



Du‘ā 22  
**At the time of Hardship**  
in the *Sahīfa* with two  
Translations



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<i>His Supplication in Hardship, Effort, and Difficult Affairs</i>	<i>One of his prayers in Hardships and Difficulties</i>	<p>وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ عِنْدَ الشَّدَاةِ وَالْجُهْدِ وَتَعَسَّرِ الْأُمُورِ</p>
<p>1. O God, You have charged me concerning myself with that which belongs more to You than to me. Your power over it and over me is greater than my power, so give me in myself what will make You pleased with me and take for Yourself Your good pleasure in my self's well being!</p>	<p>1. O Lord, You have required the performance of that over which You have more power than I of my soul. Your authority over it and over me is stronger than mine. Therefore, let me have with me that from my soul which would please You. Take from my soul what would satisfy You in peace and safety.</p>	<p>(1) اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ كَلَّفْتَنِي مِنْ نَفْسِي مَا أَنْتَ أَمْلَكُ بِهِ مِنِّي، وَقَدَّرْتُمْ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَيَّ أَغْلَبُ مِنْ قُدْرَتِي، فَأَعْطِنِي مِنْ نَفْسِي مَا يُرْضِيكَ عَنِّي، وَخُذْ لِنَفْسِكَ رِضَاهَا مِنْ نَفْسِي فِي عَافِيَةٍ</p>
<p>2. O God, I have no endurance for effort, no patience in affliction, no strength to bear poverty. So forbid me not my provision,</p> <p>And entrust me not to Your creatures, but take care of my need alone and Yourself attend to sufficing me!</p>	<p>2. O Lord, I have no strength for toil, nor patience in time of trial, nor power to bear poverty. Therefore, do not deprive me of my sustenance.</p> <p>Do not cause me to rely upon Your creatures. Nay, let Yourself satisfy my need. Undertake to provide for me.</p>	<p>(2) اللَّهُمَّ لَا طَاقَةَ لِي بِالْجُهْدِ، وَلَا صَبْرَ لِي عَلَى الْبَلَاءِ، وَلَا قُوَّةَ لِي عَلَى الْفَقْرِ، فَلَا تَحْظُرْ عَلَيَّ رِزْقِي، وَلَا تَكْلِنِي إِلَى خَلْقِكَ، بَلْ تَفَرِّدْ بِحَاجَتِي، وَتَوَلَّ كِفَايَتِي</p>
<p>3. Look upon me and look after me in all my affairs, for if You entrust me to myself, I will be incapable before myself and fail to undertake that in which my best interest lies. If You entrust me to Your creatures, they will frown upon me, and if You make me resort to my kinsfolk, they will refuse to</p>	<p>3. Watch over me in all my affairs. For verily if You entrust me to my ego, I shall be humiliated by it and shall fail to perform that wherein lies its good. If You make me over to the care of Your creatures, they will frown at me. If You do consign me to my kindred they will disappoint me.</p>	<p>(3) وَاَنْظُرْ إِلَيَّ وَأَنْظُرْ لِي فِي جَمِيعِ أُمُورِي، فَإِنَّكَ إِنْ وَكَلْتَنِي إِلَى نَفْسِي عَجَزْتُ عَنْهَا وَلَمْ أَقِمْ مَا فِيهِ مَصْلَحَتُهَا، وَإِنْ وَكَلْتَنِي إِلَى خَلْقِكَ تَجَهَّمُونِي، وَإِنْ</p>

