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The *al-Sahifah al-Sajjadiyyah*, a collection of the prayers and supplications recited by Hadrat 'Ali b. Husain, al-Sajjad, peace be upon him, is one of the most authentic Islamic books and sources.

These prayers contain a lofty text which defines the human being's relations with God as well as many individual and social aspects of one's being.

The book has been printed several times in English. Meanwhile, the Islamic Propagation Organization is reprinting the second edition of a translation by the late Sayyid Ahmad Muhani whose work has been approved by the Organization's Council of Books.

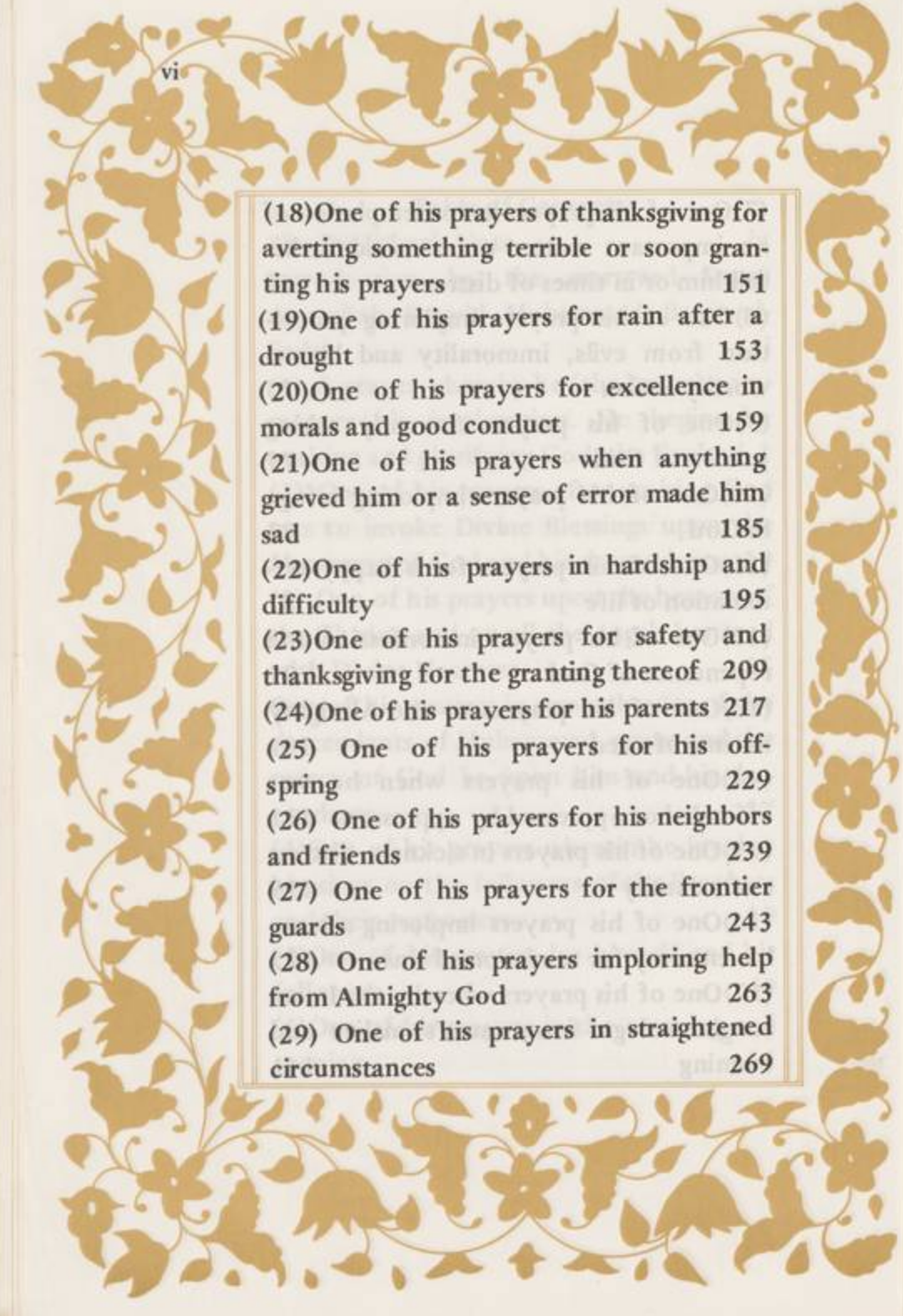
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Introduction by the martyred Imam
Ayatullah Sayyid Muhammad Baqir al
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*In the Name of God
the Merciful, the Compassionate*

Praise be to the Lord of the Worlds
and prayers and greetings be upon the seal
of the Prophets and Messenger of God,
Muhammad, and his pure progeny and
righteous companions.

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to the Prophet was like the position of Aaron in relation to Moses, according to authoritative Traditions.

The fourth Imam's grandmother was Fatima al-Zahra, peace be upon her, the daughter of God's Prophet, most beloved to him and the highest among all the women of the world as the Prophet himself was used to describing her.

His father was Imam al-Husain, peace be upon him, one of the two highest in degree among those who were destined for Paradise, a grandson of the Prophet and a very flower of his eye of whom the Prophet said, "Husain is of me and I am of Husain."

Imam Husain, peace be upon him, was foremost of those who were martyred at Karbala on the day of Ashura (the 10th of Muharram) in defense of Islam and Muslims. As stated in the Traditions narrated in the *Sahih* of Bukhari and Muslim and several others, Imam Husain was one of the twelve Imams who were said to follow in the line of leadership

(*imamate*) after the Prophet. The Prophet has been reported to have said, "The caliphs after me shall be twelve and all of them will be from among the Quraish."

Imam 'Ali b. al-Husain, peace be upon him, was born in the year 38 A.H. or, perhaps as is conjectured, a little before that and lived for a period of 57 years, during a few years of which he grew up under the wing of his erstwhile grandfather, Imam 'Ali, peace be upon him. Later he came under the guardianship and tutelage of his uncle, Imam Hasan, peace be upon him, and his father, Imam Husain, peace be upon him, both grandsons of the Holy Prophet. He was nourished from the knowledge of the Prophet and nurtured by the sources of his pure ancestry.

In the religious sciences and in jurisprudence, 'Ali b. al-Husain was considered to be of high authority and a figure of supreme prominence as regards the orders and prohibitions of God which he was

able to interpret and pronounce in the light of his knowledge. He was known for his exemplary devotion and piety towards God in all things. All Muslims in his age implicitly trusted and esteemed his knowledge, honesty, integrity and his excellence in jurisprudence, taking him for their leader in all matters and recognizing his authority in religious matters.

Al-Zihri said of him, "I have not seen a personality from the clan of the Bani Hashim who excelled 'Ali b. Husain or one who was more just than he." (The Bani Hashim were among the most distinguished of the Arab tribes). In yet another context he said of him, "I have not seen a personality among all the Quraish better than he." (The Quraish were the most distinguished among Arab tribes and one of the largest).

Sa'id b. Mussayib said, "I have never seen a person the likes of 'Ali b. al-Husain." Imam Malik said, "He was called by the name of Zain al-Abidin (honored among worshippers) by virtue of his un-

ceasing worship and prostration in prayer."

Sufyan b. Ayinah said, "I have not seen a personality from the Bani Hashim clan who was better than Zain al-Abidin or one more just than he." Imam al-Shaf'i considered Imam 'Ali b. al-Husain as the most supreme jurist of all the people of Medina." The rulers of his time from the Bani Umayyad, despite many other hostile acts, have had to admit this one fact about Imam 'Ali b. al-Husain.

For example, Abd al-Malik b. Marwan said to him, "In the area of religious sciences, in devotion and piety, you have been granted that which no one before you has had other than your ancestors." Further, Umar b. 'Abd al-Aziz said, "The light of this life, the beauty of Islam is Zain al-Abidin."

Muslims in general had an abiding deep attachment for this Imam and he commanded the most profound spiritual loyalty and allegiance among them. His following among the Muslim public ex-

tended far and wide and the honor and adulation in which he was held by the Muslim people is recorded in a noteworthy poem of al-Farazdaq. In this he describes how during the annual hajj pilgrimage in the Holy City of Mecca, to which Hisham b. 'Abd al-Malik went, the rush to get to the sacred Black Stone (*al-hajar al-aswad*) was so great that this dignitary could hardly move towards it.

The people who knew him made a special place for him so that he could wait till the rush eased for him to make his way towards the Sacred Black Stone. Zain al-Abidin then happened to come along to perform the pilgrim rites. When the multitude present became aware of him, they all stood back, making way for him, bowing in adoration and respect as he passed by towards the Sacred Black Stone. Here then, says the poet, was a demonstration of the veneration, admiration and respect which Muslims of all countries, states and tribes held for Imam Zain al-Abidin.

The trust and veneration of the ummah in Zain al-Abidin was not confined to the mere fact of his versatility in jurisprudence or his high stature in spiritual affairs. He was in fact considered to be a virtual spiritual leader and supreme spiritual authority by those belonging to various schools of thought and all matters both civic and spiritual which was because he was in the line of celebrated and pure ancestors.

It was related that the Muslims at the time turned to Zain al-Abidin when they desired release from the oppression of the Roman emperor of his time. The Roman emperor desired to seek dominance in the region and humiliate the Muslims during the reign of Abdul Malik by imposing a Roman coinage and currency system in the Muslim lands. Abdul Malik was perplexed not knowing how to meet this confrontation. He was so dejected and depressed that he was quoted to have said, "I look on myself as one of the most pessimistic persons of those born in Is-

lam." At this, the people around him are said to have told him that there was one who could provide him with a safe way out of his predicament. Asked who, they said, "One who remains from the household of the Prophet." On hearing the name of Zain al-Abidin, he said, "You have indeed spoken rightly and truly."

Imam Zain al-Abidin, whose help was then sought, dispatched his son, Muhammad b. al-Baqir to Damascus in Syria with secret instructions and from this there emerged a new plan to use an Islamic currency.

Imam Zain al-Abidin took over the mantle of spiritual responsibility after the martyrdom of his father. He took up this task during the second half of the first century during one of the most crucial phases in the history of the ummah, a period which was followed by a wave of early Islamic victories of liberation, a wave which extended over wide expanses of territory in the region and was spread by reason of the spiritual

vigour and military and ideological enthusiasm of the Muslim armies. It shook the throne of Caesar and other vile tyrants of the time and spread the Divine message far and wide over the earth. The Muslims then became the spiritual and de facto conquerors and guardians of the greater part of the civilized world for over half a century of unchallenged supremacy.

Yet, despite the strength and power of Islam at the time, the ummah was exposed to two great dangers outside the military and political spheres. It was, therefore, necessary at this time to take a critical look and counter these dangers.

The first danger came from the fact that the Muslims now spread far and wide had their mental horizons opened to various cultures, customs and traditions, different social currents arising from the interaction with the nations which joined the folds of the religion of God in vast numbers. It was now necessary to make special efforts in the scientific, religious

and ideological fields emphasizing and affirming the ideological originality and freedom and the distinctive legislative advantages of Muslims which is derived from the Holy Book and the Traditions.

There has to be an ideological movement to awaken Muslims and to have their eyes opened to the pure vision of Islam so that it would be capable as being a torch-bearer and a light of both the Holy Book and the Traditions, bringing a message of enlightenment and perseverance of spirit among peoples with whom they came in contact. The trained intellectuals who were capable of benefitting from such teachings would have to embody and cultivate an Islamic personality to the full so that they could disseminate this among those with whom they came in contact.

Zain al-Abidin, realizing the need for such a movement, conducted research and scientific studies at the Prophet's mosque, teaching various branches of Islamic knowledge and explaining and il-

illustrating both the Holy Quran and Traditions, as well as teaching jurisprudence and the knowledge derived from his pure ancestors. A new consciousness was being developed among the intellectuals at the time with training in jurisprudence, reasoning and deduction. A large number of skilled Muslim jurists and scholars were trained in these religious centers and a number of schools of jurisprudence sprung up giving a new vigor to religion which was to be developed further later on.

Imam Zain al-Abidin, in these efforts, attracted a large number of scholars and exegetists of the Holy Quran and the Traditions. Such was his renown that Sa'id b. al-Mussayib said, "The scholars did not leave Mecca until 'Ali b. al-Husain, peace be upon him, left. When he left, we left with him and we were thousands who rode along with him."

The second danger to Islam at the time arose from the very fact of the wealth and general prosperity that was

everywhere prevalent in Islamic society following on the wide extension of its political power.

There was the risk that this new wave of prosperity would expose those who came in contact with wealth, power and worldly pleasures to contamination and eventually to undermining the very spiritual bases of Islam and destroy the vigor of the moral and spiritual renaissance which derived from belief in God Almighty and the life hereafter.

Imam 'Ali b. Husain realized this danger and began to take steps to remedy this situation. The foremost of his methods was to take the path of supplication. This book, *al-Sahifah al-Sajjadiyah*, was one of the works that emanated as part of this great effort.

This great Imam was able to produce a work of tremendous significance with the endowments with which he was graced from his lineage and his wonderful rhetoric and elegant styles in the Arabic language. Using his divinely gifted

abilities, the Imam was able to weave out the most splendid and subtle meanings in his description of the links between the human being and the Divine, the links between people and their Lord and Creator and to emphasize the qualities of faith, moral values and duties that were necessary to a virile and spiritual society.

It is my opinion that the Imam, with his multifarious gifts and his fervor in supplicating God, was able to induce a truly spiritual atmosphere and create a moral tone in society which strengthened Islam at the time and served to act as a barrier against the invasion by the satanic values of the world to which Muslims were exposed in his time. His efforts were a steadying influence on the ummah who were urged to keep their steadfastness in the face of worldly attractions at a time when the pull towards a life of pleasure stood forth as a great temptation and to affirm and remind the Muslims of their spiritual roots and of their duty to remain trus-

tees of the spiritual way amidst a life of riches and prosperity as they had been trustees at a time of misery and poverty.

It has been stated in the biography of the Imam that he constantly adjured the people at Friday prayers in sermons to take warning against being engulfed wholly by the life of this world and to remind themselves constantly of the hereafter. His supplications, in their wonderfully moving way, were able to induce in his hearers a feeling of devotion, of thanks, praise and gratitude to the Almighty and to strengthen them in their sincerity, obedience and submission to God who has no partner.

Al-Sahifah al-Sajjadiyyah then represents and stands out as a profound social work of the time and a reflection of a supreme endeavor to meet the exigencies of spiritual ordeals facing the society at the time of the Imam. But beyond this it is a profound collection of supplications in the Divine tradition, a unique compilation which will remain throughout the

ages as a gift to mankind, a work of moral inspiration for worldly conduct and a torch of guidance. Human beings will constantly remain in need of this Muhammadian Alawi tradition and the need increases whenever satan comes to increase the allurements of the world for people and by its fascination to keep them in thralldom.

