

Du'a before Qur'an Tilawah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي نَشَرْتُ عَهْدَكَ
وَكِتَابَكَ، فَاجْعَلْ نَظْرِي فِيهِ عِبَادَةً
وَقِرَائَتِي فِيهِ فِكْرًا
وَفِكْرِي فِيهِ إِعْتِبَارًا
وَلَا تَجْعَلْ قِرَائَتِي قِرَاءَةً
لَا تَدْبُرُ فِيهَا، بَلِ اجْعَلْنِي
أَتَدَبَّرُ آيَاتِهِ وَأَحْكَامِهِ
إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الرَّؤُوفُ الرَّحِيمُ

In the name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful

O Allah I have opened
Your Pledge and Your Book;
So make my looking at it worship
And my reciting it, thoughtful
And my thinking on it, a means of deriving lessons
And do not make my recitation without reflection,
Rather make me ponder over its verses and its rules;
Surely You are the Kind, the Merciful.

Ref: *Makārim al-Akblāq*, p. 343.

This is a shorter version of the Du'a recited by al-Sādiq (a).

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اللَّهُمَّ اشْرَحْ بِالْقُرْآنِ صَدْرِي
وَاسْتَعْمِلْ بِالْقُرْآنِ بَدَنِي
وَتَوَرِّ بِالقُرْآنِ بَصْرِي
وَاطْلُقْ بِالْقُرْآنِ لِسَانِي
وَأَعِيْ عَلَيَّ مَا أَبْقَيْتَنِي
فَرَانَهُ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِكَ.
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ.

In the name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful

O Allah, expand my chest through the Qur'an
Let my body follow the (rules of) the Qur'an
Enlighten my eyes through the Qur'an
Open my tongue through the Qur'an
And help me to stay on it as long as You let me live
For surely there is no power and no strength except with You.
*O Allah, bless Mubammad and the family of Mubammad.**

* It is recommended to begin and end all Du'ās with salawāt

Ref: *Mustadrak al-Wasā'il*, 4:378. It was recited by Imam Ali (a).

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