in your journey to Allah.



#31

رَبَّنَا عَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْنَا وَإِلَيْكَ أَنَبْنَا وَإِلَيْكَ ٱلْمَصِيرُ ﴿ ثَنَا لَا جَعَلْنَا فِتْنَةً لِلَّا مَا لَكَ اللَّهِ عَلَنَا فَا لَكَ اللَّهِ عَلَنَا فَا لَكَ أَنتَ ٱلْعَزِيزُ ٱلْحَكِيمُ ﴿ فَ اللَّهِ مِنْ كَفَرُواْ وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا رَبَّنَا أَإِنَّكَ أَنتَ ٱلْعَزِيزُ ٱلْحَكِيمُ ﴿ فَ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْكُ اللَّهُ اللّلَهُ اللَّهُ اللللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّلَّا اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّالِمُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللّه

Our Lord! In You (Alone) we put our trust, and to You (Alone) we turn in repentance, and to You (Alone) is (our) final Return,
Our Lord! Make us not a trial for the disbelievers, and forgive us, Our Lord! Verily, You, only You are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise.

(Surah Al Mumtahina 4, 5)



This dua is made by Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him).

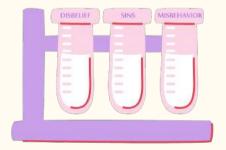
Prophet Ibrahim (peace be upon him) starts his dua by showing his complete submission and reliance in Allah Ar Rabb. He frees himself from all what the disbelievers do and is loyal to Allah alone. He quickly turns to Allah's obedience and His pleasure and any deeds that makes him close to Allah. He also affirms that the final return is to Allah alone on the Day of Judgement.

Then he asks Allah By His name Ar Rabb to not make them a trial for the disbelievers.



HOW DO YOU BECOME A TRIAL FOR THE DISBELIEVERS?

- When the disbelievers oppress you so much, you end up turning to disbelief.
- When you sin and become weak, so the disbelievers can easily dominate you.
- When your action or misbehavior gives a wrong idea about your religion and increases them in disbelief.



Then he insists on the nurturing of Allah Ar Rabb by asking Him for forgiveness of their sins and shortcomings in their worship. He calls Allah by His names Al Azeez Al Hakeem, the One Who is All-Mighty and gives honor and is All-Wise, full of wisdom, to give them victory and to put everything in the right place.

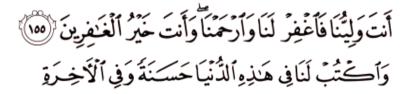
To rely on Allah is the highest level of faith. When we make this dua, we totally rely and trust Allah to do what is good and to stay away from what is bad. We turn to Allah in obedience so He can be pleased with us and we admit that our final return is to Allah alone.

Also, we ask Allah not to make us a test for the disbelievers. We do not want them to dominate us nor do we want them to have a wrong impression about our religion as a result of our misbehavior. So we ask

Allah Ar Rabb to cover us and forgive us our sins and our shortcomings. We ask Allah by His might and wisdom, to honor us and put everything in its right place for us.

For example, you wear abaya one day and the other day you don't even wear a scarf on your head. This way you are giving a wrong idea about covering in Islam to your friends and others around you. So you make this dua and ask Allah not to make you a bad example or to give a wrong image about your religion.





You are our Wali (Protector), so forgive us and have mercy on us, for You are the Best of those who forgive.

And ordain for us good in this world, and in the Hereafter

(Surah Al 'Araaf 155 to 156)



This dua is made by Prophet Musa (peace be upon him).

Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) chose seventy best men from among Banu Israel to ask forgiveness from Allah, for worshipping a calf. But when they went for the appointment, they misbehaved and committed a great sin, by asking to see Allah. Allah punished them on the spot and they all died.

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Prophet Musa (peace be upon him) was now left with no believers in his tribe. Then he makes this dua and asks forgiveness from Allah on behalf of his people.



He asks Allah by His name Al Wali, The Guardian and the One close to them, to forgive them and have mercy on them for He is the best of those who forgive. Allah accepted his dua and they all come back to life again.