Peace and blessings be upon our Imam 'Ali b. al-Husain Zain al-Abidin, from the time he was born, when he delivered his message, when he departed and to the time of his resurrection to life in the hereafter.

al-Najaf al-Ashraf

(1)
commences his imprisonment. He begins by
al-Najaf al-Ashraf

Bismillahi 'rrahmani 'rrahim
In the Name of God
the Merciful, the Compassionate

(1)

A prayer whereby he (the Imam) commences his imploration. He begins by

praising and glorifying God, the Exalted.
الحمد لله رب العالمين

All praise is due to Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful. Who created the heavens and the earth, and the things between them. When He wills, He destroys what He creates, and He will surely do so.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Then the intention and caused them to tread the way of his love. They have no power to delay that towards which he hastens them nor are they able to hasten that which he delays for them.

وكانت دعاء عليهم السلام لما ابتدأ بالدعاء ربنا

praising and glorifying God, the Exalted.

All praise is due to God, the First, before Whom there was no 'first' and the Last, after Whom there shall be no 'last'.

The eyes of those who see fall short of seeing Him; the imagination of those who praise Him fall short of describing Him.

By His Power He created every creature *de novo* and He moulded them according to His Will.

Then He made them walk along the path of His Intention and caused them to tread the way of His Love.

They have no power to delay that towards which He hastens them nor are they able to hasten that which He delays for them.

He has ordained for every soul a definite quantity of subsistence, distributed out of the nourishment provided by Him. There can be no decrease -----

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بِالتَّحْمِيدِ لِلَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ وَالشَّاءِ عَلَيْهِ فَتَنَالِ
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الْأَوَّلِ بِلَا أَوَّلٍ كَانَ قَبْلَهُ وَالْآخِرِ بِلَا
آخِرٍ يَكُونُ بَعْدَهُ الَّذِي قَصُرَتْ عَزْرُ وَثْنِهِ ابْصَا
النَّاظِرِينَ وَعَجَزَتْ عَزْرُ نَعْنِهِ أَوْهَامُ الْوَاصِفِينَ
أَبْنَدَعَ بِفُؤَادِهِ الْخَلْقَ ابْتِدَاعًا وَآخَرَ عَهُمْ
عَلَى مَشِيئَتِهِ آخِرًا عَاثِمٌ سَلَكَ بِهِمْ طَرِيقَ
إِرَادَتِهِ وَبَعَثَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ مَحَبَّتِهِ لِأَيُّهَا
نَاخِرًا عَمَّا قَدَّمَهُمْ إِلَيْهِ وَلَا يَسْتَطِيعُونَ نَفْذَ
إِلَى مَا آخَرَهُمْ عَنْهُ وَجَعَلَ لِكُلِّ رُوحٍ مِنْهُمْ
قُوَّةً مَعْلُومًا مَقْسُومًا مِنْ رِزْقِهِ لَا يَنْقُصُ مِنْ

of what He has increased and no increase of what He has decreased. Then He has ordained for each one a definite duration in respect to life and fixed for one a defined limit towards which one proceeds through the days of one's life and arrives thereat in due course of the years of one's existence. And when one arrives at one's furthest limit, having fulfilled the allotted period of one's life, the Lord takes one away as the object of His Invitation, which is either abundant reward or frightful punishment, that He may, through His Justice, requite the wrongdoers for their actions and reward those who acted righteously with goodness.¹ Holy are His Names and ever-recurrent are His Blessings. He shall not be questioned concerning what He does but others shall be questioned.² All praise is due to God, for had He withheld the consciousness of His praiseworthiness from His creatures, they would have (ungratefully) enjoyed His Blessings for all that He has conferred upon them of His recurrent Favors.

زَادَهُ نَافِصٌ وَلَا يَزِيدُ مِنْ نَفِصٍ مِنْهُمْ زَائِدٌ ثُمَّ ضَرَبَ
لَهُ فِي الْحَيَاةِ أَجَلًا مَوْقُوتًا وَنَصَبَ لَهُ أَمَدًا مَجْدُودًا
يَنْخَطُّ إِلَيْهِ بِأَيَّامِ عُمْرِهِ وَيَرْهَقُهُ بِأَعْوَامِ هُنَّ
حَتَّى إِذَا بَلَغَ أَقْصَى أَثَرِهِ وَاسْتَوْعَبَ حِسَابَ عُمْرِهِ
قَبْضَهُ إِلَى مَآئِدَتِهِ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ مَوْفُورِ ثَوَابِهِ أَوْ
مَحْذُورِ عِقَابِهِ لِجَنَّتِي الَّذِينَ اسَاءُوا بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَجَنَّتِي
الَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا بِالْحَسَنَاتِ عَدَلًا مِنْهُ نَقَدَسَتْ
أَسْمَاؤُهُ وَنَظَاهَرَتْ الْأَوَّهُ لَا يُسَالُ عَمَّا يَفْعَلُ
وَهُمْ يُسَالُونَ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَوْ حَسِبَ عِبَادِهِ
مَعْرِفَةَ حَمْدِهِ عَلَى مَا أَبْلَاهُمْ مِنْ مَنِينِهِ الْمُتَنَابِعَةِ

They would have prospered in His Gifts without ever thanking Him.

And were they to be such, they would certainly have gone beyond the bounds of humanity into the frontiers of beastliness. They would have conformed to the description which He has given in His Unique Book, saying, *"What are they except like brutes or even more aberrant from the Way?"*³

Praise be to God for what He has taught us about Himself (for that He) inspired us with gratitude to Him, opened the doors of the knowledge of His Godhead for us, directed us towards the purity of belief in His Unity and restrained us from rebelling against or even from entertaining doubts concerning His Commands.

(We offer) a praise whereby we may live among those of His creatures who praise Him; whereby we may surpass those who seek to win His Sanction and Forgiveness; -----

وَأَسْبَغَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ نِعَمِ الْمُنْظَاهِرِ لَتَصْرَفُوا مِنْهُ
 فَلَمْ يَجْمُدُوا وَتَوَسَّعُوا فِي رِزْقِهِ فَلَمْ يَشْكُرُوهُ
 وَلَوْ كَانُوا كَذَلِكَ لَخَرَجُوا مِنْ حُدُودِ الْإِنْسَانِيَّةِ
 إِلَى حُدُودِ الْبَهِيمِيَّةِ فَكَانُوا كَمَا وَصَفَ فِي مُحْكَمِ
 كِتَابِهِ إِنَّهُمْ الْأَكَا الْأَنْعَامُ بَلْ هُمْ أَضَلُّ سَبِيلًا
 وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ عَلَى مَا عَرَّفْنَا مِنْ نَفْسِهِ وَالْهَمْنَا مِنْ شِكْرِهِ
 وَفَخَّ لَنَا مِنْ أَبْوَابِ الْعِلْمِ بِرُبُوبِيَّتِهِ وَدَلَّنَا عَلَيْهِ
 مِنَ الْإِخْلَاصِ لَهُ فِي تَوْجِيهِ وَجَنَّبَنَا مِنَ الْأَحَادِ
 وَالشَّكِّ فِي أَمْرِ جَدِّ نَعْمَرٍ بِهِ فِيمَنْ جَدُّ مِنْ
 خَلْفِهِ وَنَسَبُ بِهِ مِنْ سَبْقِ الرِّضَاهِ وَعَفْوِهِ

a praise whereby He may illuminate the darkness of the interval between death and the Day of Judgment for us and make resurrection easy for us; whereby He may exalt our positions at the time of the appearance of witnesses, on the Day whereon every soul shall be rewarded according to what it has earned and they shall not be wronged; the Day whereon no friend shall be able to ward off anything from his friend, nor shall they be helped⁴; a praise that rises from us towards the Highest of the High Heavens (mentioned) in the Written Book, witnessed by those nigh unto God⁵; a praise whereby our eyes should remain cool when the sight of others is dazzled and whereby our faces should become bright when the countenances of others are darkened; a praise whereby we may be freed from the painful Fire of God (and led) towards His gracious environs; a praise, whereby we may move the angels nigh unto Him to pity us and whereby we may be joined with His Apostles -----

حَمْدًا يُضِيُّ لَنَا بِهِ ظُلُمَاتِ الْبَرَزِخِ وَيُسَهِّلُ عَلَيْنَا
بِهِ سَبِيلَ الْمَبْعَثِ وَشَرَّفُ بِهِ مَنَازِلَنَا عِنْدَ
مَوَاقِفِ الْأَشْهَادِ يَوْمَ تُجْرَى كُلُّ نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ
وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ يَوْمَ لَا يُغْنِي مَوْلَى عَمَّا كَسَبَ شَيْئًا
وَلَا هُمْ يُنصَرُونَ حَمْدًا يَرْفَعُ مِنَّا إِلَى أَعْلَى عِلِّيِّينَ
فِي كِتَابٍ مَرْقُومٍ شِهُدِ الْمُقْرَبُونَ حَمْدًا
تَقْرِبُهُ عِبُونَنَا إِذَا بَرَفَتْ الْأَبْصَارُ وَتَبَيَضَّتْ
وُجُوهُنَا إِذَا اسْوَدَّتْ الْأَبْشَارُ حَمْدًا نَعْتُو بِهِ مِنْ
الْبَيْمِ نَارِ اللَّهِ إِلَى الْكَرِيمِ جِوَارِ اللَّهِ حَمْدًا نَزَّاحُ بِهِ
مَلَائِكَتُهُ الْمُقْرَبِينَ وَنُضَامُ بِهِ أَنْبِيَاءُ

in the Abode of Permanence that declines not and in a place of honor with Him that changes not.

Praise be to God who chose the beauties of creation for us, made the pure things of sustenance flow unto us and bestowed the distinction of dominion over all creation upon us so that His creatures are obedient to us because of His Power and pressed into our service because of His Authority.

Praise be to God who has closed the doors of want upon us except (wanting) from Him.

How, then, can one praise Him enough?

How can we thank Him sufficiently?
We cannot do so.

Praise be to God who arranged organs of expansion within us and provided organs of contraction for us, endowed us with the essences of life, installed limbs for action in us, -----

الْمُرْسَلِينَ فِي دَارِ الْمَقَامَةِ الَّتِي لَا تَزُولُ وَمَحَلِّ
كَرَامَتِهِ الَّتِي لَا تَحُولُ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَخْشَارَ
لَنَا مَحَاسِنَ الْخَلْقِ وَأَجْرَى عَلَيْنَا طِيبَانَ الرِّزْقِ
وَجَعَلَ لَنَا الْفَضِيلَةَ بِالْمَلَكَةِ عَلَى جَمِيعِ الْخَلْقِ
فَكُلُّ خَلْقِنَا مِنْ قَادَةِ لَنَا بِقُدْرَتِهِ وَصَاحِبِنَا
إِلَى طَاعِنَاتِنَا بِعِزَّتِهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي أَعْلَفَ عَنَّا بَابَ
الْحَاجَةِ إِلَّا إِلَيْهِ فَكَيْفَ نَطُوحُ حَمْدَهُ أَمْ مَتَى
نُؤَدِّي شُكْرَهُ لِأَمْنِي وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي رَكَّبَ
فِينَا الْإِنِّ الْبَسْطَ وَجَعَلَ لَنَا آدَوَانَ الْفَبْضِ
وَمَنْعَنَا بَارِ وَاجِ الْحَيَوَةِ وَأَبْتَتْ فِينَا جَوَارِحَ الْأَعْمَالِ

fed us with wholesome sustenance, made us independent by His Grace and gave us wealth by His Kindness. Then He Comanded us to do certain things so that He may thereby test our obedience and forbade us to do certain things so that he may test our gratitude.

But we deviated from the path of His Command and committed acts which make Him scold us, but He neither hurried us to punishment, nor hastened us to retribution . Nay, He kindly postponed it for us by His Mercy and He awaits our return to obedience with His gracious Forbearance.

And praise be to God Who directed us to repentance, which we could never have obtained but by His Grace so that if we were not to reckon any of His Favors except this one, verily, His Favors unto us would still have been praiseworthy and His Goodness to us would still have been magnificent, for such was not His practice in regards to repentance with those who were before us.

وَغَدَّانَا بِطِبِّبَاتِ الرِّزْقِ وَأَغْنَانَا بِفَضْلِهِ وَأَفْنَانَا
 بِمِنِّهِ ثُمَّ أَمَرْنَا لِيُخْبِرَ طَاعِنَانَا وَنَهَانَا لِيُبَيِّنَ لِي
 شُكْرَنَا فَخَالَفْنَا عَنْ طَرِيقِ أَمْرِهِ وَرَكِبْنَا مَثُورَ
 زَجْرِهِ فَلَمْ يَبْتَدِرْنَا بِعُقُوبَتِهِ وَلَمْ يُعَاجِلْنَا
 بِنِقْمَتِهِ بَلْ نَأَانَا بِرَحْمَتِهِ تَكَرَّمَاوَانظُرْ مَرَجَعْنَا
 بِرَأْفَتِهِ حِلْمًا وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي دَلَّنَا عَلَى التَّوْبَةِ
 الَّتِي لَمْ نَعُدْهَا إِلَّا مِنْ فَضْلِهِ فَلَوْ لَمْ نَعُدْ مِنْ
 فَضْلِهِ إِلَّا بِهَا لَفَدَحَسْنَا بِأَوْدَعِنْدَنَا وَجَلَّ
 إِحْسَانُهُ إِلَيْنَا وَجَمَّ فَضْلُهُ عَلَيْنَا فَمَا هَكَذَا
 كَانَتْ سُنَّتُهُ فِي التَّوْبَةِ لِمَنْ كَانَ قَبْلَنَا لَقَدْ

Lo, He has lifted (the burden) from us which we had no power to bear. He has not imposed upon us duties beyond our ability and He has not commanded anything except what is easy. Thus He has not left any one of us with any pretext or excuse for disobedience.

So doomed shall be those of us who will let His Commands expire. Happy shall be those who will aspire towards Him.

Praise be to God with all the hymns by which He is praised by the angels who are nearest to Him, by His creatures who are most honorable in His Sight and by those adorers who are best approved by Him, a praise that excels all praise in the same way as the Lord excels all His creatures.

Then praise be to Him for each and every Favor bestowed by Him on us and on all His servants that have been or are to be; and equal in number to all the things encompassed by His Knowledge.

وَضَعْنَا مَا لَا طَافَةَ لَنَا بِهِ وَلَمْ نُكَلِّفْنَا الْإِ
 سْعَاءَ وَلَمْ نُجْشِمْنَا الْإِسْرَآءَ أَوْ لَمْ نَدْعِ لِأَحَدٍ
 مِّنْ أَجْحَةٍ وَلَا عُدْرًا فَالْهَالِكُ مِّنْ أَمْرِ هَالِكٍ
 عَلَيْهِ وَالسَّعِيدُ مِّنْ أَمْرِ رَغْبٍ إِلَيْهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ
 بِكُلِّ مَا أَحْمَدُ بِهِ أَدْنَىٰ مَلَأَ كُنْهَ إِلَيْهِ
 وَأَكْرَمُ خَلِيفَتِهِ عَلَيْهِ وَأَرْضَىٰ حَامِدِيهِ لَدَيْهِ
 حَمْدًا يَفْضُلُ سَائِرَ الْحَمْدِ كَفَضْلِ رَبِّنَا عَلَيَّ جَمِيعِ
 خَلْفِهِ ثُمَّ لَهُ الْحَمْدُ مَكَانَ كُلِّ نَعْمَةٍ لَهُ عَلَيْنَا
 وَعَلَىٰ جَمِيعِ عِبَادِهِ الْمَاضِيْنَ وَالْبَاقِيْنَ عِنْدَ مَا
 أَحَاطَ بِهِ عِلْمُهُ مِنْ جَمِيعِ الْأَشْيَاءِ وَمَكَانَ

And for every Favor, let the number of praises be enhanced and multiplied many times, perpetually and interminably until the Day of Resurrection — praise of Him has no limit, no accounting of its numbers, no attaining its extent and no terminating its duration.

