

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Du'aas of the Prophets and Messengers of Allah

We Muslims, the followers of the last Prophet – Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him - are the only fortunate community in the world for having blessed with the Qur'an that includes stories and inspiring lessons from the lives of different Prophets and Messengers of Allah, who came to this world from time to time to guide mankind.

The glorious Qur'an, while narrating their life stories and teachings, also makes a mention of their du'aas (supplications). These du'aas are so inspiring that we need to learn them by heart and often call upon Allah by them.

These du'aas are Allah's selections, so to say, for the followers of His last and final Messenger. What an exclusive divine favour upon the Muslim Ummah!

1. Du'aa of Adam عليه السلام (and his wife):

رَبَّنَا ظَلَمْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا وَإِن لَّمْ تَغْفِرْ لَنَا وَتَرْحَمْنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْخَاسِرِينَ

“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 A'raaf: 23)

2. Du'aa of Nooh عليه السلام

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِمَنْ دَخَلَ بَيْتِي مُؤْمِنًا وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ وَلَا تَزِدِ الظَّالِمِينَ إِلَّا تَبَارًا

“My Lord! forgive me and my parents, and whoever enters my house as a believer, and forgive all believers, both men and women, and do not increase the wrong-doers in anything except perdition.” (Surah Nooh: 28)

3. Du'aa of Yunus عليه السلام after he was swallowed by a fish:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

“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 Anbiyaa: 87)

4. Du'aa of Ayyoob عليه السلام (after enduring illness for many years):

أَنِّي مَسَّنِيَ الضُّرُّ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

“Verily, distress has seized me, and You are the Most Merciful of all those who show mercy.” (Surah al Anbiyaa: 83)

5 Du'aa of Moosa عليه السلام when he was a stranger in the land of Madyan:

رَبِّ إِنِّي لِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ إِلَيَّ مِنْ خَيْرٍ فَقِيرٌ

“My Lord! Truly, I am in need of whatever good that You bestow on me!” (Surah al Qasas: 24)

6 Du'aa of Moosa عليه السلام for eloquence of speech:

رَبِّ اشْرَحْ لِي صَدْرِي

وَيَسِّرْ لِي أَمْرِي

وَاجْلُنْ عُقْدَةَ مَنِّ لِسَانِي

يَفْقَهُوا قَوْلِي

"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 Taha: 25-28)

7. Du'aa by Yaqoob عليه السلام after hearing the sad news of having lost his son Yusuf:

فَصَبْرٌ جَمِيلٌ وَاللَّهُ الْمُسْتَعَانُ عَلَىٰ مَا تَصِفُونَ

“So Beautiful Patience. It is Allah’s help alone that I seek against what you utter” (Surah Yusuf: 18)

8. Du'aa of Yusuf عليه السلام

فَاطِرَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ أَنْتَ وَلِيِّي فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ تَوَفَّنِي مُسْلِمًا وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

“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 and join me with the righteous.” (Surah Yusuf: 101)

9. Du'aa of Luut عليه السلام

رَبِّ انصُرْنِي عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْمُفْسِدِينَ

“My Lord, support me against the corrupting people.” (Surah al Ankaboot: 30)

10. Du'aa of Shuaib عليه السلام

رَبَّنَا افْتَحْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَ قَوْمِنَا بِالْحَقِّ وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْفَاتِحِينَ

“Our Lord! Judge between us and our people in truth, for You are the Best of those who give judgment.” (Surah al A'raaf: 89)

11. Du'aa of Sulayman عليه السلام

رَبِّ أَوْزِعْنِي أَنْ أَشْكُرَ نِعْمَتَكَ الَّتِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيَّ وَعَلَىٰ وَالِدَيَّ وَأَنْ أَعْمَلَ صَالِحًا تَرْضَاهُ وَأَدْخِلْنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ فِي عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ

“My Lord! Hold me under (Your) control that I may render thanks for the favour which You have bestowed on me and on my parents, and that I may act righteously in a manner that would please You. Include me, out of Your Mercy, among Your righteous servants.” (Surah an-Naml: 19)