Then he asked Allah to complete His favor on them by giving them all the goodness of this life and the hereafter.



Everyone makes mistakes in life. No one is perfect. And at times we are blamed for the mistakes of those who are under us. When we make this dua, we ask Allah, our Wali, the One near to us, the One Who protects us and guides us, to forgive us and have mercy on us. Allah is the best One Who forgives. So we turn to Him alone.

Also we ask Allah to give us the goodness in this life and the hereafter.

WHAT IS THE GOODNESS IN THIS LIFE?

Beneficial knowledge Vast provision Righteous good deeds



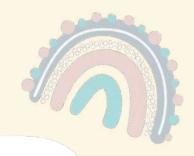
WHAT IS THE GOODNESS IN THE HEREAFTER?

Whatever Allah prepared for the people from the rewards – His Pleasure and Paradise.

And this is a complete dua.

Many a times you are blamed for the mistakes of your younger siblings. Surely you do not want to be punished because of their misbehavior. So rather than justifying yourself or blaming someone else, you can make this dua on their behalf asking Allah Al Wali, to forgive them and give you the best of everything.

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رَبَّنَآ ءَانِنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً وَهَيِّئَ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا رَشَدُا 💮

Our Lord! Bestow on us mercy from Yourself, and facilitate for us our affair in the right way

(Surah Al Kahf 10)

This dua was made by the Companions of the Cave (أصحاب الكهف) when they ran away from the disbelievers fearing their religion.

It is a shortcut dua in the time of trials (tests).

In the first part of the dua, they ask Allah Ar Rabb to grant them mercy. They want to be firm and protected during their trial and do not want to be dealt with harshness, so they ask Allah for mercy with ease, exclusively from Him.

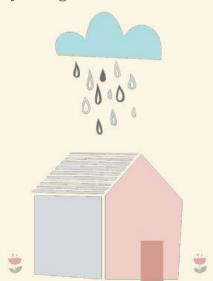
In the second part, they ask Allah to make their matters easy for them and to guide them from the beginning so they don't take any wrong decisions. They ask for exact guidance (رشد) in all their affairs.

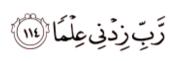
We all need mercy when we are facing trials in our life. When we make this dua, we ask Allah by His name Ar Rabb, Our Reformer, to grant us unlimited mercy exclusively from Him. Only by His mercy we can be firm and protected during trials.

Also, we do not want to waste our time making mistakes and then learn from them. So, we ask Allah to make all our affairs easy and guide us to the best right from the start.



You may come across many situations where you feel insecure, confused and stuck. For example you have to build a model house as a class project and are not sure how to start, so you make this dua and ask Allah to have mercy on you, to bring you all the goodness and guide you in the best manner. Also when you read Surah Kahf every Friday, you will have light – clarity and guidance from Allah.







My Lord! Increase me in knowledge (Surah Ta Ha 114) The Qur'an is the word of Allah, the Most High, free from any faults or imperfections. When we connect to the Qur'an we will always find happiness.

This dua comes in the form of a command to the Prophet (peace and mercy of Allah be upon him) regarding the Qur'an.

When Jibreel (peace be upon him) brought the revelation down to the Prophet (peace and mercy of Allah be upon him), he would be hasty in receiving it because of his love for the Qur'an. Allah forbade the Prophet (peace and mercy of Allah be upon him) from being hasty with the Qur'an and asked him to be patient until Jibreel finished the recitation and then recite after him so he could understand and memorize better.



Then Allah commanded him to make this dua to increase him in knowledge. Allah told the Prophet (peace and mercy of Allah be upon him) to rely on Him to teach him and make him understand better, rather than being hasty and impatient. This way the learning would be more beneficial and he would get more goodness out of it.

When we make this dua, we are asking Allah Ar Rabb, The One Who Nurtures us and The One Who Reforms us, to increase us in knowledge and understanding.

This dua teaches us reliance in Allah. We cannot learn anything by our hastiness but only by asking Allah to help us understand better. It also teaches us the manners of attaining knowledge.

We should be patient while receiving the knowledge.