(We offer) praise of a kind that constitutes a link between our service to Him and His Forgiveness of us; a cause of His good pleasure; a means towards His Forgiveness; a path to His Paradise; a protection from His Chastisement; a security from His Wrath; an aid in the performance of His service; a restraint from disobedience to Him; and an assistance in the repayment of our dues and obligations unto Him.

Praise of a kind whereby we may be blessed among His blessed lovers and be included in the covenant of His martyrs who have fallen under the swords of His enemies.

Lo, verily, He is the Lord, Most Praiseworthy.

كُلِّ وَاحِدَةٍ مِنْهَا عَدُدُهَا أَضْعَافًا مُضَاعَفَةً
 أَبَدًا سَرْمَدًا إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ حَمْدًا لَا مُنْتَهَى
 لِحَدِّهِ وَلَا حِسَابَ لِعَدْدِهِ وَلَا مَبْلَغَ لِغَايَتِهِ وَلَا
 أَنْفِطَاعَ لِأَمْدِهِ حَمْدًا يَكُونُ وَصْلَةً إِلَى طَاعَتِهِ
 وَعَفْوَهُ وَسَبَبًا إِلَى رِضْوَانِهِ وَذَرِيعةً إِلَى
 مَغْفِرَتِهِ وَطَرِيقًا إِلَى جَنَّتِهِ وَخَفِيرًا مِنْ نِقْمَتِهِ
 وَأَمْنًا مِنْ غَضَبِهِ وَظَهِيرًا عَلَى طَاعَتِهِ وَحَاجِرًا
 عَنْ مَعْصِيَتِهِ وَعَوْنًا عَلَى نَادِيَةِ حَقِّهِ وَظُلْمًا فِيهِ
 حَمْدًا تَسْعُدُ بِهِ فِي السُّعْدَاءِ مِنْ أَوْلِيَائِهِ وَنَصِيرَةً
 فِي نِظْمِ الشُّهَدَاءِ بِسُيُوفِ أَعْدَائِهِ إِنَّهُ وَلِيُّ حَمِيدٍ

(2)

One of his prayers after praising God was to invoke Divine Blessings upon the Messenger of God and his descendants.

Praise be to God, who favored us with Muhammad, may the peace and mercy of God be upon him and his descendants, in preference to the past nations and bygone centuries, with His Power which fails in nothing, however great, and from which nothing escapes, however small it be.

So He made us the final ones among all His creatures and appointed us witnesses against those who denied Him.

By His Grace, He multiplied us over those that were few.

Therefore O God, bless Muhammad and the descendants of Muhammad, the trustee of Thy Inspiration, the elect of Thy creatures, the chosen one from Thy servants, the master of grace, the leader of goodness, the key of affluence, as

وكان فرْدُ عائِدِ عَلِيهِ السَّلَامِ بَعْدَ هَذَا التَّحْمِيدِ
الصَّلَوةَ عَلَی سُوْلِ اللّهِ صَلَّی اللّهُ عَلَیْهِ وَآلِهِ
وَآلِهِ دُونَ الْأُمَّمِ الْمَاضِيَةِ وَالْفُرُوزِ السَّالِفَةِ
بِقُدْرَتِهِ الَّتِي لَا تَعْجُرُ عَنْ شَيْءٍ وَإِنْ عَظُمَ وَلَا يَفُوتُهَا
شَيْءٌ وَإِنْ لَطُفَ فَخْتَمَ بِنَا عَلِيٍّ جَمِيعَ مَزَدَرَآ وَجَعَلَنَا
شُهَدَاءَ عَلَيٍّ مِنْ جَعْدٍ وَكَثْرًا بِإِيمَانِهِ عَلَيٍّ مِنْ قَلِّ
اللّهُمَّ فَصِّلْ عَلَيٍّ مُحَمَّدًا مِيبِنِكَ عَلَيٍّ وَحِيكَ وَ
نَجِيبِكَ مِنْ خَلْفِكَ وَصَفِيكَ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ إِمَامًا
الرَّحْمَةَ وَفَائِدَ الْخَيْرِ وَمِفْتَاحَ الْبَرَكَاتِ كَمَا

he dedicated himself to Thy work,
Laid down his body to suffer calling
(them) towards Thee,

Fought for Thy satisfaction against
his tribe,

Cut-off relations with blood relations
to revive Thy religion,

Drove away those that were near (in
relation) on account of their denial of
Thee.

He made friends with strangers for
Thy sake and grew hostile to those that
were near.

He let himself suffer in proclaiming
Thy message, vigorously exerted himself
in inviting others to Thy religion and em-
ployed himself in advising those worthy
of Thy Call.

He migrated to a strange city, distant
from the place of his abode, the ground
trodden by his feet, the place of his birth
and the place to which his feelings were
attached, intending, thereby, the exalta-
tion of Thy religion, -----

نَصَبَ لِأَمْرِكَ نَفْسَهُ وَعَرَّضَ فَيْكَ لِلْمَكْرُوهِ
 بَدَنَهُ وَكَاشَفَ فِي الدُّعَاءِ إِلَيْكَ حَامَتَهُ وَحَارِبَ
 فِي رِضَاكَ أَسْرَنَهُ وَقَطَعَ فِي أَحْيَاءِ دِينِكَ حِمْلَهُ
 وَأَفْضَى الْأَدْبَانَ عَلَى جُحُودِهِمْ وَقَرَّبَ الْأَفْصِينَ عَلَى
 أَسْبَاطِهِمْ لَكَ وَوَالَى فَيْكَ الْأَبْعَدِينَ وَعَادَى
 فَيْكَ الْأَقْرَبِينَ وَأَدَّ أَبَ نَفْسَهُ فِي تَبْلِيغِ رِسَالَتِكَ
 وَأَنْعَبَهَا بِاللُّدْعَاءِ إِلَى مِلَّتِكَ وَشَغَلَهَا بِالنُّصْحِ لِأَهْلِ
 دَعْوَتِكَ وَهَاجَرَ إِلَى بِلَادِ الْغُرَبَةِ وَحَمَلَ النَّأْيَ
 عَنْ مَوْطِرِ رَحْلِهِ وَمَوْضِعِ رِجْلِهِ وَمَسَقَطِ رَأْسِهِ
 وَمَا نَسَرَ نَفْسَهُ إِرَادَةً مِنْهُ لِأَعْرَازِ دِينِكَ

and seeking assistance against the infidels till what he designed concerning Thy enemies was accomplished for him; and what he planned for Thy friends was also achieved.

Then, he arose against them, seeking victory with Thy Assistance; strengthened, in spite of his weakness, by Thy Help. He fought them in their very homes and overwhelmed them in the midst of their abode till Thy Command was proclaimed and Thy Word was exalted, adverse though the multi-theists were.

Therefore, exalt him, O Lord, to the highest rank in Thy Paradise for his exertions in Thy Cause, so that his position may not be equalled, his prestige may not be rivalled and no angel nigh to Thee and no Apostle sent by Thee, may equal him in Thy Sight.

And fulfill the promise of effective intercession in greater degree than what Thou hast promised regarding the sacred members of his descendants -----

وَأَسْتَنْصِرَ أَعْلَىٰ أَهْلِ الْكُفْرِ بِكَ حَتَّىٰ اسْتَبَّ
 لَهُ مَا حَاوَلَ فِي أَعْدَائِكَ وَأَسْتَنْتَمَّ لَهُ مَا دَبَّرَ
 فِي أَوْلِيَاءِكَ فَهَذَا إِلَيْهِمْ مُسْتَنْفَعًا بِعَوْنِكَ
 وَمُتَّقِيًا عَلَىٰ ضَعْفِهِ بِنَصْرِكَ فَغَزَاهُمْ فِي عَقْدِ
 دِيَارِهِمْ وَهَجَمَ عَلَيْهِمْ فِي بُجُوحَةِ فَرَارِهِمْ حَتَّىٰ
 ظَهَرَ أَمْرُكَ وَعَلَتْ كَلِمَتُكَ وَلَوُكِنَ الْمُشْرِكُونَ
 اللَّهُمَّ فَارْفَعْهُ بِمَا كَدَحَ فِيكَ إِلَىٰ الدَّرَجَةِ
 الْعُلْيَا مِنْ جَنَّاتِكَ حَتَّىٰ لَا يُسَاوِي فِي مَنزِلَةٍ وَلَا
 يُكَافَىٰ فِي مَرْتَبَةٍ وَلَا يُؤَاوِزُهُ لَدَيْكَ مَلَكٌ
 مُّقْرَّبٌ وَلَا نَبِيٌّ مُّرْسَلٌ وَعَرِّفْهُ فِي أَهْلِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

and his true-believing followers. O conformer to promises!

O Fulfiller of (Thy) Word!

O Changer of evil into a great deal more of good, verily Thou art the Great Bestower of Favors and Thou art the Generous, the Bountiful.

(3)

One of his prayers upon the bearers of the Throne and on all the angels honored with Divine Nearness.

O Lord, the bearers of Thy Throne never grow tired of hallowing Thy Name, are never wearied of remembering Thy Holiness, are never exhausted by adoring Thee, do not prefer default to earnest effort in (obedience to) Thy Command and never fail to have intense love for Thee.

وَأُمَّتِهِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ حُسْنِ الشَّفَاعَةِ أَجْلَمَا
 وَعَدَنَهُ يَا نَافِذَ الْعِدَّةِ يَا وَفِي الْقَوْلِ بِأَمْبِدِكَ
 السَّيِّئَاتِ بِأَضْعَافِهَا مِنْ الْحَسَنَاتِ إِنَّكَ
 ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ الْجَوَادُ الْكَرِيمُ

وَكَانَ فَرْدٌ عَائِدٌ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي الصَّلَاةِ عَلَى
 حَمَلَةِ الْعَرْشِ وَكُلِّ مَلِكٍ مُقَرَّبٍ

اللَّهُمَّ وَحَمَلَةُ عَرْشِكَ الَّذِينَ لَا يَفْرُونَ مِنْ
 تَسْبِيحِكَ وَلَا يَسْأَمُونَ مِنْ تَقْدِيرِكَ وَلَا
 يَسْتَحْسِرُونَ مِنْ عِبَادَتِكَ وَلَا يُؤْتِرُونَ النِّقْصِيرَ
 عَلَى الْجِدِّي فِي أَمْرِكَ وَلَا يَغْفُلُونَ عَنِ الْوَلَةِ إِلَيْكَ

And Israfil,
The trumpeter, the vigilant, who is waiting for Thy permission and order to warn the dead who are lying in the tombs with the blast.

And Michael,
The honorable in Thy Sight and the holder of lofty rank in Thy service.
And Gabriel,

The trustee of Thy revelation, who is obeyed among the residents of Thy Heavens, is respectable in Thy Sight and is nigh to Thee.

And the Spirit.

(Set in command) over the angels of the curtains.

And the Spirit.

(Proceeding) from Thy Command.

Therefore, let Thy Blessings descend on them and, besides them, on angels who are the inhabitants of Thy Heavens and trusted with Thy Messages; those whom -----

وَأَسْرَافِلُ صَاحِبِ الصُّورِ الشَّخِصُ الَّذِي يَنْظُرُ
 مِنْكَ الْأَذْنَ وَحُلُولَ الْأَمْرِ فَيُنَبِّئُهُ بِالنَّفْحَةِ
 صَرَخِي رَهَائِنُ الْفُورِ وَمِيكَائِيلُ ذُو الْجَاهِ
 عِنْدَكَ وَالْمَكَانِ الرَّفِيعِ مِنْ طَاعِنِكَ وَجِبْرِيلُ
 الْأَمِينُ عَلَى وَحْيِكَ الْمُطَاعُ فِي أَهْلِ سَمَوَاتِكَ
 الْمَكِينُ لَدَيْكَ الْمُقْرَبُ عِنْدَكَ وَالرُّوحُ الَّذِي
 هُوَ عَلَى مَلَائِكَتِكَ الْحُبُّ وَالرُّوحُ الَّذِي هُوَ
 مِنْ أَمْرِكَ اللَّهُمَّ فَصِّلْ عَلَيْهِمْ وَعَلَى الْمَلَائِكَةِ
 الَّذِينَ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ مِنْ سُكَّانِ سَمَاوَاتِكَ وَ
 أَهْلِ الْأَمَانَةِ عَلَى رِسَالَتِكَ وَالَّذِينَ لَمْ يَدْخُلُوهُمْ

no blame affects on account of lassitude, no fatigue on account of toil and no indolence.

Neither do the desires engage them away from hallowing Thy Name nor does forgetfulness or negligence prevent them from glorifying Thee.

Their eyes are bent downwards so that they do not direct their sight towards Thee.

Their chins are lowered.

Those whose liking for what is with Thee has existed for a long time.

Those who are eager to recall Thy Favor,

(Those) who humble themselves in the presence of Thy Greatness and the glory of Thy Majesty.

Those who when they see hell flaming for the disobedient say, "Glory to Thee! We did not worship Thee as Thou didst deserve to be worshipped."

Therefore, bless them and the *ruhaniyun* ⁶ from among Thy angels.

Bless the deservers of -----

سَامَةٌ مِنْ دُؤُوبٍ وَلَا اِغْيَاءٌ مِنْ لُغُوبٍ وَلَا
فُؤُورٌ وَلَا تَشْغَلُهُمْ عَنْ تَسْبِيحِكَ الشَّهَوَاتُ
وَلَا يَقْطَعُهُمْ عَزَّ تَعْظِيمِكَ سَهْوُ الْغَفْلَانِ الْخُشَعِ
الْاَبْصَارِ فَلَا يَرُومُونَ النَّظَرَ اِلَيْكَ التَّوَاكِرُ
الْاَذْفَانِ الَّذِي فَدُ طَالَتْ رَغْبَتُهُمْ فِيمَا لَدَيْكَ
الْمُسْتَهْزُونَ بِذِكْرِ الْاِثْمِ وَالْمُنَوَاضِعُونَ
دُونَ عَظَمَتِكَ وَجَلَالِ كِبَرِيَاةِكَ وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ
اِذَا نَظَرُوا اِلَى جَهَنَّمَ نَزَفْنَا عَلَى اَهْلِ عَصِيْنِكَ
سُبْحَانَكَ مَا عَجَدْنَاكَ حَوْجِعًا دَانَكَ فَصَلِّ
عَلَيْهِمْ وَعَلَى الرُّوحَانِيِّينَ مِنْ مَلَائِكَتِكَ وَاهْلِ

nearness in Thy Sight, the carriers of tidings of the unseen to Thy Apostles and entrusted with Thy revelation.

(Bless) the hosts of angels whom Thou hast appointed for Thyself, made independent of food and drink by (making them remember) Thy Holiness and hast established them within the apartments of Thy Heavens.