<p>give to me;</p> <p>If they give, they will give little and in bad temper, making me feel long obliged and blaming me much.</p>	<p>If they give anything to me at all, they will give little, reluctantly, and will reproach me long and will often disparage me.</p>	<p>أَلْجَأْتَنِي إِلَىٰ قَرَابَتِي حَرَمُونِي، وَإِنْ أَعْطُوا أَعْطُوا قَلِيلًا نَّكَدًا، وَمَنُّوا عَلَيَّ طَوِيلًا، وَذَمُّوا كَثِيرًا</p>
<p>4. So through Your bounty, O God, free me from need, through Your mightiness, lift me up, through Your boundless plenty, open my hand, and with that which is with You, suffice me!</p>	<p>4. Therefore, with Your bounty, O Lord, make me Independent. With Your glory, make me prosperous. With Your abundance, make me rich. Supply my need from what is with You.</p>	<p>4) فَبِفَضْلِكَ اللَّهُمَّ فَأَغْنِنِي، وَيَعْظَمَتِكَ فَأَنْعَشْنِي، وَيَسْعَوِكَ، فَابْسُطْ يَدِي، وَبِمَا عِنْدَكَ فَاكْفِنِي</p>
<p>5. O God, bless Muhammad and his Household, rid me of envy, encircle me against sins, make me abstain from things unlawful, give me not the boldness of disobedient acts, assign me love for that which is with You and satisfaction with that which comes to me from You, bless me in that which You provide me, that which You confer upon me, and that through which You favour me,</p> <p>And make me in all my states safeguarded, watched, covered, defended, given refuge, and granted sanctuary!</p>	<p>5. O Lord bless Muhammad and his Al (family). Deliver me from envy. Restrain me from Sins. Check me from doing things forbidden.</p> <p>Do not let me be encouraged in disobedience. Let my longings be with You and my satisfaction in what comes to me from You. Bless me in what sustenance You have given me, in what You have conferred upon me and in what You have favoured me with.</p> <p>Let me be, in all my circumstances, preserved, guarded, defended, covered, protected, sheltered and secure.</p>	<p>5) اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ، وَخَلِّصْنِي مِنَ الْحَسَدِ وَاحْصُرْنِي عَنِ الذُّنُوبِ، وَوَرِّعْنِي عَنِ الْمَحَارِمِ، وَلَا تُجَرِّتْنِي عَلَىٰ الْمَعَاصِي، وَاجْعَلْ هَوَايَ عِنْدَكَ، وَرِضَايَ فِيمَا يَرِدُ عَلَيَّ مِنْكَ وَبَارِكْ لِي فِيمَا رَزَقْتَنِي وَفِيمَا خَوْلْتَنِي وَفِيمَا أَنْعَمْتَ بِهِ عَلَيَّ، وَاجْعَلْنِي فِي كُلِّ حَالَاتِي مَحْفُوظًا مَكْلُوءًا مَسْتُورًا مَمْنُوعًا مُعَاذًا مُجَارًا</p>
<p>6. O God, bless Muhammad and his Household and let me accomplish everything</p>	<p>6. O Lord bless Muhammad and his Al (family). Help me to discharge all You have</p>	<p>6) اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ</p>

which You have enjoined upon me or made obligatory for me toward You, in one of the ways of Your obedience, or toward one of Your creatures, though my body be too frail for that, my strength too feeble, my power not able to reach it, and my possessions and what my hand owns not encompass it and whether I have remembered it or forgotten it.

imposed upon me and what You have required me to do for Yourself by way of duty due unto You or for the benefit of any one of Your creatures. If my body be too weak for it, my strength be too small for it, my power fail to attain it, And my property and possessions fail to suffice for it, whether I remember it or have for gotten it,

وَأَلَيْهِ، وَأَقْضِ عَنِّي كُلَّ مَا  
أَلْزَمْتَنِيهِ وَفَرَضْتَهُ عَلَيَّ لَكَ  
فِي وَجْهِهِ مِنْ وَجْهِهِ طَاعَتِكَ  
أَوْ لِخَلْقٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ وَإِنْ  
ضَعُفَ عَن ذَٰلِكَ بَدَنِي،  
وَوَهَنْتَ عَنْهُ قُوَّتِي، وَلَمْ تَلَهُ  
مَقْدُرَتِي وَلَمْ يَسَعَهُ مَالِي وَلَا  
ذَاتُ يَدِي ذَكَرْتَهُ أَوْ نَسِيْتَهُ

7. It, my Lord, is among that which You have counted against me while I have been heedless of it in myself. Let me perform it through Your plentiful giving and the abundance which is with You - for You are Boundless, Generous – so that nothing of it may remain against me, lest You would wish to settle accounts for it from my good deeds, Or to compound my evil deeds on the day I meet You, my Lord!

7. It be from among that which You have reckoned against me and I have no remembrance of it in my consciousness, then enable me to discharge it with Your magnificent bounty and abundance of what is with You. Verily ample means are with You. You are generous. May there not remain with me anything whereby You may desire to deduct from my good deeds, Or multiply my evil ones on the day I meet You, O my Sustainer!