We should listen until the end without interrupting the teacher. This may cause the teacher to forget and we would miss out on important information.

When we do not understand anything, we should ask Allah to teach us. For example, when your teacher is teaching and you do not understand some part of it, do not interrupt her and disturb the class. Instead, you trust Allah and ask Him to help you; He will make you understand and open more for you from His vast favors.





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لَّا إِلَىٰهُ إِلَّا أَنتَ سُبْحَىٰنَكَ إِنِّى كُنتُ الْمَالِينِ اللَّا الْمَالِمِينَ اللَّالِمِينَ اللَّالْمِينَ اللَّالْمِينَ اللَّالْمِينَ اللَّالْمِينَ اللَّالْمِينَ اللَّالْمِينَ اللَّالْمِينَ اللَّالْمِينَ اللَّهُ اللللللِّهُ اللللْمُلِمِينَ اللَّهُ الللْمُلْمُ اللللْمُ الللللْمُلِمِينَ الللللْمُلِمِينَ الللللْمُلْمُ اللللْمُلْمُ الللللْمُلْمُ اللَّهُ اللْمُلْمُ اللَّلْمُ اللْمُلْمُ اللْمُلْمُ اللْمُلْمُ اللْمُلْمُ اللْمُلْمُ اللْ

La ilaha illa Anta [none has the right to be worshipped but You (O Allah)], Glorified (and Exalted) are You [above all that (evil) they associate with You]. Truly, I have been of the wrong-doers.

(Surah Al Anbiya 87)

This dua was made by Prophet Yunus (peace be upon him) when he was stuck in the belly of the whale.

Allah refers to Prophet Yunus (peace be upon him) as the "Companion of the Whale" in the Qur'an. When the whale swallowed him, Prophet Yunus (peace be upon him) was scared and in complete darkness. Even the angels could not see him. Only Allah Al-Baseer, The All-Seer, knew his state and thus He inspired him to make this dua.

Prophet Yunus (peace be upon him) called out to Allah through layers of darkness.



This dua consists of three parts:

الله إلا أنت – This is the statement of Tawheed, the Oneness of Allah. No one is worthy of worship except Him. By saying this, Prophet Yunus (peace be upon him) showed his complete attachment to Allah alone.

— Then he glorified Allah and negated any imperfection from Him. Even though he was in the worst situation, he did not think negative about Allah or His decree and actions.

النِّي كُنتُ مِنَ الظَّالمِين – Prophet Yunus (peace be upon him) did not blame anyone, but went back to himself and admitted he had done wrong. He returned to Allah in repentance and Allah responded to his dua and saved him from distress.



When we make this dua we are removing any attachment to the means, people or even our own self. We are placing our trust only in Allah as He alone is worthy of all our worship and attachment.

We glorify Him and do not think anything negative about His actions.

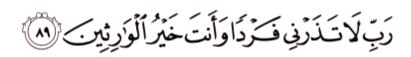
He is free from any faults and all His actions are perfect.

We admit we are imperfect and commit sins. We alone are to be blamed for our wrong-doings and no one else. When we admit we are wrong, then this puts everything back in its right place.



If you find yourself stuck in a problem and you make this dua, Allah will surely solve it and make a way out for you. For example, you are alone in an elevator and suddenly the power shuts off and it stops. Your phone is out of coverage and the emergency button won't work either. Rather than panicking, shouting and banging on the door, make this dua with strong belief and a sincere heart; surely Allah will respond and the elevator will start working again.





O My Lord! Leave me not single (childless), though You are the Best of the inheritors

(Surah Al Anbiya 89)



This dua was made by Prophet Zakariya (peace be upon him).

Prophet Zakariya (peace be upon him) was alone in da'wah (calling people to Allah). As he grew old, he feared nobody could take his position after him. So he made dua to Allah for a child who would grow up to help him in da'wah and to take his place after him.

He called upon Allah by His name Ar Rabb, The Nurturer, The Reformer. He asked Allah not to leave him alone, that is, not to leave him childless. He showed his feelings of need to Allah. He had no means as he was old and his wife could not have children but he did not lose hope in Allah. He knew only Allah Ar Rabb can reform and fix everything to make it perfect.