12. Du'aa 1 of Zakariyya عليه السلام begging Allah for good children:

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ ذُرِّيَّةً طَيِّبَةً إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ

‘O Lord! Grant me from Yourself out of Your grace the gift of a goodly offspring, for indeed You alone heed all Prayers.’ (Surah Aal e Imran: 38)

13. Du'aa 2 of Zakariyya عليه السلام pleading Allah not to leave him childless:

رَبِّ لَا تَذَرْنِي فَرْدًا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الْوَارِثِينَ

"Lord! Leave me not solitary (without any issue). You are the Best Inheritor." (Surah al Anbiyaa: 89)

14. Du'aa 3 of Zakariyya عليه السلام expressing his weakness and asking Allah to bless him with kids:

رَبِّ إِنِّي وَهَنَ الْعَظْمُ مِنِّي وَاشْتَعَلَ الرَّأْسُ شَيْبًا وَلَمْ أَكُنْ بِدُعَائِكَ رَبِّ شَقِيًّا
وَإِنِّي خِفْتُ الْمَوَالِيَ مِنْ وَرَائِي وَكَانَتِ امْرَأَتِي عَاقِرًا فَهَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ وَلِيًّا

"My Lord! My bones have grown feeble and my head is glistening with age; yet, never have my prayers to You, my Lord, been unfruitful. I fear evil from my kinsmen after I am gone; and my wife is barren, so grant me an heir out of Your special grace" (Surah Maryam: 4 & 5)

15. Du'aa of Eesa عليه السلام for special providence:

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا أَنْزِلْ عَلَيْنَا مَائِدَةً مِنَ السَّمَاءِ تَكُونُ لَنَا عِيدًا لِأَوَّلِنَا وَآخِرِنَا وَآيَةً مِنْكَ وَارْزُقْنَا وَأَنْتَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ

"O Allah, our Lord, send down to us a table [spread with food] from the heaven to be for us a festival for the first of us and the last of us and a sign from You. And provide for us, and You are the best of providers." (Surah al Maa'idah: 114)

16. Du'aa of Ibraheem and Ismaeel, father and son عليهم السلام after they completed the construction of Ka'bah:

رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ
رَبَّنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مُسْلِمِينَ لَكَ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِنَا أُمَّةً مُسْلِمَةً لَكَ وَأَرِنَا مَنَاسِكَنَا
وَتُبَّ عَلَيْنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

"Our Lord, accept this service from us; You are All-Hearing and All-Knowing. Our Lord, make us Your Muslims (submissive servants) and also raise from our offspring a community which should be Muslim (submissive to Your Will). Show us the ways of Your worship and forbear our shortcomings: You are Forgiving and Merciful. (Surah al Baqarah: 127 & 128)

17. Du'aa of Dawood and Sulayman, father and son عليهم السلام expressing their gratitude for having blessed with knowledge:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي فَضَّلَنَا عَلَى كَثِيرٍ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

“All praise be to Allah Who has exalted us above many of His believing servants!” (Surah an-Naml: 15)

18. Du'aa of Ibraheem عليه السلام thanking Allah for blessing him with two sons, one after the other, during his old age:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي وَهَبَ لِي عَلَى الْكِبَرِ إِسْمَاعِيلَ وَإِسْحَاقَ إِنَّ رَبِّي لَسَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ

“All praise be to Allah Who, despite my old age, has given me Ismaeel and Ishaq. Surely my Lord hears all prayers”. (Surah Ibraheem: 39)

19. Du'aa of Ibraheem عليه السلام asking Allah to make the City of Makkah a City of Peace, and also to keep him and his progeny safe and secure from worshipping the idols:

رَبِّ اجْعَلْ هَذَا الْبَلَدَ آمِنًا وَاجْنُبْنِي وَبَنِيَّ أَنْ نَعْبُدَ الْأَصْنَامَ

“My Lord! Make this city secure, and keep me and my sons away from worshipping the idols. (Surah Ibraheem: 35)

