

**Du'a for Friday** (Supplication No. 67, *Psalms of Islam*)

Etiquette of Du'a: (4) Take out *sadaqah* (charity) before doing Du'a to Allah; (5) Do not ask in your supplication any *haram* (forbidden) thing or for cutting off relations with your kith and kin.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ \* اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَىٰ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

Allah, the First & the Last, never disappoints one who supplicates Him

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْأَوَّلِ قَبْلَ الْإِنشَاءِ وَالْآخِرِ بَعْدَ فَنَاءِ الْأَشْيَاءِ، الْعَلِيمِ الَّذِي لَا يَنْسَى مَنْ ذَكَرَهُ، وَلَا يَنْقُصُ مَنْ شَكَرَهُ، وَلَا يُخَيِّبُ (يُخَيِّبُ) مَنْ دَعَاهُ، وَلَا يَقْطَعُ رَجَاءَ مَنْ رَجَاهُ.

All praise belongs to Allah, the First before the process of origination and giving of life, and the Last after extinction of all things; [Allah] the All-knowing who does not forget the one who remembers Him, and does not shortchange the one who thanks Him, and does not disappoint the one who supplicates Him, nor does He cut off the hope of the one who hope in Him.

- Allah is the First, ahead of everything and before life came into existence
- Allah is the Last, after everything else will be annihilated
- There is no forgetfulness in Allah's knowledge
- Allah gives the maximum what He has promised to the grateful. He says, *if you are grateful, I will surely enhance you [in blessing]* (14:7).
- Allah never disappoints the one who supplicates, nor does He dishearten those who are hopeful of receiving from Him.

Attesting to *tawhid* by calling witness to Allah and all His creatures

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَشْهَدُكَ وَكَفَىٰ بِكَ شَهِيدًا، وَأَشْهَدُ جَمِيعَ مَلَائِكَتِكَ وَسُكَّانَ سَمَاوَاتِكَ وَحَمَلَةَ عَرْشِكَ، وَمَنْ بَعَثْتَ مِنْ أَنْبِيَائِكَ وَرُسُلِكَ، وَأَنْشَأْتَ مِنْ أَصْنَافِ خَلْقِكَ، أَنِّي أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ وَلَا عَدِيلَ وَلَا خُلْفَ لِقَوْلِكَ وَلَا تَبْدِيلَ، وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَرَسُولُكَ، أَدَّى مَا حَمَلْتَهُ إِلَى الْعِبَادِ وَجَاهَدَ فِي اللَّهِ عَزًّا وَجَلًّا حَقَّ الْجِهَادِ، وَأَنَّهُ بَشَرٌ بِمَا هُوَ حَقٌّ مِنَ الثَّوَابِ، وَأَنْذَرَ بِمَا هُوَ صِدْقٌ مِنَ الْعِقَابِ.

O Allah, I make You a witness for Your witness is sufficient, and [O Allah] I call to witness: all Your angels, the dwellers of heavens, the bearers of Your Throne, and those who You sent as prophets and messengers, and (all other) creatures whom You have originated, (so that) I testify that You are indeed Allah, there is no god/deity worthy of worship except You and only You, without having any peer or equal to You. [And I testify] that there is no failing in Your words/promises, nor any change. [I also testify] that Muhammad – may Allah bless him and his family – is Your servant and Your Messenger, who delivered to the servants what You commissioned him, and duly struggled in the way of Allah – the Mighty and Supreme. [And I

bear witness that the Messenger] conveyed the good news regarding what was the truth of the reward, and warned of what was true of the punishment.

- The best witness of our good deeds is Allah, for His witness suffices
- Attesting to the Unity of Allah (*tawhid*) is so essential that we call unto witness close angles, the Prophets and other creation of Allah
- Belief in *tawhid* is quintessence of Islamic creed and needs to be pronounced regularly, but more so on Friday which is chief of all the days of the week
- It is essential that we testify about *tawhid* in its completion
- Attesting to Muhammad's apostleship is part of the twin testimonies which completes the belief in Islam
- Muhammad was such a great Messenger that he fulfilled all his duties well and the Ummah was never left without proper guidance. Is it not ironical that some Muslims blame him of leaving this world without having appointed a successor!

### Special prayers for Friday

اللَّهُمَّ ثَبِّتْنِي عَلَى دِينِكَ مَا أَحْيَيْتَنِي، وَلَا تُزِغْ قَلْبِي بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنِي، وَهَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ. صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنْ أَتْبَاعِهِ وَشِيعَتِهِ، وَاحْشُرْنِي فِي زُمْرَتِهِ، وَوَفِّقْنِي لِأَدَاءِ فَرَضِ الْجُمُعَاتِ وَمَا أُوجِبْتَ عَلَيَّ فِيهَا مِنَ الطَّاعَاتِ وَقَسِّمْتَ لِأَهْلِهَا مِنَ الْعَطَاءِ فِي يَوْمِ الْجَزَاءِ. إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ.

O Allah, make me firm on Your religion, as long as You keep me alive, and *do not make my heart swerve after You have guided me, and bestow Your mercy on me. Indeed You are the All-munificent* (3:8). [O Allah!] Bless Muhammad and the Family of Muhammad, make me amongst his followers and his *shi'ah* (partisans), and raise me in his company. [O Allah!] Give me success in: fulfilling the obligatory rites of Fridays, and what You have made mandatory on me in it from acts of obedience, and [in receiving] what You have apportioned of the bestowal for its people, on the Day of Recompense. *Indeed You are the All-mighty, the All-wise* (2:129).

- Following religion is one thing, but remaining firm to the commitment is the real challenge. Some believe that the oft-repeated prayer *إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ* refers to this.
- Guidance to Islam and faith is the greatest bounty, so let us ensure not to lose it
- Allah's mercy should be sought and beseeched all the times
- Praying for Prophet Muhammad and his family is part and parcel of all supplications
- Belief in the Prophet is following him, subscribing to his party & being raised with him
- Friday rituals are so important that instead of asking anything else, Imam al-Sajjad (a) prays for success in fulfilling all the obligations & requirements of that day
- Friday also has its special rewards & compensation and we should pray not to miss these
- Allah is All-mighty and All-wise also forms part of the 1<sup>st</sup> verse of suratul Jumu'ah