Then he stated the perfection of Allah in his dua by saying that Allah is the Best of the inheritors (the One Who remains).



?(ALLAH Al WAARITH)) الله الوارث WHO IS

Allah Al Waarith, The Inheritor, the One to Whom everything goes back. He is worthy of everything. We all will die but Allah never dies. Everything will perish and come to an end, but only He will remain because He is Perfect.

Allah responded to his dua and granted him a child who was one of the best prophets. Allah even named him Yahya from His side and gave him the best of the characters such that Prophet Zakariya (peace be upon him) would not have to worry about anything. This shows that everything is possible with Allah when we go to him with tawheed.

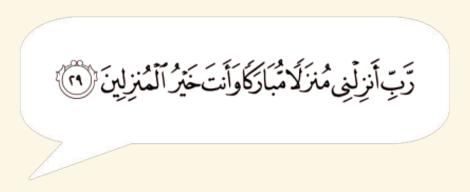
When we make any dua, we should think good about Allah. We should not worry about the means – how we will get it, who will bring it for us, when will it happen, and so forth. We should have full hope in Allah and believe that only He and no one else has the ability to respond to our duas.



And only Allah can give us the best of the gifts, as He alone has the knowledge of everything and knows what benefits us the most.

Sometimes we feel lonely and we long for true company. Allah is the One Who can give us the best of the friends who will truly care for us, help us and benefit us in our life and the hereafter.





My Lord! Cause me to land at a blessed landing-place, for You are the Best of those who bring to land.

(Surah Al Mu'minoon 29)



This dua was made by Prophet Nuh (peace be upon him).

Prophet Nuh (peace be upon him) called the people to Allah for 950 years, yet no one believed in him except a handful. So Allah destroyed the disbelievers drowning all of them in a big flood. And He saved Prophet Nuh (peace be upon him) and the believers in a ship that Allah had ordered him to build.

Allah commanded him to praise Him and say Alhamdulillah for saving them. He then inspired Prophet Nuh (peace be upon him) to make this dua.



This dua teaches us that we should never lose hope in Allah.

Prophet Nuh (peace be upon him) asked Allah by His name Ar Rabb, to allow them to land at a blessed place, full of goodness and without any struggle or difficulty. He knew that only Allah is the best One to help them and take them to a safe land where they would not have to worry about anything.

When we make this dua we are asking Allah Ar Rabb, The Nurturer, The Reformer, to give us the best accommodation (place to stay) wherever we go; a place that is blessed, filled with opportunities and goodness and free from any problems or bad influences.

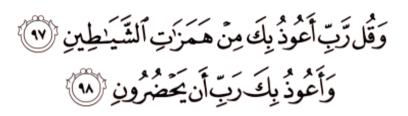


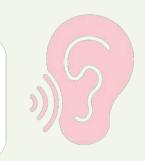
Surely Allah can make this possible for us because He is the Only One Who can make anything blessed.

After the pandemic came to an end, we all came back to life in the best manner. For example, when everything becomes normal by the will of Allah and we return to school, we make this dua and ask Him to make it a best return for us – a blessed, safe return that is free from any harm or disease, better than before, a return that is easy right from the start.



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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 may attend (or come near) me.

(Surah Al Mu'minoon 97 to 98)

All the shayateen are our enemies; they are always against us and can never be on our side. They work hard to make us sin and decrease our faith.

Allah tells us how to react to the shayateen. We cannot change them to become good, nor can we fight them on our own.

In this dua, we ask Allah by His name Ar Rabb, the One Who reforms us to protect us from the evil of the shayateen, and whatever they do to harm us. We need to seek protection in Allah and believe that He alone can take care of us.

In particular, we seek protection from their touch (همز), it can be just an idea of evil that the shayateen can put in our mind and then go away. Also we seek protection from our Rabb to have the shayateen present with us all the time, whispering to us again and again. Both can affect us and decrease our faith. We cannot avoid and push away the shayateen by our might and power because we are weak. If we try to fight the shayateen by ourselves, we will fail.