(Bless) those waiting at its confines, when Thy Command descends for the fulfillment of Thy Promise.

(Bless) the keepers of the stores of rain and the drivers of clouds.

(Bless) those, at whose angry rebuke are heard peals of thunder when the stormclouds move with their deadly lightning flashes.

(Bless) the companions of snow and hail and those who descend with the drops of rain where it comes down.

الزُّفَّةِ عِنْدَكَ وَحَمَالِ الْغَيْبِ إِلَى رُسُلِكَ
 وَالْمُؤْتَمِنِينَ عَلَى وَحْيِكَ وَقَبَائِلِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ
 الَّذِينَ اخْتَصَصْنَاهُمْ لِنَفْسِكَ وَأَغْنَيْنَاهُمْ غَيْرِ الطَّعَامِ
 وَالشَّرَابِ بِفِقْدَانِكَ وَأَسَكْنَهُمْ نُطُورَ
 أَطْبَاقِ سَمَوَاتِكَ وَالَّذِينَ عَلَى أَرْجَائِهَا إِذَا نَزَلَ
 الْأَمْرُ بِنِيَامٍ وَعُدِّكَ وَخُرَّانِ الْمَطَرِ وَزَوَاجِرِ السَّحَابِ
 وَالَّذِي يَصَوِّتُ زَجْرُهُ لِيَسْمَعَ زَجْلُ الرَّعُودِ وَإِذَا
 سُبِحَتْ بِهِ حَفِيفَةُ السَّحَابِ انْتَمَعَتْ صَوَاعِقُ
 الْبُرُوقِ وَمَشِيْعِي الثَّلْجِ وَالْبَرْدِ وَالْهَابِطِينَ مَعَ
 فَطْرِ الْمَطَرِ إِذَا نَزَلَ وَالْقَوَامِ عَلَى خُرَّائِنِ الرِّيَّاحِ وَ

(Bless) those in control of the supplies of winds and those posted on mountains that never quit their places.

(Bless) those whom Thou hast told of the quantities of water and the measure of what is brought down by heavy rains.

(Bless) the angels who are Thy Messengers (to the inhabitants of the earth) of evil calamities that are to come down; and of agreeable prosperity.

(Bless) the venerable, virtuous messengers and the honorable Guardian scribes ⁷.

(Bless) the angel of death and his assistant.

(Bless) Munkir, Nakir and Ruman⁸, the examiner of the dead in tombs; and those who walk round the Heavenly Temple.

Bless Malik ⁹ and the guards of hell, Rizwan ¹⁰, the keepers of Paradise and those who do not disobey God in what He Commanded them and do what they are ordered to do and those ¹¹ who say, 'Peace -----

الْمُؤَكَّلِينَ بِالْجِبَالِ فَلَا تَزُولُ وَالَّذِينَ عَرَفْنَهُمْ
 مَثَاقِيلَ الْمِيَاهِ وَكَيْلَ مَا نَحْوِيهِ لَوَاجِ الْأَمْطَارِ
 وَعَوَاجِهَا وَرُسُلِكَ مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ إِلَى أَهْلِ
 الْأَرْضِ بِمَكْرُوهٍ مَا يَنْزِلُ مِنَ الْبَلَاءِ وَمَجْزُوبِ
 الرِّخَاءِ وَالسَّفَرِّ الْكِرَامِ الْبَرَّةِ وَالْحَفِظَةِ الْكِرَامِ
 الْكَائِبِينَ وَمَلَكَ الْمَوْتِ وَأَعْوَانِهِ وَمُنْكَرِ
 وَنَكِيرِ رُومَانَ فَنَانَ الْفُورِ وَالطَّائِفِينَ
 بِالْبَيْتِ الْمَعْمُورِ وَمَالِكِ وَالْخَزَنَةِ وَرِضْوَانَ
 سَدَنَةَ الْجِنَانِ وَالَّذِينَ لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ
 وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ وَالَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ سَلَامٌ

be upon you for your patience. Behold how good an abode is the world hereafter."¹²

Bless the Guardian angels who when told to "*catch him and chain him, then fling him into hell,*"¹³ quickly advance towards the sinner and do not grant him respite.

Bless the one whom we omitted to mention and whose position we did not learn from Thee, nor for what purpose Thou didst appoint him.

Bless the angels of the air, the earth and the water and those of their number who are set over Thy creatures.

Therefore, bless them on the day on which every soul shall come with a Saïq and a Shahid ¹⁴ and favor them with a blessing which may add honor to their honor and purity to their purity.

O God, and when Thou hast blessed Thy angels and Thy Apostles and conveyed to them our blessings on them, be pleased to grace them for -----

عَلَيْكُمْ بِمَا صَبَرْتُمْ فَنِعْمَ عُقْبَى الدَّارِ وَالزَّانِيَةَ
 الَّذِينَ إِذْ أَقْبَلَهُمْ خَذُّوهُمُ فَعَلُوهُ ثُمَّ الْحَمِيمِ صَلَّوهُ
 أَبْنَدَرُوهُ سِرَاعًا وَلَمْ يُنْظَرُوهُ وَمَنْ أَوْهَمْنَا
 ذِكْرَهُ وَلَمْ نَعْلَمْ مَكَانَهُ مِنْكَ وَبِأَبِي أَمْرِ
 وَكَلَنَهُ وَسَكَّانِ الْهَوَاءِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَالْمَاءِ
 وَمَنْ مِنْهُمْ عَلَى الْخَلْقِ فَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ يَوْمَ نَأْتِي كُلَّ
 نَفْسٍ مَعَهَا سَائِقُ وَشَهِيدٌ ^{سَلَامٌ عَلَيْهِمْ} وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ صَلَاةً
 تَزِيدُهُمْ كَرَامَةً عَلَى كَرَامَتِهِمْ وَطَهَارَةً عَلَى
 طَهَارَتِهِمْ اللَّهُمَّ وَإِذَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى مَلَائِكَتِكَ
 وَرُسُلِكَ وَبَلَّغْتَهُمْ صَلَاتِنَا عَلَيْهِمْ فَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِمْ بِمَا

enabling us to speak well of them. Verily
Thou are Generous and Bountiful!

One of his prayers in remembrance
of the descendants of Muhammad, peace
and the mercy of God be upon him and
his descendants.

O Lord Who distinguished Muham-
mad and his descendants with excellence,
entrusted them with Thy mission and
favored them with the privilege (of inter-
cession); Who made them the heirs to
the Prophets; Who sealed upon them the
succession and guardianship of the reli-
gion; Who taught them the knowledge
of all that was and all that remains; Who
made the hearts of mankind yearn for
them.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his
descendants, the pure ones, and do unto
us what Thou art worthy of doing in this
world and the hereafter. Verily, Thou hast
Power over all things.

فَحَفَّتْ لَنَا مِنْ حُسْنِ الْقَوْلِ فِيهِمْ إِنَّكَ جَوَادُ كَرِيمٌ

وَكَانَ مِنْ دَعَايِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ
فِي ذِكْرِ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ

اللَّهُمَّ يَا مَنْ خَصَّ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَهُ بِالْكَرَامَةِ
وَجَبَاهُمْ بِالرِّسَالَةِ وَخَصَّصَهُم بِالْوَسِيلَةِ وَجَعَلَهُمْ
وَرَثَةَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَخَتَمَ بِهِمُ الْأَوْصِيَاءَ وَالْأَئِمَّةَ
وَعَلَّمَهُمْ عِلْمَ مَا كَانَ وَمَا بَقِيَ وَجَعَلَ أَعْدَاءَهُ
مِنَ النَّاسِ نَهْوَى إِلَيْهِمْ فَضَّلَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ
وَأَفْعَلْنَا مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ
وَأَخْرَجْنَا مِنْكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

(4)

One of his prayers wherein he invokes blessings on the followers of the Prophets and their supporters.

O Lord!

Bless the followers of the Prophets and their followers (from among the inhabitants of the earth) in things unseen ¹⁵ and at the time of controversy with their enemies who belied them while they are eager (to see) the Apostles with true faith in every age and time wherein Thou didst send a Messenger and didst establish for people of that time, a guide – from Adam down to Muhammad, may the peace and mercy of God be upon him and his descendants, the righteous Imams and leaders of the pious, peace be on them all. Be pleased to remember them with forgiveness and approbation.

O Lord!

Bless the companions of Muhammad. Thy peace and mercy on him and his descendants -----

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وَكَانَ مِنْ عَائِدَةٍ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي الصَّلَاةِ
عَلَى نَبِيِّ الرُّسُلِ وَمُصَدِّقِهِمْ

اللَّهُمَّ وَأَنْبَاءِ الرُّسُلِ وَمُصَدِّقِهِمْ مِنْ أَهْلِ
الْأَرْضِ بِالْغَيْبِ عِنْدَ مُعَارَضَةِ الْمُعَايِدِينَ لَهُمْ
بِالتَّكْذِيبِ وَالِإِشْتِاقِ إِلَى الرُّسُلِ بِحَقَائِقِ
الْإِيمَانِ فِي كُلِّ دَهْرٍ وَزَمَانٍ أَرْسَلْتَ فِيهِ
رُسُولاً وَأَقَمْتَ لِأَهْلِهِ دَلِيلاً مِنْ لَدُنْ أَدَمَ
إِلَى مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ مِنْ أُمَّةٍ أُلْهِدِي
وَفَادَةَ أَهْلِ التَّقَى عَلَى جَمِيعِهِمُ السَّلَامَ فَاذْكُرْهُمْ
مِنْكَ بِمَغْفِرَةٍ وَرِضْوَانٍ اللَّهُمَّ وَأَصْحَابِ مُحَمَّدٍ

in particular,

(Bless) those who were good companions of his.

(Bless) those who fought bravely in his cause and helped him, supported his mission, promptly advanced at his call, answered it as soon as he made them listen to the arguments in support of his message, parted from their wives and offspring in proclaiming his word, fought with (their) fathers and sons in confirming his apostolic office and thereby supported him.

(Bless) those who had a love for him, had hopes of a bargain that would never come to ruin in their affection for him.

Bless those who were deserted by their people when they followed him.

Bless those who were abandoned by their kindred when they took abode under the shelter of his kinship.

Therefore, do not overlook, -----

خَاصَّةً الَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا الصَّحَابَةَ وَالَّذِينَ ابْتَلَوْا
 الْبَلَاءَ الْحَسَنَ فِي نَصْرِهِ وَكَانُوا قَوْمًا وَسَّعُوا إِلَى
 وَفَادِنِهِ وَسَابَقُوا إِلَى دَعْوَتِهِ وَاسْتَجَابُوا لَهُ
 حَيْثُ سَمِعَهُمْ حُجَّةَ رَسُولِهِ وَفَارَقُوا الْأَزْوَاجَ
 وَالْأَوْلَادَ فِي إِظْهَارِ كَلِمَتِهِ وَفَانَلُوا الْأَبَاءَ وَالْأَبْنََاءَ
 فِي تَثْبِيْتِ بُؤْنِهِ وَانْصَرُوا بِهِ وَمَنْ
 كَانَ مِنْ طَوْنِ عَلِيٍّ مَحَبَّتِهِ بِرَجُوزِ تِجَارَةٍ لَنْ
 يُبُورَ فِي مَوَدَّتِهِ وَالَّذِينَ هَجَرْتَهُمُ الْعَشَائِرُ
 إِذْ تَعَلَّقُوا بِعُرُونِهِ وَانْتَفَتَ مِنْهُمْ الْقَرَابَاتُ
 إِذْ سَكَنُوا فِي ظِلِّ قَرَابَتِهِ فَلَا تَنْسَ لَهُمْ

O Lord, what they gave up for Thee in Thy Cause.

Satisfy them with Thy Approbation for their bringing together Thy creatures in Thy faith and for being workers for Thy Apostle.

Reward them for their renouncing the home of their tribe for Thy sake, for going out of prosperity into poverty and for the oppression most of them suffered for the sake of honoring Thy religion.

O Lord, confer Thy best reward on those who follow them righteously — those who say, "*O Lord forgive us and our brethren such as preceded us in the faith.*" 16

And (confer Thy best reward on) those who resolved to follow their direction, adopted their manner and walked in their tracks; who neither turned back because they doubted their prudence, nor

اللَّهُمَّ مَا تَرَكُوا لَكَ وَفِيكَ وَأَرْضِهِمْ مِنْ
 رِضْوَانِكَ وَمِمَّا حَاشَا الْخَلْقَ عَلَيْكَ وَكَانُوا مَعَ
 رَسُولِكَ دُعَاءَ لَكَ إِلَيْكَ وَأَشْكُرُهُمْ عَلَى
 هِجْرَتِهِمْ فِيكَ دِيَارِ قَوْمِهِمْ وَخُرُوجِهِمْ مِنْ سَعَةِ
 الْمَعَاشِ إِلَى ضَيْقِهِ وَمَنْ كَثُرَتْ فِيهِ إِعْرَازُ دِينِكَ
 مِنْ مَظْلُومِهِمْ اللَّهُمَّ وَأَوْصِلْ إِلَى النَّابِعِينَ لَهُمْ
 بِإِحْسَانِ الَّذِينَ يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا اغْفِرْ لَنَا وَلِإِخْوَانِنَا
 الَّذِينَ سَبَقُونَا بِالْإِيمَانِ خَيْرَ جَزَائِكَ الَّذِينَ
 قَصَدُوا أَسْمَهُمْ وَتَحَرَّوْا وُجْهَهُمْ وَمَضَوْا عَلَى
 شَاكِلَتِهِمْ لَمْ يَنْهَهُمْ رَبِّي فِي بَصِيرَتِهِمْ وَلَمْ

did uncertainty perturb them in picking
up their tracks and following the guidance
of their beacon,

While aiding and strengthening them,
Observing the teachings of their faith,
Guided by their guidance,
Agreeing upon them and not suspec-
ting what they taught them.

O Lord, bless the followers of the
Companions, from this our day till the
Day of Judgment, their wives, progeny
and such of them as obeyed Thee with
a blessing whereby to guard them from
disobeying Thee.

Enlarge for them the gardens of Thy
paradise.

Protect them thereby from the cun-
ning of Satan.

Assist them in those righteous things
wherein they beg of Thy assistance.

Guard them from the events of the
night and day -----

يُخَلِّجَهُمْ مِنْ شَكِّ فِي قَفْوَاتِهِمْ وَالْإِيمَانِ بِهَذَا
مَنَارِهِمْ مَكَانِغِزٍ وَمُؤَارِزِينَ لَهُمْ يَدِينُونَ
بِدِينِهِمْ وَيَهْتَدُونَ بِهِلِهِمْ يَفْقُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ
وَلَا يَنْهَمُونَهُمْ فِيمَا آذَى إِلَيْهِمْ اللَّهُمَّ وَصَلِّ
عَلَى التَّابِعِينَ مِنْ يَوْمِنَا هَذَا إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ وَ
عَلَى أَرْوَاجِهِمْ وَعَلَى ذُرِّيَّاتِهِمْ وَعَلَى مَنْ طَاعَكَ
مِنْهُمْ صَلَاةً تَعِصْمُهُمْ بِهَا مِنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ
وَتَفْسُخُ لَهُمْ فِي رِيَاضِ جَنَّتِكَ وَتَمْنَعُهُمْ بِهَا مِنْ
كَيْدِ الشَّيْطَانِ وَتَعِينُهُمْ بِهَا عَلَى اسْتِعَانُوكَ
عَلَيْهِ مِنْ بَرٍّ وَنَفِيهِمْ طَوَارِقَ اللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ

except an event that would bring goodness.