20. Du'aa of Ibraheem عليه السلام seeking knowledge and wisdom, and also the blessed company of the righteous:

رَبِّ هَبْ لِي حُكْمًا وَأَلْحِقْنِي بِالصَّالِحِينَ

“My Lord, endow me with knowledge and wisdom and join me with the righteous” (Surah Ash-Shu'araa: 83)

21. Du'aa of Ibraheem عليه السلام seeking honourable mention among posterity:

وَاجْعَلْ لِي لِسَانَ صِدْقٍ فِي الْآخِرِينَ

“and grant me an honourable reputation among posterity”(Surah Ash-Shu'araa: 84)

22. Du'aa of Ibraheem عليه السلام asking Allah to make him and his family adopt consistency in Salah:

رَبِّ اجْعَلْنِي مُقِيمَ الصَّلَاةِ وَمِنْ ذُرِّيَّتِي رَبَّنَا وَتَقَبَّلْ دُعَاءِ

“My Lord! Enable me and my offspring to establish Prayer, and do accept, our Lord, this prayer of mine”. (Surah Ibraheem: 40)

23. Du'aa of Ibraheem عليه السلام seeking Paradise:

وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنْ وَرَثَةِ جَنَّةِ النَّعِيمِ

“and make me of those who will inherit the Garden of Bliss” (Surah Ash-Shu'araa: 85)

24. Du'aa of Ibraheem عليه السلام seeking forgiveness for himself, his parents and all the Believers on the Day of Judgement:

رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ

“Our Lord! Forgive me and my parents and the believers on the Day when the reckoning will take place.” (Surah Ibraheem: 41)

25. Du'aa of Prophets Ibraheem and Muhammad, Peace be upon them:

حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

“Allah is sufficient for us and He is the Best Disposer of affairs” (Surah Aal e Imran: 173)

As per the following hadeeth, this Du'aa was said by Prophet Ibraheem when he was thrown into the fire and also by Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, when he encountered a huge army:

عن ابن عباس رضي الله عنهما أيضاً قال: ”حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل، قالها إبراهيم عليه السلام حين ألقى في النار، وقالها محمد صلى الله عليه وسلم حين قالوا: إن الناس قد جمعوا لكم فاخشوهم فزادهم إيماناً وقالوا: حسبنا الله ونعم الوكيل - رواه البخاري

Ibn ‘Abbas (May Allah be pleased with them) said: When (Prophet) Ibraheem was thrown into the fire, he said: “Allah (Alone) is sufficient for us, and, He is the Best Disposer of affairs.” So did the Messenger of Allah, Muhammad (Peace be upon him), when he was told: “A great army of the pagans had gathered against him, so fear them”. But this (warning) only increased him and the Muslims in Faith and they said: “Allah (Alone) is sufficient for us, and He is the Best Disposer of affairs (for us)”. (Source: Sahih Bukhari, taken from Riyadhus Saliheen, Hadith 76, Book of Miscellany)

Qur'anic Du'aas of Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ

There are many du'aas mentioned in the Qur'an said by and taught to Prophet Muhammad صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ However, I am presenting a selection of those du'aas:

1. Surah al Fatihah is the best du'aa:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ

1. In the name of Allah, Most Gracious, Most Merciful.
2. Praise be to Allah, the Cherisher and Sustainer of the worlds;
3. Most Gracious, Most Merciful;
4. Master of the Day of Judgment.
5. You alone do we worship, and Your help alone do we seek.
6. Show us the straight way,
7. the way of those on whom You have bestowed Your Grace, those whose (portion) is not wrath, and who go not astray.

(Surah al Fatihah: 1-7)

2. The du'aa taught by Allah specially to Prophet Muhammad, Peace be upon him, and his followers:

حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

“Allah is sufficient for me; there is no god but He. In Him I have put my trust. He is the Lord of the Mighty Throne.” (Surah Tawbah: 129)

3. The du'aa in humble submission to the Glory and Majesty of Almighty Allah:

اللَّهُمَّ مَالِكِ الْمُلْكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُعِزُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ ۗ
بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

تُولِجُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَتُولِجُ النَّهَارَ فِي اللَّيْلِ ۗ وَتُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَيِّتِ وَتُخْرِجُ الْمَيِّتَ مِنَ الْحَيِّ ۗ
وَتَرْزُقُ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ

“O Allah! Lord of all dominion! You give dominion to whom You will, and take away dominion from whom You will, and You exalt whom You will, and abase whom You will. In Your Hand is all good. Surely You are All-Powerful.