We have to seek refuge in Allah Ar Rabb and ask for His protection. When we are protected from this, we will surely be guided to all good and our faith will always be up.

For example, you decide not to check your phone when you are reciting Qur'an. At the same moment, you start receiving messages from your friends. The shayateen whisper to you that there is no harm, you can pause and quickly look through the messages. But you try not to look at your phone and keep it on silent. The phone keeps vibrating and the shayateen continue to whisper saying it might be something important. You make this dua and ask Allah to protect you from the shayateen and their whispers so you can remain firm on your good deed and not get distracted in between.



أَنِي مَسَّنِي ٱلطَّبِرُّ وَأَنتَ أَرْحَمُ ٱلرَّحِمِينَ

Verily, distress has seized me, and You are the Most Merciful of all those who show mercy.

(Surah Al Anbiya 83)



This is the dua of Prophet Ayyub (peace be upon him), who is a great example of someone who remained patient despite losing everything.



Prophet Ayyub (peace be upon him) was blessed with money, property, children and health. But when the Shaitan touched him with evil, he lost everything he had – he lost all his children, he lost all his wealth and he fell ill; no one even wanted to come close to him. Everybody left him, only his wife remained loyal by his side. His illness was such that his whole body was affected except for his tongue and heart. Despite this, he praised Allah that he had a tongue to remember Him and a heart to believe in Him.

Prophet Ayyub (peace be upon him) called on his Lord and expressed his situation, although Allah knows what he was going through. He did not list all the sicknesses and losses he suffered but simply said – "Surely, I have been touched by harm (الضر)", which shows he did not want to magnify the problem he was facing.

Prophet Ayyub (peace be upon him) did not want mercy or pity from others, because it would not help him. He asked for Allah's mercy as he knew Allah is The Most Merciful of those who show mercy. And he knew that only the vast mercy of Allah will benefit him. Allah responded to his dua and brought the means to cure his illness — cold water. Allah removed all harm from him so there were no side-effects or after-effects; he was completely cured.

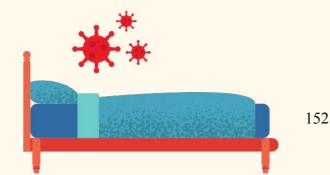
From His vast mercy, Allah also returned all that Prophet Ayyub (peace be upon him) had lost – his children, his property – and He even doubled it for him. Subhan Allah!

We must remember that all tests are from Allah, but anything evil is from the Shaitan and we must ask Allah from His mercy to protect us.



This dua is for any sickness or problem that we may face, surely our problem cannot be greater than what Prophet Ayyub (peace be upon him) went through. Only when we devote ourselves to Allah, He will remove the harm and grant us more from His mercy.

For example, you are down with chicken pox, you cannot go anywhere and nobody wants to come close to you, you feel lonely and sad. You make this dua and ask Allah for His mercy. He will surely remove your illness and also make things easy for you. For example you pass and move on to the next class without having to take a final exam.







#40

رَبَّنَا ءَامَنَّا فَأُغْفِر لَنَا وَأُرْحَمْنَا وَأَنتَ خَيْرُ ٱلرَّحِمِينَ

Our Lord! We believe, so forgive us, and have mercy on us, for You are the Best of all who show mercy!

(Surah Al Mu'minoon 109)

This dua is made by the believers when the disbelievers made fun of them and laughed at them.

When the believers face any trial from the disbelievers, they remain patient. They do not say anything or do anything to displease Allah because they know that victory comes with patience. In addition to being patient, they make dua to Allah.



They ask Allah by His name Ar Rabb, The Nurturer, The Reformer. They know that when they face any difficulty, it is nurturing from Allah to reform them and to bring out the best worship from them; it is not to hurt them. So they do not feel bad about the mockery (making fun) of the disbelievers.

Next they reaffirm their faith by saying they believe. Faith increases and decreases, so they keep renewing their faith by affirming their belief in Allah and all that happens.



They ask Allah for forgiveness despite others mocking (making fun) at them. This shows how pure they are because they go back to themselves by seeking forgiveness. They know with forgiveness Allah will open all gates of goodness for them.