7 هُوَ، يَا رَبِّ، مِمَّا قَدْ  
أَحْصَيْتَهُ عَلَيَّ وَأَغْفَلْتَهُ أَنَا  
مِنْ نَفْسِي، فَأَدِّهِ عَنِّي مِنْ  
جَزِيلِ عَطِيَّتِكَ وَكَثِيرِ مَا  
عِنْدَكَ، فَإِنَّكَ وَاسِعٌ  
كَرِيمٌ، حَتَّىٰ لَا يَبْقَىٰ عَلَيَّ  
شَيْءٌ مِنْهُ تُرِيدُ أَنْ تُقَاصِنِي  
بِهِ مِنْ حَسَنَاتِي، أَوْ  
تُضَاعِفَ بِهِ مِنْ سَيِّئَاتِي يَوْمَ  
الْقَاكَ يَا رَبِّ

8. O God, bless Muhammad and his Household and provide me with desire to serve You for the sake of my state in the hereafter, such that I know the truthfulness of that [desire] in my heart, be dominated by renunciation while in this

8. O Lord bless Muhammad and his Al (family) and favour me with a liking to serve You for my (good) hereafter, till I feel its truth in my heart, till piety prevails over me in this world,

8 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ  
وَأَلَيْهِ، وَارْزُقْنِي الرِّغْبَةَ فِي  
الْعَمَلِ لَكَ لِآخِرَتِي حَتَّىٰ  
أَعْرِفَ صِدْقَ ذَلِكَ مِنْ  
قَلْبِي، وَحَتَّىٰ يَكُونَ الْغَالِبُ

<p>world,</p> <p>Do good deeds with yearning and remain secure from evil deeds in fright and fear! And give me <i>a light whereby I may walk among the people</i>, be guided in the shadows and seek illumination in doubt and uncertainty!</p>	<p>Till I do good deeds willingly and remain safe from evil on account of dread and terror. Favour me with a light, with which I may walk among people, obtain guidance in darkness and enlighten myself in doubt and uncertainties.</p>	<p>عَلَى الزُّهْدِ فِي دُنْيَايَ، وَحَتَّى أَعْمَلَ الْحَسَنَاتِ شَوْقًا، وَأَمَّنَ مِنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ فَرَقًا وَخَوْفًا، وَهَبْ لِي نُورًا أَمْشِي بِهِ فِي النَّاسِ، وَأَهْتَدِي بِهِ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ، وَأَسْتَضِيءُ بِهِ مِنَ الشُّكِّ وَالشُّبُهَاتِ</p>
<p>9. O God, bless Muhammad and his Household and provide me with fear of the threatened gloom and yearning for the promised reward, such that I may find the pleasure of that for which I supplicate You and the sorrow of that from which I seek sanctuary in You!</p>	<p>9. O Lord, bless Muhammad and his Āl (family). Give me dread of the threatened punishment and longing for the promised reward till I actually get a foretaste of the pleasure of what I pray to You for and of the pain wherefrom I seek Your protection.</p>	<p>9) اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وآلِهِ، وَارْزُقْنِي خَوْفَ غَمِّ الْوَعِيدِ، وَشَوْقَ ثَوَابِ الْمَوْعُودِ حَتَّى أَجِدَ لَذَّةَ مَا أَدْعُوكَ لَهُ، وَكَأَبَةَ مَا أَسْتَجِيرُ بِكَ مِنْهُ</p>
<p>10. O God, You know what will set my affairs right in this world and the next, so be ever gracious toward my needs!</p>	<p>10. O Lord, verily, You know what is proper for me, in the affairs of this world and the next. Therefore grant the fulfilment of my needs.</p>	<p>10) اللَّهُمَّ قَدْ تَعَلَّمْتُ مَا يُصْلِحُنِي مِنْ أَمْرِ دُنْيَايَ وَآخِرَتِي فَكُنْ بِحَوَائِجِي حَفِيًّا</p>
<p>11. O God, bless Muhammad and Muhammad's Household and provide me with what is Your right when I fall short in thanking You for that through which You have favoured me in ease and difficulty, health and</p>	<p>11. O Lord bless Muhammad and his Āl (family). Favour me with what is just. When I fail to thank You for what You did confer on me in prosperity, poverty, sickness and health till I feel the comfort of approbation,</p>	<p>11) اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ، وَارْزُقْنِي الْحَقَّ عِنْدَ تَقْصِيرِي فِي الشُّكْرِ لَكَ بِمَا أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ فِي الْيُسْرِ وَالْعُسْرِ وَالصِّحَّةِ</p>