Induce them, thereby, to hope largely from Thee.

To covet what is with Thee .

To give up blaming others about that which lies in the hands of Thy creatures, in order that Thou mayest recall them to long for Thee and fear Thee.

Restrain them from desiring worldly prosperity.

Make them love to act for the future.

(Make them) prepare for what is after death.

Facilitate for them every pain that may come upon them on the day when the soul leaves the body.

Secure them from that wherein may occur a trial of their terrors, from torment of the Fire and eternal continuance therein.

Remove them to the peace of the resting place of those who guard against evil.

الْأَطَارِفَ يُطْرُقُ خَيْرٌ وَتَبِعْتَهُمْ بِهَا عَلَى اعْتِقَادِ
 حُسْنِ الرَّجَاءِ لَكَ وَالطَّمَعِ فِيمَا عِنْدَكَ وَتَرِكَ
 النَّهْمَةَ فِيمَا خَوَّيَهُ أَيْدِي الْعِبَادِ لِزُدَّهُمْ إِلَى
 الرَّغْبَةِ إِلَيْكَ وَالرَّهْبَةَ مِنْكَ وَزَهَّدَهُمْ
 فِي سَعَةِ الْعَاجِلِ وَتَجَبَّبَ إِلَيْهِمُ الْعَمَلُ لِلْأَجَلِ
 وَالِاسْتِعْدَادُ لِمَا بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ وَتَهَوَّنَ عَلَيْهِمْ كُلُّ
 كَرْبٍ يَحُلُّ بِهِمْ يَوْمَ خُرُوجِ الْأَنْفُسِ مِنْ أَيْدِيهَا
 وَتَعَافَيْهِمْ مِمَّا تَقَعُ بِهِ الْفِتْنَةُ مِنْ مَخْذُورَانِهَا
 وَكَبَّةِ النَّارِ وَطُولِ الْخُلُودِ فِيهَا وَنُصِرَهُمْ
 إِلَى أَمْنٍ مِنْ مُقَيِّدِ الْمُنْفِقِينَ

(5)

One of his prayers for himself and his followers.

O Thou, the wonders of Whose glory are never exhausted, bless Muhammad, the peace and mercy of God be upon him and his descendants.

Restrain us from forsaking Thy Greatness.

O Thou, the duration of whose kingdom shall never expire, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Liberate our necks from Thy Chastisement.

O Thou, the stores of whose mercy are never exhausted, bless Muhammad and his descendants and appoint for us a share of Thy Mercy.

O Thou to see whom sights fail, bless Muhammad and his descendants and make us nearer to Thy neighborhood.

O Thou, beside whose dignity the dignity of others dwindles, bless Muhammad and his descendants and dignify us

وكان فرديا على الملك النفسه واموك لا ينه
يا من لا تنفض عجائب عظمته صل على محمد وآله
واجبت اغز الحادي في عظمتك ويا من لا تنه
مد ملكه صل على محمد وآله واعنور فابنا
من نعمتك ويا من لا تنفي خرائر رحمته صل على محمد
والله واجعل لنا ضيبا في رحمتك ويا من تنقطع
دون رؤيته الابصار صل على محمد وآله وادنا
الى قربك ويا من تصغر عند خطره الاخطار
صل على محمد وآله وكرمنا عليك ويا من تظهر
عند بواطر الاخبار صل على محمد وآله ولا

in Thy Sight. O Thou, the secrets of matters are known to him. Bless Muhammad and his descendants and do not expose us to Thee. O Lord, with Thy Bounty, make us independent of gifts of the givers. Protect us from loneliness caused by those who sever themselves with Thy connection so that, because of Thy bounty, we may not incline towards anyone besides Thee and because of Thy Favor we may not fear anybody. O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Conspire for us; do not plot against us. Devise stratagems for us; do not devise them against us. Give us the upper hand; do not give the upper hand to any over us. O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Guard us from Thy Wrath. Protect us with Thy Grace.

Direct us towards Thyself. Do not keep us away from Thee. Verily, whomever Thou protectest is saved; whomever Thou directest is instructed; whomever Thou placest nearer to Thyself is blessed. O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants and ward off the traps of the evils of time and corruption of the snares

تَفَضَّلْنَا لَدَيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ اغْنِنَا عَنْ هَبْتِهِ الْوَهَابِ
 بِهَبْنِكَ وَكُنَّا وَحْشَةً الْفَاطِعِينَ بِصِلَتِكَ حَتَّى
 لَا نَرْغَبَ إِلَى أَحَدٍ مَعَ بَدَلِكَ وَلَا نَسْتَوْجِشُ مِنْ أَحَدٍ
 مَعَ فَضْلِكَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَكِدْنَا
 وَلَا ذِكْرَ عَلَيْنَا وَأَمْكُرْنَا وَلَا تَمْكُرْنَا وَإِدُلُّ
 لَنَا وَلَا تُدِلُّ مِنَّا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَقِنَا
 مِنْكَ وَاحْفَظْنَا بِكَ وَاهْدِنَا إِلَيْكَ وَلَا تُبَاعِدْنَا
 عَنْكَ إِنَّ مِنْ نَفْسِهِ لَيْسَلٌ وَمِنْ نَهْدِيهِ يَعْلَمُ وَمَنْ
 نُقِرُّهُ إِلَيْكَ يَغْنَمُ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَكُنَّا حَادِثَاتِ الزَّمَانِ وَشَرِّ مَصَائِدِ

of Satan and bitterness of the ruler's fury from us.

O Lord, independent people attain independence because of the favor of Thy Power, bless Muhammad and his descendants and give us independence.

And verily, the liberal do not give, save from the favor of Thy Bounty which Thou hast bestowed upon them. Therefore, bless us.

O Lord, guided people are guided because of the light of Thy Mercy, therefore bless Muhammad and his descendants. O Lord, whosoever Thou assisted was never harassed by desertion of the deserters. Whoever Thou blessed, suffered no loss from those who refuse. Whoever Thou directed was not led astray by the misleading of those who mislead. Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. With Thy Glory, keep us from (seeking assistance of) Thy creatures. With Thy Bounty, make us independent of others than Thee. With Thy Guidance, make us walk in the path of Truth.

الشَّطَّانَ وَمَرَارَةَ صَوْلَةِ السُّلْطَانِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّمَا
 رِيكَتِي فِي الْمَكْتُفُونَ بِفَضْلِ قُوَّتِكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَآلِهِ وَآكُفِنَا وَأَتَمِّبِعْطِ الْمُعْطُونَ مِنْ فَضْلِ جَدِّكَ
 فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَآعْطِنَا وَأَتَمِّبِهَنْدِي الْمُهَنْدُونَ
 نُورِ وَجْهَكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاهْدِنَا اللَّهُمَّ
 إِنَّكَ مِنْ الْبَيْتِ لَمْ يَضُرُّهُ خُدْلَانُ الْخَازِلِينَ
 وَمَنْ أَعْطَيْتَ لَمْ يَنْقُصْهُ مَنَعُ الْمَانِعِينَ وَمَنْ
 هَدَيْتَ لَمْ يُغْوِهِ أَضْلَالُ الْمُضْلِينَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَآلِهِ وَآمْنَعْنَا بِعِزِّكَ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ وَآغْنِنَا عَنْ
 غَيْرِكَ بِأَرْفَادِكَ وَأَسْلُكَ بِنَاسِبِ الْجَوَابِشَادِ

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Let the safety of our hearts be in the remembrance of Thy Glory, the repose of our bodies in our gratitude for Thy Favor and the speech of our tongues in praise of Thy Beneficence.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Let us be of Thy workers, inviting others to Thee, of the guides, guiding (people) towards Thee and of the most chosen in Thy Sight, O Most Merciful!

(6)

One of his prayers in the morning and evening.

All praise be to God Who created night and day with His Power, distinguished between them with His might and fixed for each of them a well-defined limit and length of duration.

He causes the one to enter -----

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلْ سَلَامَةَ فُلُوبِنَا
 فِي ذِكْرِكَ عَظَمَتِكَ وَفِرَاحَ أَبْدَانِنَا فِي شُكْرِكَ نِعْمَتِكَ
 وَأِطْلَافَ السُّنَنِ فِي وَصْفِ مَنِّكَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
 عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنْ دُعَايِكَ الدَّاعِيْنَ إِلَيْكَ
 وَهُدَايِكَ الدَّالِّينَ عَلَيْكَ وَمِنْ خَاصَّتِكَ
 الْخَاصِّينَ لَدَيْكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

وَكَانَ زُجْرًا عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ عِنْدَ الصَّبَاحِ وَالْمَسَاءِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي خَلَقَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ بِقُوَّتِهِ وَمَيَّزَ
 بَيْنَهُمَا بِقُدْرَتِهِ وَجَعَلَ الْكُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمَا حَادًّا
 مَحْدُودًا أَوْ أَمَدًا مَمْدُودًا يُوجِلُ كُلَّ وَاحِدٍ مِنْهُمَا

into the other, and gives to each a measurement suitable for the nourishment and growth of His creatures.

He has, therefore, created for them, the night that they may rest in it from the work that is wearisome and from movements that produce pain.

He has made a covering for their comfort and sleep, so that they may be refreshed and strengthened and thereby obtain pleasure and a renewal of appetite.

He created for them the day which is full of light, that they may therein seek His Grace.

(That they may) find means of sustenance provided by Him and walk about in His earth, searching for that which will yield comfort in this life and blessings in the life to come.

By this means He improves the condition of mankind, tests their deeds, watches their behavior at times of -----

فِي صَاحِبِهِ وَيُوجِّحُ صَاحِبَهُ فِيهِ بِتَقْدِيرِ مَنْهُ
 لِلْعِبَادِ فِيمَا يَغْذُوهُمْ بِهِ وَيُنْشِئُهُمْ عَلَيْهِ خَلْقَ
 لَهُمُ اللَّيْلِ لِيَسْكُتُوا فِيهِ مِنْ حَرَكَاتِ النَّعْبِ وَ
 نَهَضَاتِ النَّصَبِ وَجَعَلَهُ لِبَاسًا لِيَلْبَسُوا مِنْ حَنِّهِ
 وَمَنَامِهِ فَيَكُونُ ذَلِكَ جَمَامًا وَقُوَّةً وَلَيْنًا لَوَابِهِ
 لَكَ وَسَهْوَةً وَخَلَقَ لَهُمُ النَّهَارَ مُبْصِرًا لِيَتَنَفَّسُوا
 فِيهِ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَلِيَتَسَبَّبُوا إِلَى رِزْقِهِ وَيَسْرَحُوا فِي
 أَرْضِهِ طَلِبًا لِمَا فِيهِ نَيْلُ الْعَاجِلِ مِنْ دُنْيَاهُمْ وَدَرَكُ
 الْآجِلِ فِي آخِرَاهُمْ بِكُلِّ ذَلِكَ يُصْلِحُ شَأْنَهُمْ وَ
 يَلْوُ أَخْبَارَهُمْ وَيَنْظُرُ كَيْفَ هُمْ فِي أَوْفَاتِ

worship, in places of devotion, and on occasions of performance of His Commands in order that He may punish those who do wrong and handsomely reward those who do right.

O Lord, therefore, all praise is due to Thee because Thou hast created for us the daybreak, provided us with the light of day, directed us to places for obtaining sustenance and protected us from the approach of calamities.

We and all things wholly belong to Thee.

The heavens and the earth are Thine.

Whatever Thou hast scattered in them, resting things and moving things, whatever soars in the air and whatever is hidden under the ground.

We have come under Thy Power. Thy Kingdom and Thy Authority are all around us and dependent upon -----

طَاعِنَهُ وَمَنَازِلَ فُرُوضِهِ وَمَوَافِعَ أَحْكَامِهِ
 لِجَزْيِ الَّذِينَ أَسَاءُوا بِمَا عَمِلُوا وَتَجَرِي الَّذِينَ الَّذِينَ أَحْسَنُوا
 بِالْحُسْنَى اللَّهُمَّ فَلكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَى مَا فَلَقْتَ لَنَا مِنَ
 الْأَصْبَاحِ وَمَنْعَتَابِهِ مِنْ ضَوْءِ النَّهَارِ وَبَصَرَتَنَا
 مِنْ مَطَالِبِ الْأَفْوَاتِ وَوَقَيْتَنَا فِيهِ مِنْ طَوَارِقِ
 الْأَفَاتِ أَصْحَمْنَا وَأَصْحَمَتِ الْأَشْيَاءُ كُلُّهَا بِجَلَلِهَا
 لَكَ سَمَاوُهَا وَأَرْضُهَا وَمَا بَنَيْتَ فِي كُلِّ وَاحِدٍ
 مِنْهُمَا سَاكِنَهُ وَمُتَحَرِّكَهُ وَمُقِيمَهُ وَشَاخِصَهُ
 وَمَا عَلَا فِي الْهَوَاءِ وَمَا كُنَّ نَحْتِ الثَّرَى أَصْحَمْنَا فِي
 قَبْضِكَ يَحْيُونَا مَلِكًا وَسُلْطَانًا وَنَضْمُنَا

Thy Providence. We act in accordance with Thy Commands and are changed according to Thy Plans. There is nothing at our disposal but that which Thou hast ordained upon us. There is no good thing but that Thou hast graciously bestowed upon us.

This is a day, new and fresh, and it is a present witness of what we do. If we have done good, it will praise us on the departure. If we have done evil, it will leave us with contempt.

O Lord, show mercy unto Muhammad and his descendants. Grant us the benefit of association with His descendants. Keep us from the evil of separation from them, by reason of our committing sins whether great or small. Increase virtue for us through them. Cleanse us from vice through them. Fill up the space between the two extremities of time for us with praise, thankfulness, reward, stores of good things, kindness and beneficence.

O Lord, -----

مَشِيئَتِكَ وَنَتَصَرَّفُ عَنْ أَمْرِكَ وَنَتَقَلَّبُ فِي
 نَدْبِيرِكَ لَيْسَ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِ الْإِلَهِ مَا قَضَيْتَ وَلَا مِنْ
 الْخَيْرِ إِلَّا مَا أَعْطَيْتَ وَهَذَا يَوْمٌ حَادِثٌ جَدِيدٌ
 وَهُوَ عَلَيْنَا شَاهِدٌ عِنْدُكَ إِنْ أَحْسَنَّا وَدَعْنَا بِمُجْدِ
 وَإِنْ أَسَأْنَا فَارْقُنَا بِذِمَّةِ اللَّهِ صَلَّى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَارزُقْنَا حَسَنُ مَصَاحِبَتِهِ وَاعْصِمْنَا مِنْ سُوءِ
 مُفَارَقَتِهِ بِارْتِكَابِ جَرِيَةٍ أَوْ اقْتِرَافِ صَغِيرَةٍ
 أَوْ كِبِيرَةٍ وَأَجْزَلُ لَنَا فِيهِ الْحَسَنَاتُ وَأَخْلَفُ فِيهِ
 مِنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَأَمْلَأُ لَنَا مِنْ طَرَفَيْهِ حَمْدًا
 وَشُكْرًا أَوْ جَرًّا أَوْ ذُخْرًا وَفَضْلًا وَإِحْسَانًا اللَّهُمَّ

make it easy for the recording angels to keep the record of our actions and fill up our record books with good deeds.