“You cause the night to pass into the day and the day to pass into the night. You bring forth the living out of the dead, and You bring the dead out of the living, and You give sustenance to whom You will beyond all reckoning.” (Surah Aal Imran: 26, 27)

4. Most often supplicated du'aa by Prophet Muhammad, Peace be upon him:

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

“Our Lord! Give us all the good in this world and give us all the good in the Hereafter and save us from the torment of the Hell-fire” (Surah al Baqarah: 201)

5. The du'aa that comes in the last two verses of Surah al Baqarah: The EXCLUSIVE privilege enjoyed by Prophet Muhammad, Peace be upon him:

سَمِعْنَا وَأَطَعْنَا ۗ غُفْرَانَكَ رَبَّنَا وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ

رَبَّنَا لَا تُؤَاخِذْنَا إِنْ نَسِينَا أَوْ أَخْطَأْنَا ۗ رَبَّنَا وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيْنَا إصْرًا كَمَا حَمَلْتَهُ عَلَى الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِنَا ۗ رَبَّنَا وَلَا تُحَمِّلْنَا مَا لَا طَاقَةَ لَنَا بِهِ ۗ وَاعْفُ عَنَّا وَارْحَمْنَا ۗ أَنْتَ مَوْلَانَا فَانصُرْنَا عَلَى الْقَوْمِ الْكَافِرِينَ

“We have heard the Message and submitted to it. Our Lord, we look up to You for forgiveness, for to You we shall all return.

“Our Lord, take us not to task if we forget and lapse into error inadvertently. Lord! Lay not on us the kind of burdens that You had lain on the people before us. Lord, lay not on us the kind of burden that we have not the strength to bear. Be kind to us, forgive us and show mercy to

us. You are our Protector: help us against the disbelievers.”(Surah al Baqarah: 285, 286)

Note: It is better to learn the two complete verses by heart and keep reciting it every morning and evening. To learn about the significance of the last two verses of Surah al Baqarah, go to this link <http://yassarnalquran.wordpress.com/2010/08/02/the-significance-of-last-two-verses-of-surah-al-baqarah/>

6. Du’aa for Right Judgement, and against blasphemy:

رَبِّ احْكُم بِالْحَقِّ ۗ وَرَبُّنَا الرَّحْمَنُ الْمُسْتَعَانُ عَلَىٰ مَا تَصِفُونَ

“My Lord! Judge with truth. Our Compassionate Lord alone is our support against your (blasphemous) utterances.” (Surah al Anbiyaa: 112)

7. Du’aa for increase in one’s knowledge:

رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

“My Lord! Advance me in knowledge”. (Surah Taha: 114)

8. Surah al Falaq:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ

مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ

وَمِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ

وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ

وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ

“Say: “I seek refuge with the Lord of the rising day;

from the evil of all that He created;

from the evil of night’s darkness when it spreads around;

from the evil of those who blow on knots;

and from the evil of the envier when he envies.”(Surah al Falaq: 1-5)

9. Surah an-Naas:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ
مَلِكِ النَّاسِ
إِلَهِ النَّاسِ
مِن شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ
الَّذِي يُوسَسُ فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ
مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ

“Say: “I seek refuge with the Lord of mankind;

the King of mankind,

the True God of mankind,

from the mischief of the whispering, elusive prompter who returns again and again,

who whispers in the hearts of people;

whether he be from the jinn or humans.”(Surah an-Naas: 1-6)

Let me conclude with this du’aa:

رَبَّنَا تَقَبَّلْ مِنَّا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ
وَتُبْ عَلَيْنَا إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

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REQUEST: Please do remember me, my parents and my family in your sincere du'aas. JAZAKUMULLAH KHAYR.