Along with forgiveness, they ask Allah for His mercy. Even though they are facing pain from the others, they do not expect mercy or pity from anyone else except Allah. They know that Allah is the best One to show mercy and that His mercy is full of goodness.

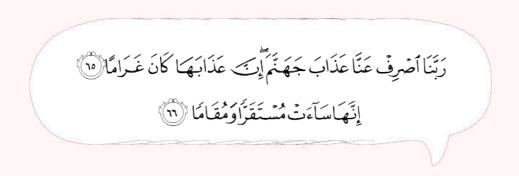


When we face any problem or difficulty at the hands of our enemies, whether it's the Shaitan or people who want to harm us, we should be patient.

It is not easy when someone makes fun of us, but we must remember that Allah puts us through situations to nurture and reform us, to make us better, and never to hurt us.

For example, if someone at school makes fun of your hijab, you must not react and answer back. Instead you must remain patient and make dua asking Allah to forgive you and have mercy on you. This way your faith will always be up and you will not get affected.





Our Lord! Avert from us the torment of Hell. Verily! Its torment is ever an inseparable, permanent punishment.

Evil indeed it (Hell) is as an abode and as a place to dwell.

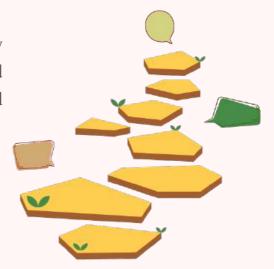
(Surah Al Furqan 65 to 66)



This is dua made by Ibad Ar-Rahman – The Slaves of the Most Merciful. Allah bestowed His favors upon them and they are people who can tell what is right and wrong. The duas they make are exclusive and Allah taught us these duas so we can say them as well.

Ibad Ar-Rahman went through many painful situations with people in life, but instead of blaming them, their solution is to make dua.

They call upon Allah by His name Ar-Rabb; they know that everything is a nurturing from Allah and that all His actions are perfect. They are pleased with all His actions.



They do not ask for paradise first, what do they ask for?

They ask Allah to push the torment (pain) of the hellfire away from them. The word for hellfire used is جَافَة , which means frowning and angry. They realize that no pain is greater than the torment (pain) of the hellfire.

How will Allah push the torment (pain) away from?

By protecting and guarding them from falling into sins which can lead to the hellfire. They do not depend on themselves to avoid the sins, but are confident in Allah's actions and vast mercy to keep the sins away from them. They know that no pain in life will remain forever, but the torment (pain) of the hellfire is غَرَامًا – cannot be separated and it is forever.

Also, they realize that the hellfire is the worst condition and place to live and that no one can bear the punishment of hellfire. So they are slaves to His mercy to protect them from it.

They have not seen the hellfire, but their dua shows their faith in the unseen. Allah appreciates this and will surely grant them what they ask for.



When we make this dua we ask Allah Ar-Rabb to push the hellfire away from us by keeping us far away from sins. We are all slaves of Allah; slave to His mercy and slave to His protection. When Allah protects us from sins then we can have a delightful life, free of any stress or pain.

For example, when you come across any situation in life, which may seem difficult or painful, like being put down, or made fun of or bullied or feeling ignored and left out, or even any physical pain that you cannot bear, you make this dua and think about the torment (pain) of the hellfire and then everything else will become easy for you.

May Allah protect us all from the hellfire. Ameen.



رَبَّنَاهَبْ لَنَامِنْ أَزْوَجِنَا وَذُرِيَّكِنِنَا قُرَّةً أَعْيُنِ

Our Lord! Bestow on us from our wives and our offspring who will be the comfort of our eyes, and make us leaders for the Muttaqun (Surah Al Furqan 74)



This is the dua of Ibad Ar Rahman (the Slaves of the Most Merciful), who are broad minded and always at peace with everyone. They do not exceed their limits nor do they change themselves for others.

They realize that the surrounding is very important for one's progress, so they supplicate to Allah to choose the best people to be around them.

They ask Allah by His name Ar Rabb, the Reformer, the Nurturer, to gift them with the right people who will help them to progress and to spread the religion. They surely need support from those around them, otherwise they cannot move forward.