Let us not be disgraced before them with our evil deeds.

O Lord, let us have a share of Thy worship in every moment of the day, a share of thanksgiving to Thee and a true witness out of Thy angels.

O Lord, be merciful to Muhammad and his descendants.

Guard us from before, from behind, on the right hand and on the left.

Keep us from harm on all sides, restraining us thereby, from disobeying Thee; directing us, thereby, to serve Thee and work for Thy Love.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants and guide us this day, the night and in all _____

بِسْرٍ عَلَى كِرَامِ الْكَائِبِينَ هُوَ وَنَتْنَا وَامْلًا
 لَنَا مِنْ حَسَنَاتِنَا صَحَائِفُنَا وَلَا تَخْزِنَا عِنْدَهُمْ بِسُوءِ
 أَعْمَالِنَا اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ لَنَا فِي كُلِّ سَاعَةٍ مِنْ
 سَاعَاتِهِ حَظًّا مِنْ عِبَادِكَ ^{ساعة: عبادتك} وَنَصِيبًا مِنْ شُكْرِكَ
 وَشَاهِدٍ صِدْقٍ مِنْ مَلَائِكَتِكَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
 عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاحْفَظْنَا مِنْ بِيْزِ أَيْدِينَا وَمِنْ خَلْفِنَا
 وَعَنْ أَيْمَانِنَا وَعَنْ شِمَائِلِنَا وَمِنْ جَمِيعِ نَوَاجِحِنَا
 حِفْظًا عَاصِمًا مِنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ هَادِيًا إِلَى طَاعَتِكَ
 مُسْتَعْمِلًا لِحُبَّتِكَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَوَقِّفْنَا فِي يَوْمِنَا هَذَا وَوَلِّبْنَا هَذِهِ وَفِي جَمِيعِ

our days, to practice righteousness, to keep far from evil, to be thankful for Thy Gifts, to follow Thy Command, to reject innovations in religion, to encourage good deeds and to discourage evil ones.

(Guide us) to defend Islam, to disapprove wrong, and disparage it, to uphold the right and respect it, to guide the erring, aid the weak and redress the oppressed.

O Lord, have mercy upon Muhammad and his descendants.

Let this day be the most blessed day we ever saw, the most excellent companion we met with and the best time of our existence.

Make us the happiest of all Thy creatures who have spent the night and day on the earth and the most thankful for the blessings Thou hast given.

Make us the strictest observers of Thy Laws and the most careful in abstaining from those things which Thou hast prohibited. O Lord, I call -----

أَيَّامِنَا لِسُنْعَالِ الْخَيْرِ وَهَجْرَانِ الشَّرِّ وَشُكْرِ النِّعَمِ
 وَاتِّبَاعِ السُّنَنِ وَمُجَانِبَةِ الْبِدْعِ وَالْأَمْرِ بِالْمَعْرُوفِ
 وَالنَّهْيِ عَنِ الْمُنْكَرِ وَحَيَاةِ الْإِسْلَامِ وَانْتِفَاءِ
 الْبَاطِلِ وَإِذْلَالِهِ وَنُصْرَةِ الْحَقِّ وَعِزَّازِهِ وَارْتِشَادِ
 الضَّالِّ وَمُعَاوَنَةِ الضَّعِيفِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَاجْعَلْهُ أَيَّامَ يَوْمِ عَهْدِنَاهُ وَأَفْضَلَ صَاحِبِ صِجْنَاهُ
 وَخَيْرِ وَقْتِ طَلَلْنَا فِيهِ وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنْ أَرْضِي مَنْ مَرَّ
 عَلَيْهِ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ مِنْ جَمَلَةِ خَلْفِكَ أَشْكُرُهُمْ لِمَا
 أَوْلَيْتَ مِنْ نِعَمِكَ وَأَفْوَمَهُمْ بِمَا شَرَعْتَ مِنْ شَرَائِعِكَ
 وَأَوْفَيْتَهُمْ عَمَّا حَدَّثْتَ مِنْ نَهْيِكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي

Thee to witness and Thou art sufficient as a witness.

I call to witness Thy heavens, Thy earth, Thy angels, whom Thou hast established in them, and the rest of Thy creatures that in this, my day, and this, my hour, and this, my night, and this, my place, I declare that Thou art God, besides whom there is no other God; fair to Thy creatures, just in Thy Rule, kind to Thy servants, Possessor of the whole of existence and Merciful to Thy creatures.

I declare that Muhammad is Thy servant and Thy Apostle and the chosen one of all mankind.

Thou didst order him to deliver Thy message (unto people) and he did so; Thou didst command him to impart instruction to his ummah and he obeyed.

O Lord, therefore bless Muhammad and his descendants more than any of Thy creatures and on our behalf, bestow upon him more than Thou hast bestowed upon -----

أَشْهَدُكَ وَكَفْرِيكَ شَهِيدًا وَأُشْهِدُ سَمَاءَكَ
 وَأَرْضَكَ وَمَنْ أَسْكَنْتَهُمَا مِنْ مَلَائِكِكَ وَسَائِرِ
 خَلْقِكَ فِي يَوْمِي هَذَا وَسَاعَتِي هَذِهِ وَلِيَلْنِي هَذِهِ
 وَمُسْتَقَرِّي هَذَا أَنِّي أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي
 لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ فَأَيْمٌ بِالْفِسْطِ عَدْلٌ فِي الْحُكْمِ
 رَوْفٌ بِالْعِبَادِ مَالِكٌ الْمُلْكِ رَجِيمٌ بِالْخَلْقِ وَأَنَّ
 مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُكَ وَرَسُولُكَ وَخَيْرُكَ مِثْلُكَ حَمَلْتَهُ
 رِسَالَتَكَ فَأَدَّاهَا وَأَمَرْتَهُ بِالْبَصِيحِ لَأَمِنَهُ فَنَصَحَ
 لَهَا اللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ أَكْثَرَ مَا صَلَّيْتَ
 عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ وَإِنَّهُ عَنَّا أَفْضَلُ مَا آتَيْتَ

any of Thy servants. Reward him for our sake with better and more exalted gifts than Thou hast ever given to any other of Thy Prophets on behalf of his followers. Verily, Thou art the Giver of magnificent gifts and the Forgiver of great sins. Thou art the Kindest of the kind. Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants, the pure, the holy, the virtuous and the honorable.

(7)

One of his prayers in contemplation of an important matter or an accident which befell him or in times of distress.

O Thou, by Whom the knots of difficulties are untied. O Thou, by Whom the severity of hardships is diminished. O Thou, from Whom we seek deliverance from trials and comfort in time of distress. (Through Thy) Power all things become easy. Through (Thy) Favor, all causes become effective; by Whose Authority decrees have been issued, ----

أَحَدًا مِنْ عِبَادِكَ وَاجْرُهُ عَنَّا أَفْضَلَ وَأَكْرَمَ مَا
جَزَيْتَ أَحَدًا مِنْ أَنْبِيَائِكَ عَنْ مَتِّهِ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ
الْمَنَّانُ بِالْحَسْبِ الْغَافِرُ لِلْعَظِيمِ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ مَنْ كُلِّ
رَحِيمٍ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الظَّاهِرِينَ الْأَخْبَارِ الْحَمِيمِينَ

وَكَانَ مِنْ عَائِدَتِكَ عَلَيَّ إِذْ لَمْ أَعْرِضْ
لَهُمْ مِنْ أَوْلَادِكَ بِهَلْمَةٍ وَعِنْدَ الْكَرْبِ

يَا مَنْ تَحَلَّى بِهِ عَقْدُ الْمَكَارِهِ وَيَا مَنْ يُفْتَايُهُ حَدُّ
الشَّدَائِدِ وَيَا مَنْ يَلْتَمِسُ مِنْهُ الْمَخْرَجُ إِلَى رَوْحِ الْفَرْجِ
ذَلَّتْ لِغُدْرَتِكَ الصَّعَابُ وَتَسَبَّتْ بِلُطْفِكَ
الْأَسْبَابُ وَجَرَى بِغُدْرَتِكَ الْقَضَاءُ وَمَضَتْ

and according to Whose Will difficult things have moved. They obey Thy Will, though Thou didst not speak to them, They are restrained by Thy Intention though Thou didst not give expression to it. Thou art the one unto Whom we call out to in times of trouble. Thou art the only refuge in distress. Nothing is removed except what Thou hast removed. Nothing is taken away unless Thou hast taken it away. Verily, O Lord, misfortune has befallen me, the burden of which is unbearable. That which is unendurable has overtaken me. By Thy Might, Thou hast brought it on me.

By Thy Authority, Thou hast directed it towards me. There is no one to ward off that which Thou hast brought; no one to turn aside that which Thou hast directed. There is no one to make easy what Thou hast made difficult; no one to assist him whom Thou hast forsaken. Therefore, send blessings upon Muhammad and his descendants and graciously open for me, O Lord, the gate -----

عَلَى إِرَادَتِكَ الْأَشْيَاءُ فَهِيَ بِمَشِيَّتِكَ دُونَ
 قَوْلِكَ مُؤْتَمَرَةٌ وَإِرَادَتِكَ دُونَ نَهْيِكَ مُجْرَمَةٌ
 أَنْتَ الْمَدْعُوُّ لِلْمَهْمَاتِ وَأَنْتَ الْمَفْرَعُ فِي الْمَلَمَاتِ
 لَا يَنْدَفِعُ مِنْهَا إِلَّا مَا دَفَعْتَ وَلَا يَنْكَشِفُ مِنْهَا
 إِلَّا مَا كَشَفْتَ وَفَدَّرَ لِي يَا رَبِّ مَا فَدَّرَكَ دِيْنِي ثِقَلُهُ
 وَالرَّيْبُ مَا فَدَّبَهُ ظَنِّي حَمْلُهُ وَبَقُدَّرَكَ أَوْرَدَتْهُ
 عَلَيَّ وَبَسُلْطَانِكَ وَجَّهْتُهُ إِلَى فَلَاصِدٍ رَمَلًا أَوْرَدْتُ
 وَلَا صَارِفٍ لِمَا وَجَّهْتَهُ وَلَا فَاتِحٍ لِمَا أَغْلَقْتَ وَلَا
 مُغْلِقٍ لِمَا فَتَحْتَ وَلَا مُبَسِّرٍ لِمَا عَسَّرْتَ وَلَا نَاصِرٍ لِمَنْ
 خَذَلْتَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَافْتَحْ لِي يَا رَبِّ بَابَ

of deliverance; remove from me overpowering anxiety by Thy Might; look with favor upon the complaints I have offered; make me taste the sweetness of Thy dealings with me concerning those things which I have asked of Thee.

Bestow Thy Mercy upon me. Grant me pleasant relief from sorrow. Grant me, by Thy Grace, speedy deliverance from distress. Do not let anxiety keep me from the performance of my duties to Thee and the observance of Thy Laws.

Verily I am distressed because of what has befallen me. (I) am full of sadness on account of having to bear what has overtaken me.

Thou hast power to remove that in which I am involved and to avert that into which I have fallen.

Therefore, grant me this (favor) even though I do not deserve it from Thee, O Possessor of the Magnificent Throne!

(8)

One of his prayers

الْفَرَجَ بَطُولِكَ وَكَسْرِي سُلْطَانَ الْهَمِّ بِمَحْوَلِكَ
 وَأَنْبِيَّ حُسْنِ النَّظْرِ فِيمَا شَكُوتُ وَأَذْفِي حَلَاوَةَ
 الصُّنْعِ فِيمَا سَأَلْتُ وَهَبْتُ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً
 وَفَرَجًا هَيْئًا وَأَجْعَلْ لِي مِنْ عِنْدِكَ مَخْرَجًا وَحِيًّا
 وَلَا تَشْغَلْنِي بِالْإِهْنَامِ عَزَّ تَعَاهِدُ فُرُوضِكَ وَ
 اسْتِعْمَالَ سُنَّتِكَ فَفَدُضْتُ لِمَا نَزَلَ بِي بِأَرْبِ
 ذُرْعًا وَأَمْثَلَاتٍ يُحْمَلُ مَا حَدَّثَ عَلَيَّ هَمًّا وَأَنْتَ
 الْفَادِرُ عَلَى كَشْفِ مَا مَنَيْتُ بِهِ وَدَفْعِ مَا وَقَعْتُ فِيهِ
 فَافْعَلْ لِي ذَلِكَ وَإِنْ لَمْ أَسْتَوْجِبْهُ مِنْكَ يَا ذَا الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي الْأَمْتِ بِعَادَةِ

imploping protection from evils, immorality and blameworthy action.

O Lord, I implore Thy protection from the excitation of greed, from:
The impetuosity of anger,
The domination of envy,
The lack of patience,
The scarcity of contentment,
The depravity of morals,
The importunity of passion,
The excess of zeal,
The submission to desires,
The opposition to right,
The drowsiness of negligence,
The entrance into troubles,
The preferring of wrong to right,
Persistence in sins,
The underestimation of guilt,
The overestimation of service,
The pride of the wealthy,
The despising of the poor,
The abuse of power over those under our hands, the failure to thank those who are kind to us, -----

في المكاره و سبب الأخلاف وظلم الأفعال

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ هَيْجَانِ الْحَرَمِ وَسَوْرَةِ
 الْغَضَبِ وَعَلْبَةِ الْحَسَدِ وَضَعْفِ الصَّبْرِ وَقِلَّةِ
 الْفَنَاعَةِ وَشَكَاةِ الْخُلُقِ وَالْحَاجِ الشَّهْوَةِ وَ
 مَلَكَ الْجَمِيَّةِ وَمُنَابَعَةِ الْهَوَىٰ وَمُخَالَفَةِ الْهُدَىٰ
 وَسِنَةِ الْعَفْلَةِ وَتَعَاطِي الْكُلْفَةِ وَإِثَارِ الْبَاطِلِ
 عَلَى الْحَقِّ وَالْأَصْرَارِ عَلَى الْمَأْتَمِّ وَأَسْنِضَارِ الْمَعْصِيَةِ
 وَأَسْنِكُثَارِ الطَّاعَةِ وَمُبَاهَاثِ الْمُكْثَرِينَ
 وَالْإِزْرَاءِ بِالْمُفْلِينَ وَسُوءِ الْوِلَايَةِ لِمَنْ نَجَّأْنَا
 وَبَرَكَ الشُّكْرِ لِمَنْ صَطَّعَ الْعَارِفَةَ عِنْدَنَا أَوْ أَنْ

assisting the oppressor, forsaking the oppressed, aiming at that to which we are not entitled and speaking in matters of learning without knowledge.

We implore Thy protection from keeping in mind the weaknesses of others, from being proud of our good deeds, and from indulging in far-reaching hopes.

O Lord, we flee to Thee for protection from inward evil¹⁷, from underestimation of minor sins, from the domination of Satan over us, from being involved in calamity by the course of events and from being oppressed by a sultan.