<p>sickness, such that I may come to know in myself repose in satisfaction, and serenity of soul in that which You have made incumbent upon me in whatever states may occur:</p> <p>Fear and security, satisfaction and displeasure, loss and gain!</p>	<p>And satisfaction of my conscience in my soul with what is due unto You in all things that happen in time of:</p> <p>Fear, Peace, Pleasure, Anger, Loss and gain.</p>	<p>وَالسَّقَمِ، حَتَّى أَتَعَرَّفَ مِنْ نَفْسِي رُوحَ الرِّضَا وَطَمَأْنِينَةَ النَّفْسِ مِنِّي بِمَا يَجِبُ لَكَ فِيمَا يَحْدُثُ فِي حَالِ الْخَوْفِ وَالْأَمْنِ وَالرِّضَا وَالسُّخْطِ وَالضَّرِّ وَالنَّفْعِ</p>
<p>12. O God, bless Muhammad and his Household and provide me with a breast safe from envy, such that I envy none of Your creatures and in anything of Your bounty and such that I see none of Your favours toward any of Your creatures in religion or this world, well-being or reverential fear, plenty or ease, without hoping for myself better than it through,</p> <p>And from You alone, who have no associate!</p>	<p>12. O Lord bless Muhammad and his Al (family). Favour me with freedom of my breast from envy, till I envy none of Your creatures for anything of Your bounty, till I see none of Your favours on any of Your creatures in any matter here or hereafter, of welfare or piety, prosperity or comfort but expect for myself better than these through You and from You.</p> <p>You are One, having no Partner.</p>	<p>12) اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ، وَارْزُقْنِي سَلَامَةَ الصِّدْرِ مِنَ الْحَسَدِ حَتَّى لَا أَحْسُدَ أَحَدًا مِنْ خَلْقِكَ عَلَى شَيْءٍ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ، وَحَتَّى لَا أَرَى نِعْمَةً مِنْ نِعْمِكَ عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ فِي دِينٍ أَوْ دُنْيَا أَوْ عَافِيَةٍ أَوْ تَقْوَى أَوْ سَعَةٍ أَوْ رَحَاءٍ إِلَّا رَجَوْتُ لِنَفْسِي أَفْضَلَ ذَلِكَ بِكَ وَمِنْكَ وَحَدَكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ</p>
<p>13. O God, bless Muhammad and his Household and provide me in this world and the next with caution against offenses and wariness against slips in the state of satisfaction and wrath, such that I may remain indifferent toward that which enters upon me from the two states, work</p>	<p>13. O Lord bless Muhammad and his Al (family). Give me security from faults. (Give me) safety from errors, in this world and hereafter, in case of satisfaction and displeasure. Till I be in respect to whatever happens unto me thereby in an even state of mind - working in obedience to You. Preferring</p>	<p>13) اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ، وَارْزُقْنِي التَّحْفُظَ مِنَ الْخَطَايَا، وَالِاحْتِرَاسَ مِنَ الزَّلَلِ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ، فِي حَالِ الرِّضَا وَالغَضَبِ، حَتَّى أَكُونَ بِمَا يَرِدُ عَلَيَّ</p>

<p>toward Your obedience, and prefer it and Your good pleasure over all else in both friends and enemies.</p> <p>Then my enemy may stay secure from my wrongdoing and injustice and my friend may despair of my inclination and the bent of my affection.</p>	<p>Your approbation to everything else in dealing with friends and enemies,</p> <p>Till my enemy be safe from my oppression and tyranny. And my friend give up all hope of my partiality and of debasement of my passions.</p>	<p>مِنْهُمَا بِمَنْزِلَةٍ سَوَاءٍ، عَامِلًا بِطَاعَتِكَ، مُؤَثِّرًا لِرِضَاكَ عَلَى مَا سِوَاهُمَا فِي الْأَوْلِيَاءِ وَالْأَعْدَاءِ، حَتَّى يَأْمَنَ عَدُوِّي مِنْ ظُلْمِي وَجَوْرِي، وَيَيْئَسَ وَلِيِّي مِنْ مِيْلِي وَأَنْحَطَّاطِ هَوَايَ</p>
<p>14. Make me one of those who supplicate You with sincerity in ease with the supplication of those who supplicate You with sincerity in distress! Glorious, Verily You are Praiseworthy.</p>	<p>14. Let me be of those who invoke You sincerely, in prosperity, as do the afflicted in time of their supplication. Verily You are praiseworthy and great.</p>	<p>14) وَأَجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ يَدْعُوكَ مُخْلِصًا فِي الرَّخَاءِ دُعَاءَ الْمُخْلِصِينَ الْمُضْطَرِّينَ لَكَ فِي الدُّعَاءِ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ .</p>