They ask Allah to make the people who are already around them - قـــرة, the coolness of their eyes.

What is قرة أعين?

It means when you see the people who are around you – it maybe your spouses, friends or companions (أزواجنا), and your children, grandchildren (ذريتنا)

- Your eyes will be at peace and rest
- You will not look elsewhere or stretch your eyes longing for someone else
- You will be content and satisfied
- You will not feel sorry for them rather you will feel happy seeing them because they are in the best condition, obedient to Allah and pleasing Him.



They also make dua to be a good example, but not for everyone, for the muttageen – those who fear Allah and do not follow their desires.

When we make this dua we ask Allah Ar Rabb to gift us the best people to be around us. We ask Him to reform them and make them a coolness and satisfaction to our eyes so we will not stress or worry. Also we ask Allah to make us leaders and a role model for those who fear Allah and are mindful of Him. We want to be among the truthful ones and do not want our followers to be those who follow their desires. 166

For example, you have a circle of friends and cousins who are close to you. When you make this dua, you ask Allah to choose the best among them to be around you and make them a source of comfort, support and happiness for you. And you ask Him to make you the leader for those who fear of Allah, so you have followers – your friends -who are always supporting you to do the good and to stay away from bad, all for the pleasure of Allah.



#43

رَبِّ إِنِّى لِمَآ أَنزَلْتَ إِلَىَّ مِنْ خَيْرِفَقِيرُ

My Lord! Truly, I am in need of whatever good that You bestow on me!

(Surah Al Qasas 24)



This is the dua of Musa (عاليه السلام) after he helped two women to get water from the well.

After Musa (عليه السلام) left Egypt, he did not know where to go. He made dua to Allah to guide him and Allah brought him to the land of Madyan.

There he saw a group of people near the well watering their flocks, and there were two young women who were standing far away from them. Even though he was in a difficult situation, he went forward and asked them what the matter was.



They told him they were waiting for all the men to finish and that their father was a very old man. Despite being tired from traveling, Musa (عليه) helped them and watered their flocks for them. Then he went and rested under the shade of a tree and made dua to Allah.

In this dua Musa (عليه السلام) expressed his condition to Allah rather than asking for anything in particular and this shows vastness in the dua. He asked Allah by His name Ar Rabb, the One Who reforms, takes care and looks after everyone. He showed his need by saying he was poor (فقير) to anything good that Allah would bestow upon him; he would accept anything Allah would send his way. He knew only Allah is the Most Rich (الغني) and that only He can enrich everyone.



Allah inspired him to make this dua because he helped the two women and Allah always rewards good with good. Because he went forward to help them, Allah brought forward to him and blessed him with a righteous wife, family, house, job, all without any effort from his side. Subhan Allah!

When we make this dua we express our condition to Allah and make ourselves poor to Him. We do not know what we need, only He is the Most Rich and only He knows what will truly enrich us. Sometimes we do not take what Allah sends to us, but when we take whatever Allah brings our way and accept it, then we will be happy and content.



For example, we are going to a new school and we do not know what is good for us. We make this dua and rely on Allah to give us everything good – be it righteous good friends, kind and helpful teachers, beneficial knowledge, safe and healthy environment and so forth.





Our Lord! Keep perfect our Light for us [and do not put it off till we cross over the Sirat (a slippery bridge over the Hell) safely] and grant us forgiveness. Verily, You are Able to do all things.

(Surah At Tahreem 8)

This is the dua of the believers on the Day of Judgement when they see the light of others being put off.

Allah has promised that He would never disgrace (bring shame on) the messengers and the believers on the Day of Judgement. He will give them light because of their faith, and they will be able to see their path clearly. They will enjoy this light and feel its comfort but when they will see the light of others being put off, they will feel scared and make this dua to Allah.

In this dua, they ask Allah by His name Ar Rabb, The Nurturer, The Reformer to keep their light constant for them. They do not trust the faith they had or the light they have been given. They rely on Allah to perfect their light for them by giving them knowledge and faith and opening righteous good deeds for them.