We flee to Thee for protection from acquiring extravagant habits and from want of livelihood.

We ask Thy protection from the ridicule of enemies, from the begging of equals, from living in hardships and dying without preparation.

We seek Thy protection from the exceeding regret, from the great calamity, from the terrible -----

نَعُذُ بِمَا أَوْخَذُ مَلْهُوفاً أَوْ رَوْماً مَا لَيْسَ
 لَنَا بِحَقٍّ أَوْ نَقُولُ فِي الْعِلْمِ نَعْبِرُ عِلْمٌ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ
 أَنْ نَنْطَوِيَ عَلَى عَشْرٍ أَحَدٍ وَأَنْ نُعْجَبَ بِأَعْمَالِنَا وَنَمُدَّ
 فِي أَمَانِنَا وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ سُوءِ السَّرِيرَةِ وَالْخِفَارِ
 الصَّغِيرَةِ وَأَنْ يَسْتَحْوِذَ عَلَيْنَا الشَّيْطَانُ أَوْ يَنْكَبِنَا
 الزَّمَانُ أَوْ يَنْهَضَمْنَا السُّلْطَانُ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَأْوَلِ
 الْأَسْرَافِ وَمِنْ فِقْدَانِ الْكَفَافِ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ
 مِنْ شِمَانَةِ الْأَعْدَاءِ وَمِنْ الْفَقْرِ إِلَى الْأَكْفَاءِ وَ
 مِنْ مَعِيشَةٍ فِي شِدَّةٍ وَمَيْتَةٍ عَلَى غَيْرِ عَدَفٍ وَنَعُوذُ
 بِكَ مِنْ الْحَسْرِ الْعُظْمَى وَالْمُصِيبَةِ الْكُبْرَى وَاشْتَقَى

misfortune, from unsafe refuge, from being unrewarded and from the visitation of chastisement.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants and protect me and all the true believers, both male and female, from all these by Thy Mercy, O Most Merciful!

(9)

One of his prayers fervently asking pardon of God.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants and lead us to repentance which is loved by Thee.

Remove us from persistence in sin which is hateful to Thee.

O Lord, when we are confronted by two (impending) evils, one relating to faith, the other to worldly affairs, then, let that evil befall us which will the more quickly pass away and protect us from that which is of long -----

الشَّقَاءَ وَسُوءَ الْمَأْتِ وَحِرْمَانَ الثَّوَابِ وَحُلُولَ
 الْعِقَابِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَعِزَّنِي مِنْ
 كُلِّ ذَلِكَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ وَجَمِيعِ الْمَوْءُئِينَ
 وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

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اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَصَيِّرْنَا إِلَى مَجُوبِكَ مِنَ
 التَّوْبَةِ وَأَزِلْنَا عَمَّا كَرِهْتَ مِنْ الْأَصْدَارِ
 اللَّهُمَّ وَمَتَّى وَفَقْنَا بِرَبِّكَ فِي دِينٍ أَوْ دُنْيَا فَأَوْقِعِ
 النَّفْسَ بَأْسَرَهُمَا فَنَاءً وَاجْعَلِ التَّوْبَةَ فِي أطولهما

duration. And when we resolve two things, one of which pleases Thee and the other would call down Thy Wrath, then let us be inclined towards that which would please Thee and lessen our strength so that we may not do that which would make Thee angry at us.

And, O Lord, do not allow our souls to choose as they like, for, verily, they will choose what is evil, unless Thou dost show pity.¹⁸ They will command what is bad unless Thou dost show Mercy.

O Lord, verily Thou hast created us full of weakness, founded us on infirmity and originated us out of an extraction of mean fluid, so we have no power except from Thee and no strength but by Thy Aid.

Therefore, help us with Thy Grace, guide us with Thy Guidance, make the eyes of our minds blind to what is contrary to Thy Love and do not allow any of our limbs activity in disobeying Thee.

O Lord, bless -----

بَقَاءً وَإِذْ هَمَمْنَا بِهَمِّ بَرُصِكَ أَحَدُهُمَا عَنَّا وَ
 لِيَسْخُطَكَ الْأَمْرُ عَلَيْنَا فَمَلْنَا إِلَى مَا يَرْضِيكَ عَنَّا وَ
 أَوْهَرُ قَوْسِنَاءٍ يَسْخُطُكَ عَلَيْنَا وَلَا نُخَلِّ فِي ذَلِكَ
 بَيْنَ نَفْسِنَا وَآخِيَارِهَا فَإِنَّهَا مَخْزَاةٌ لِلْبَاطِلِ
 إِلَّا مَا وَفَّقْتَ أَمَارَةَ بِالسُّوءِ إِلَّا مَا رَحِمْتَ ^{اللَّهُ} فَإِنَّكَ
 مِنَ الضَّعِيفِ خَلَقْنَا وَعَلَى الْوَهْرِ بَيْتُنَا وَمِنْ مَاءٍ مِهْمِرٍ
 ابْتَدَأْنَا فَلَا حَوْلَ لَنَا إِلَّا بِقُوَّتِكَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ لَنَا إِلَّا
 بِعِزَّتِكَ ^{بِعِزَّتِكَ} فَإِذْ نَابَتْ وَفِيكَ وَسَدِّدْنَا بِتَسْدِيدِكَ
 وَأَعْمِ أَبْصَارَ قُلُوبِنَا عَمَّا خَالَفَ مَجَبَّتَكَ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ شَيْئًا
 مِنْ جَوَارِحِنَا نَفُودًا فِي مَعْصِدِكَ اللَّهُمَّ فَضِّلْ عَلَيَّ

Muhammad and his descendants. Let the whisperings of our hearts, the motions of our organs, the glances of our eyes, the utterances of our tongues be directed to the end of winning Thy Reward till we omit no good act, whereby we may be entitled to Thy Reward and there remain in us no evil, whereby we should deserve Thy Chastisement.

(10)

One of his prayers imploring refuge in God.

O Lord, if Thou wilt, Thou canst forgive our sins and manifest Thy Grace. If Thou wilt, Thou canst punish us and thus display Thy Justice. Therefore, be graciously pleased to make Thy Pardon easy for us. By Thy Forgiveness, deliver us from Thy Punishment; for verily we have no strength to stand (against) Thy Justice. There is no deliverance for any of us, save through Thy Pardon. O Most Independent One! Lo, we, Thy servants, stand before Thee; verily we are in great need of Thee.

مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلْ هَمَّسَاتِ قُلُوبِنَا وَحَرَكَاتِ
 أَعْضَائِنَا وَمَحَارِثِ أَعْيُنِنَا فِي مَوْجِبَاتِ ثَوَابِكَ ^{وَرَهْمَاتِ نَسِيْبِكَ}
 حَتَّى لَا نَقُوتُنَا حَسَنَةً نَسْتَحِبُّ بِهَا جَزَاءَكَ وَلَا
 نُبْقَى لِنَا سَيِّئَةً نَسْتَوْجِبُ بِهَا عِقَابَكَ

وَكَانَ مِنْ عِبَادِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ عِبَادِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ رَضِيَ اللَّهُ عَنْهُ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ تَشَاءُ نَعْفُ عَنَّا فِقْضَلِكَ وَإِنْ تَشَاءُ
 نَعْدِبْنَا فَبِعَدْلِكَ فَسَهِّلْ لَنَا عَفْوَكَ بِمَنِّكَ وَاجْرِنَا
 مِنْ عَذَابِكَ بِتَجَاوُزِكَ فَإِنَّهُ لَطَافَةٌ لَنَا بَعْدَ لِكَ
 وَلَا نَجَاهَ لِأَحَدٍ مِّنَّا دُونَ عَفْوَكَ يَا غَنِيًّا لَا غَنِيَاءَ
 هَانَحْنُ عِبَادَكَ بِزَيْدِكَ وَأَنَا أَفْقَرُ الْفُقَرَاءِ إِلَيْكَ

Therefore, fulfill our desires from the vastness of Thy Grace. Do not cut off our hope by refusal. For thereby Thou wilt have rendered him unlucky who begged happiness of Thee and Thou wilt have disappointed him who besought Thee for favors. So, at such a time, to whom shall we turn when leaving Thee? Whither shall we take our journey from Thy gate?

O Holy One, we are weak and helpless. Thou hast promised to grant deliverance in answer to the prayers of the distressed. We are afflicted and Thou hast promised relief to those in affliction. The showing of mercy to one who seeks it most resembles Thy Will. It is the noblest of all the acts of Thy Greatness. Such also is the redress of one who prays to Thee for redress. Therefore, graciously hear out supplication unto Thee. Redress our wrongs when we have cast ourselves before Thee.

O Lord, verily Satan ridiculed us when we followed him in disobeying Thee.

فَاجْرُ فَاقْتَنَا بِوَسْعِكَ وَلَا نَقْطَعُ رَجَاءَ نَا بِمَنْعِكَ
 فَتَكُونُ قَدْ أَشَقَيْتَ مِنَّا اسْتَسْعَدَيْكَ وَحَرَمْتَ مِنَّا
 اسْتَرْفَدَ فَضْلَكَ فَالِي مَنُ حَيْثُ دُنِيَ مُنْقَلَبُنَا عَنْكَ وَ
 إِلَى أَيْنَ مَذْهَبُنَا عَنَّا بِكَ سُبْحَانَكَ نَحْنُ الْمُضْطَرُونَ
 الَّذِينَ أَوْجَبَتْ إِبَابَهُمْ وَأَهْلُ السُّوءِ الَّذِينَ وَعَدَتْ
 الْكُشْفَ عَنْهُمْ وَأَشْبَهُ الْأَشْيَاءِ مِمَّ شَيْئِكَ وَ
 أَوْلَى الْأُمُورِ بِكَ فِي عَظَمَتِكَ رَحْمَةً مِنَّا اسْتَحْكَمَكَ
 وَغَوَتْ مِنَّا اسْتَفْغَاثَ بِكَ فَارْحَمْ نَضْرَعْنَا إِلَيْكَ
 وَأَغْنِنَا إِذْ طَرَحْنَا أَنْفُسَنَا بِرَيْدِكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ
 الشَّيْطَانَ قَدْ شَمِتَ بِنَا إِذْ شَايَعَنَا عَلَى مَعْصِيَتِكَ

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Do not let him ridicule us, after our renouncing him for Thee and after turning away from him unto Thee.

(11)

One of his prayers for a happy termination of life.

O Thou, the remembrance of Whom is an honor to those who do remember. O Thou, thankfulness to Whom brings exaltation to those who render thanks. O Thou, obedience to Whom is salvation to those who obey, bless Muhammad and his descendants and let our hearts turn away from the thought of every other thing in remembering Thee. Let our tongues cease from uttering all other gratitude in thanking Thee. Let our limbs be engaged in serving Thee, leaving all other work. If Thou hast decreed for us rest from all toil, then let our rest be peaceful, in which no evil consequences befall us, and no grief overtake us; till -----

فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَلَا تَسْمِتْهُ بِنَابِعَدٍ
تَرَكْنَا إِيَّاهُ لَكَ وَرَغَبْنَا عَنْهُ إِلَيْكَ

وَكَانَ مِنْ عِبَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ نَحْوُ ثَمَانِ مِائَةٍ

يَا مَنْ ذِكْرُهُ شَرَفٌ لِلذَّاكِرِينَ وَيَا مَنْ شُكْرُهُ

فَوْزٌ لِلشَّاكِرِينَ وَيَا مَنْ طَاعَتُهُ نَجَاةٌ لِلطَّاعِينَ

صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاشْغَلْ قُلُوبَنَا بِذِكْرِكَ عَنْ

كُلِّ ذِكْرٍ وَالسِّنِّ نَابِعَدٍ بِشُكْرِكَ عَنْ كُلِّ شُكْرٍ

وَجَوَارِحِنَا بِطَاعَتِكَ عَنْ كُلِّ طَاعَةٍ فَإِنْ فَدَرَتْ

لَنَا فَرَاغًا مِنْ شُغْلٍ فَاجْعَلْهُ فَرَاغَ سَلَامَةٍ لِأَنْدَرِكُنَا

فِيهِ نَبِيعَةً وَلَا تَلْحَقْنَا فِيهِ سَامَةٌ حَتَّى يَنْصَرِفَ

those who record our evil deeds return to Thee from us, bearing a scroll free from the record of sins and until those who record our good deeds leave us delighted with what they have written down concerning them (good deeds).

When the days of our existence are finished, the duration of our lives comes to an end and Thy Summons – which is inevitable and the obedience to which is unavoidable – is served upon us, then bless Muhammad and his descendants. Let the conclusion of what the writers of our deeds have reckoned against us, be an accepted repentance, after which we may not be detained by Thee on account of any sin which we have committed, or any guilt which we have earned. ¹⁹ Do not remove the covering which Thou hast put over us in the presence of spectators on the day on which the record of Thy creatures shall be examined.

Verily, Thou art merciful to him who prays unto Thee and answerest him who invokes Thee.

عَنَّا كِتَابُ السَّبَاتِ بِحَيْفَةِ خَالِيَةٍ مِنْ ذِكْرِ
سَيِّئَاتِنَا وَتَوَلَّى كِتَابُ الْحَسَنَاتِ عَنَّا مَسْرُورًا
بِمَا كُنَّا مِنْ حَسَنَاتِنَا وَإِذَا انْفَضَّتْ أَيَّامُ حَيَاتِنَا
وَتَصَرَّمَتْ مُدَدُ أَعْمَارِنَا وَاسْتَحْضَرْنَا دَعْوَتَكَ
الَّتِي لَا بُدَّ مِنْهَا وَمِنْ جَانِبِهَا فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلِهِ
وَلَجْعَلْ خِيَامَ مَا تَحْصِي عَلَيْنَا كِتَابَةَ أَعْمَالِنَا تَوْبَةً
مَقْبُولَةً لَا نُوقِفُنَا بَعْدَهَا عَلَى ذَنْبٍ أَجْرَحُنَاهُ
وَلَا مَعْصِيَةٍ اقْتَرَفْنَاهَا وَلَا نَكْشِفُ عَنَّا سِتْرًا
سَتَرْنَاهُ عَلَى رُؤُسِ الْأَشْهَادِ يَوْمَ نَبْلُو أَعْبَادَ عِبَادِكَ
إِنَّكَ رَحِيمٌ بَمَزْدَعَاكَ وَمُسْتَجِيبٌ لِمَنْ نَادَاكَ

(12)

One of his prayers in confession and repentance of God.

O Lord, three habits hinder me from praying unto Thee and one habit urges me to it.

Delay in doing that which Thou didst order me to perform keeps me from prayer on account of shame, the thing Thou didst forbid me to do and to which I hastened likewise hinders me and the favor Thou didst confer on me and for which I failed to return thanks.

That which urges me to pray unto Thee is Thy Kindness to the one who turns his face towards Thee and who comes hopefully to Thee, for all Thy Favor is kindness, and all Thy Blessings are favor upon me (not as a reward for my right).