Also, the believers are afraid of any kind of disconnections with Allah that could come in the way and put off their light. That is why they ask Allah to forgive their sins. They want their light to be there with them till the end.



Then they ask Allah by His ability to do all the things and by His power to make anything happen, to complete their light and to keep them connected to Him always.

When we make this dua, we ask Allah Ar Rabb to nourish us with light and keep it constant for us, and to always keep us connected with Him and the believers. We don't want to be alone facing the darkness. For example, you happened to join Qur'an memorization classes along with your friends, which is a blessing from Allah. But after a while, you see many of them choosing to leave. So you make this dua and ask Allah to complete His favor on you by allowing you to complete the memorization till the end and to save you from any trials or problems that could come along the way.



Allah is sufficient for me. La ilaha illa Huwa (none has the right to be worshipped but He), in Him I put my trust and He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne (Surah At Tawbah 129)

This dua comes in the form of a command from Allah to the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him).

In the way of dawah (calling people to Islam), if people are not returning to Allah and are turning away, then Allah commanded the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) to the path of dawah and say this dua.

The dua starts with proclaiming that Allah sufficient in our life. Allah is Al Kaafi (The Most Sufficient) and He is enough for us. When there is any distress or difficulty, then Allah is the One Who protects, reforms, nurtures and takes care of us.

The next part of the dua is the word of Tawheed (لا إليه إلا هـو) - There is no one worthy of worship except Him. There is no one worthy of our love, hope and fear except Allah and we attach to Him alone because He is perfect. And there is no one we can to return to except Allah.

When we know there is no one like Him and there is no one who resembles Him or is co-equal to Him, then we rely on Him and trust Him alone (نوکل).



What is (توکل) Tawakkul?

Tawakkul (توكك) is an action of the heart where we trust, rely and depend on Allah alone for all our affairs.

We need tawakkul (تحوکسا) to remove any stress or tension from our lives. When we rely on Allah, then He will be sufficient for us and no one can interfere. We trust Allah to bring us all good and avert from us all harm.

Who is Allah?

وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

And He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne.

This dua ends with Allah being described as the Rabb of the Great Magnificent Throne. The Throne which is the greatest creation of Allah needs nurturing and reforming, so what about us? We are all imperfect and full of faults; we need Allah's nurturing and reforming all the time. Allah reforms us in different ways to bring the best from us.

When we feel we have done our best and cannot do more, then we make this dua. For example, there are a group of girls in class who bully other girls and backbite the teachers. You advise them in a gentle manner and remind them of Allah. But if they still do not change, you make this dua and put your trust in Allah and He will be enough for you.



DUA ON THE NIGHT OF DECREE



O Allah, You are Most Pardoning, and You love to pardon; so pardon me.

This is a special dua the Prophet (peace and mercy of Allah be upon him) taught us to say on Laylat -ul- Qadr (Night of Decree). It is a very important night because Allah chose to send down the Qur'an to us on this night.

Also on this night, Allah reveals to the angels all the decrees and provisions for that year.

Laylat -ul- Qadr takes place on an odd night in the last ten nights of Ramadan. But we make this dua on all the ten nights because we do not know what night it will take place.

This dua consists of three parts



In the first part, we ask Allah by His special name المحفو (Al-'Afuw) – The Most Pardoning. Allah Al-'Afuw pardons and overlooks the faults of the people. He overlooks our mistakes and removes the traces of our sins from the Book of the Angels and even from their memory. Allah Al-'Afuw also makes all our affairs easy for us.

In the second part, it is mentioned what Allah loves – to pardon. We all love to be pardoned. When we know Allah loves to pardon, we should also pardon others and overlook their mistakes.

In the last part, we ask Allah Al-'Afuw to erase our sins from our Book of Records and remove it from the hearts and minds of the people as well. We ask Him to bring us all the ease and open all the doors of goodness for us.





At times you say or do something that may hurt your best friend. You apologize to her and she might even forgive you, but it may not be easy for her to forget your mistake. When you make this dua, Allah will overlook your mistake and even erase it from her memory. In addition, Allah will bring more goodness and ease in your relationship with your best friend.