Therefore, behold me here, O Lord, standing at the gate of Thy Glory in the attitude of -----

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اللَّهُمَّ أَنِّي مَجْنُونٌ عَزَمْتُ لَكَ خِلَالَ ثَلَاثٍ
 وَتَحَدُّوْنِي عَلَيْهَا خَلَّةٌ وَاحِدَةٌ مَجْنُونٌ أَمْرًا بِهِ
 فَأَبْطَأْتُ عَنْهُ وَنَهَيْتَنِي عَنْهُ فَاسْرَعْتُ
 إِلَيْهِ وَنِعْمَ أَنْعَمْتَ بِهَا عَلَيَّ فَصَرَفْتُ فِي شُكْرِهَا
 وَمَجْدُوْنِي عَلَى مَسْأَلَتِكَ تَفَضُّلِكَ عَلَيَّ مِنْ أَفْئَلِ
 بَوَاجِهِ إِلَيْكَ وَوَفَدَ حُسْنِ ظَنِّي إِلَيْكَ إِذْ
 جَمَعْتُ إِحْسَانَكَ تَفَضُّلًا وَإِذْ كُنْتُ نَعْمَكَ ابْتِدَاءً
 فَهَا أَنَا ذَا يَا إِلَهِي وَأَفِي بِبَابِ عَزِّكَ وَقُوفَ

one who trembles in submission, entreating Thee, in my shame, in the spirit of the poor and needy confession unto Thee that I never acknowledged Thy Favors, save by refraining from sinning against Thee ²⁰ and that I was never, in all my circumstances, without Thy Bounty.

Will, therefore, O Lord, my confession to Thee of the evils I have committed avail me anything?

Will my admission to Thee of wrongs I have done deliver me from Thy Wrath?

Or, hast Thou, in this, my situation, irrevocably decreed Thy Wrath for me?

Does, in the time of praying, Thy displeasure inseparably cling to me?

O Holy One, I do not despair of Thy Mercy, whilst Thou hast surely opened for me the gate of repentance unto Thee.

Nay, I speak the words of a despicable creature, one unjust to his own soul, one who underrates -----

الْمُسْتَسْلِمِ الذَّلِيلِ وَسَائِلِكَ عَلَى الْحَيَاءِ مِنِّي
 سُؤَالَ النَّاسِ الْمُعَيَّدِ مَقَرُّكَ بَانِي لَمْ أَسْتَسْلِمْ
 وَقَتَّ إِحْسَانِكَ إِلَّا بِالْأَفْلَاحِ عَزَّ عَصِيَانِكَ
 وَلَمْ أَخْلُ فِي الْحَالَاتِ كُلِّهَا مِنْ أُمْنَانِكَ
 فَهَلْ يَنْفَعُنِي يَا إِلَهِي إِذَا رَأَيْتُ عِنْدَكَ بَسُوءَ مَا اكْتَسَبْتُ
 وَهَلْ يُجِنِّي مِنْكَ اغْتِرَابِي فِيكَ بِصِيحِ مَا ارْتَكَبْتُ
 أَمْ أَوْجِبْتَ لِي فِي مَقَامِي هَذَا سُحُطَكَ أَمْ لَزِمَنِي
 فِي وَقْتِ دُعَائِي مُفْنِكَ سُبْحَانَكَ لَا إِلَهَ وَ
 مِنْكَ وَقَدْ فَتَحْتَ لِي بَابَ التَّوْبَةِ إِلَيْكَ بَلِّ الْفُؤُلُ
 مَقَالَ الْعَبْدِ الذَّلِيلِ الظَّالِمِ لِنَفْسِهِ الْمُسْتَخْفِ

the dignity of his Lord, one whose sins are great and wax larger and whose days have passed and ended until he found that the opportunity for action had expired, the duration of life was finished and he was convinced that there was no escape for him from Thee and no refuge.

Then he presented himself to Thee, with conversion and sincerity, repented unto Thee.

So, he stood up in Thy Presence with a pure, clean heart and addressed Thee in a low faltering voice.

Verily, he bowed before Thee till he became crooked and bent down his head till he was doubled.

Verily, his fear caused his legs to tremble and tears flowed down his cheeks.

He calls upon Thee saying: O Most Merciful. O Most Compassionate of those to whom seekers after mercy continually come. O Most Gracious of those Whom seekers after pardon approach. O Thou

بِحُرْمَةِ رَبِّهِ الَّذِي عَظُمَتْ ذُنُوبُهُ بِجَلَّتْ وَأَدْبَرَتْ
 أَيَّامُهُ فَوَلَّتْ حَتَّى إِذَا رَأَى مَدَنَ الْعَمَلِ فَدَانَفَضَتْ
 وَغَايَةَ الْعُمْرِ فَدَانْتَهَتْ وَأَيْقَنُ أَنَّهُ لَا مَحْجَصَ
 لَهُ مِنْكَ وَلَا مَهْرَبَ لَهُ عَنْكَ نَلْفَاكَ بِالْإِنَابَةِ
 وَأَخْلَصَ لَكَ التَّوْبَةَ فَفَاقَ إِلَيْكَ بِقَلْبٍ طَاهِرٍ
 نَقِيٍّ ثُمَّ دَعَاكَ بِصَوْتٍ جَائِلٍ خَفِيِّ فَدَنَّا طَالَكَ
 فَأَخْنَى وَنَكَّسَ رَأْسَهُ فَأَنْتَنَى فَدَارَعَشْتِ
 خَشِينَهُ رِجْلَيْهِ وَغَرَّفَتْ دُمُوعُهُ خَدَيْهِ بِدَعْوِكَ
 يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ يَا أَرْحَمَ مَنْ أُنشِبَهُ الْمُسْحَرُونَ
 وَيَا أَعْطَفَ مَنْ أَطَافَ بِهِ الْمُسْتَغْفِرُونَ وَيَا أَمِينَ

Whose Forgiveness is more frequent than Thy Chastisement. O Thou Whose Approbation is more abundant than Thy Wrath. O Thou Who favored Thy creatures by overlooking their guilt. O Thou Who trained Thy servants to hope for the acceptance of conversion. ²¹ O Thou Who reformed their sins by repentance. O Thou Who was satisfied with very little of their good deeds. O Thou Who regarded their insignificant deeds abundantly. O Thou Who guaranteed to them answers to prayer. O Thou Who graciously promised them a handsome recompense on Thy own pledge. I am not the most sinful of those who disobeyed Thee and thou didst pardon him. I am not the most blameworthy of those who apologized unto Thee and Thou didst accept their apology. I am not the most unjust of those who repented unto Thee and Thou didst show them Thy Favor.

I repent unto Thee, in this my situation, the repentance of one ashamed of what he neglected to perform, afraid of

عَفْوُ أَكْثَرِ نَفْسٍ مِنْهُ وَيَا مَنْ رَضَاهُ أَوْ قُرْبَانَ
 سَخَطِهِ وَيَا مَنْ خَمَدَ إِلَى خَلْفِهِ بِحُسْنِ التَّجَاوُزِ وَيَا
 مَنْ عَوَدَ عِبَادَهُ قُبُولَ الْإِنَابَةِ وَيَا مَنْ اسْتَصْلَحَ فَاسْتَدْرَكَ
 بِالتَّوْبَةِ وَيَا مَنْ رَضِيَ مِنْ فِعْلِهِمْ بِالْيَسْرِ وَيَا مَنْ
 كَفَى فِئْلِهِمْ بِالْكَثِيرِ وَيَا مَنْ خَمَرَ لَهُمْ إِجَابَةَ
 الدُّعَاءِ وَيَا مَنْ وَعَدَهُمْ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ بِبِفَضْلِهِ حَسَنَ
 الْجَزَاءِ مَا أَنَا بِأَعْصَى مَنْ عَصَاكَ فَغَفَرْتَ لَهُ وَمَا
 أَنَا بِأَلْوَمٍ مَنْ أَعْذَرَ إِلَيْكَ فَفَيْلَتْ مِنْهُ وَمَا أَنَا
 بِظَالِمٍ مَنْ تَابَ إِلَيْكَ فَعُدَّتْ عَلَيْهِ أَنْوَابُ إِلَيْكَ
 فِي مَقَامِي هَذَا تَوْبَةً نَادِمٍ عَلَى مَا فَرَطَ مِنْهُ مُشْفِقٍ

what he has accumulated against him.
Sincerely sorry for what he fell into.
Knowing that the forgiving of sins is
not too great a task for Thee.

Not too difficult for Thee.

The enduring of excessive wrongs is
not hard upon Thee.

The most favorite of Thy creatures
is one who gives up pride and abstains
from persisting (in wrong) and constantly
asks pardon.

I clear myself before Thee from being
proud, crave Thy Protection against
persisting (in sin), ask Thy Pardon for
what I failed in and beg Thy Assistance in
what I am too weak to do.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his
descendants.

Forgive me what is due unto Thee
from me. ²²

Save me from what I deserve from
Thee. ²³

مِمَّا اجْتَمَعَ عَلَيْهِ خَالِصُ الْحَيَاءِ مِمَّا وَقَعَ فِيهِ عَالِمٌ
 بِأَنَّ الْعَفْوَ عَنِ الذَّنْبِ الْعَظِيمِ لَا يَنْعَاطُكَ وَأَنَّ
 الْجَنَاحَ وَزَعْنَ الْأَثْمِ الْجَلِيلِ لَا يَنْصَعِبُكَ وَأَنَّ
 أَحْمَالَ الْجَنَائِبِ الْفَاحِشَةِ لَا تَتَكَادُكَ وَأَنَّ
 أَحَبَّ عِبَادِكَ إِلَيْكَ مَنْ تَرَكَ الْإِسْتِكْبَارَ
 عَلَيْكَ وَجَانِبَ الْأَصْرَارِ وَلَزِمَ الْإِسْتِغْفَارَ وَأَنَا
 أِبْرَأُ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ أَنْ أَسْتَكْبِرَ وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ أَنْ أُصِرَّ
 وَأَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِمَا فَصَّرْتُ فِيهِ وَأَسْتَعِزُّ بِكَ عَلَى مَا
 عَجَزْتُ عَنْهُ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَهَبْ
 لِي مَا يَبِجُّ عَلَى لَكَ وَعَافِنِي مِمَّا اسْتَوْجِبُهُ مِنْكَ

Shelter me from what the wicked are afraid of.²⁴ For verily, Thou art most Forgiving. Pardon is hoped for from Thee. Thou art celebrated for overlooking faults. I have no other one whom I may beg to fulfill my wishes but Thee, no forgiver of my sins, other than Thee. Far be it from Thee if I think there is another and I do not fear that anything will happen to my soul, except from Thee.

Verily, Thou deservest to be feared. (Thou) art worthy of forgiving sins. Bless Muhammad and his descendants. Fulfill my need. Grant my wish. Forgive my sins and quell the dread of my soul.

Verily, Thou hast Power over everything and this is easy for Thee. Amen, Lord of the Worlds!

(13)

One of his prayers to the Almighty in time of need.

وَأَجْرِي مِمَّا نَجَاهُ أَهْلُ الْأَسَاءَةِ فَإِنَّكَ مَلِيٌّ
 بِالْعَفْوِ مَرْجُوٌّ لِلْمَغْفِرَةِ مَعْرُوفٌ بِالنَّجَاوِزِ لَيْسَ لِي حَاجَةٌ
 مَطْلَبٌ سِوَاكَ وَلَا لِدُنْيِي غَافِرٌ غَيْرُكَ حَاشَاكَ^ط
 وَلَا أَخَافُ عَلَى نَفْسِي إِلَّا يَاكَ إِنَّكَ أَهْلُ النَّفْوَى
 وَأَهْلُ الْمَغْفِرَةِ صَلَّى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَقِضْ
 حَاجَتِي وَأَنْجِحْ طَلِبَتِي وَأَغْفِرْ دُنْيِي وَأَمِنْ خَوْفِ
 نَفْسِي إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَذَلِكَ
 عَلَيْكَ يَسِيرٌ أَمِينَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ دَعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فَوَطَّلِبُ
 الْجَوَائِزَ إِلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى

O Lord, Thou Who dost ultimately satisfy our need.

Thou with Whom lies the success of prayers, Who sell not His Favors for any price, Whose gifts are not accompanied by reproaches, through Whom independence can be obtained and of whom none can be independent, towards Whom people turn to and of Whom none can turn away, Whose stores cannot be exhausted by request and Whose wisdom cannot be altered by any means, from Whom the needs of the needy are never cut off, Who is never tired by the prayers of those who implore.

Thou hast prided Thyself on being independent of Thy creatures and Thou art worthy of being independent of them.

Thou hast called them needy and they are needy towards Thee.

Therefore, whosoever resolved upon the satisfaction of his need through Thee and desired-----

اللَّهُمَّ يَا مُنْتَهَى مَطْلَبِ الْحَاجَاتِ وَيَا مَنْ عِنْدَهُ
 نَيْلُ الطَّلِبَاتِ وَيَا مَنْ لَا يَبِيعُ نِعْمَهُ بِالْأَثْمَانِ وَيَا مَنْ
 لَا يَكْدِرُ عَطَايَاهُ بِالْإِمْتِنَانِ وَيَا مَنْ لَيْسَتْ غِنَى
 بِهِ وَلَا يَسْتُغْنَى عَنْهُ وَيَا مَنْ يُرِغِبُ إِلَيْهِ وَلَا يُرْغَبُ
 عَنْهُ وَيَا مَنْ لَا تُغْنِي خَزَائِنُهُ الْمَسَائِلُ وَيَا مَنْ لَا
 تُبَدِّلُ حِكْمَتَهُ الْوَسَائِلُ وَيَا مَنْ لَا تَنْقُطِعُ عَنْهُ
 حَوَائِجُ الْمُحْتَاجِينَ وَيَا مَنْ لَا يُعْنِيهِ دُعَاءُ الدَّاعِينَ
 تَمَدَّحَتْ بِالْغِنَاءِ عَنْ خَلْفِكَ وَأَنْتَ أَهْلُ الْغِنَى
 عَنْهُمْ وَنَسَبْتَهُمْ إِلَى الْفَقْرِ وَهُمْ أَهْلُ الْفَقْرِ
 إِلَيْكَ فَمَنْ جَاوَلَ سَدَّ خَلْقِهِ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ وَرَامَ

that his need be removed by Thee, surely he demanded his request from the right place.

(Surely he) approached the object of his desire the right way.

Whosoever directed his petition to any of Thy creatures or considered him to be the one to grant its fulfillment, in preference to Thee, verily, he exposed himself to disappointment.

(Surely he) deserved privation of blessings from Thee.

And I, O Lord, have a need toward Thee.

My efforts have fallen short.

My desires are of no avail.

My soul induced me to seek the satisfaction of my need from one who is not independent of Thee and places his necessities before Thee.

This was one of the slips of the erring.

One of the mistakes of sinners.

Then I was aroused from my ignorance by Thy warning and rose -----

صَفَ الْفُضْرَ عَنْ نَفْسِهِ بِكَ فَقَدْ طَلَبَ حَاجَتَهُ
 فِي مَطَانِنِهَا وَأَتَى طَلِبَتَهُ مِنْ وَجْهِهَا وَمِنْ تَوَجُّهِهَا
 بِحَاجَتِهِ إِلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ أَوْ جَعَلَهُ سَبَبَ
 نَجْحِهَا دُونَكَ فَقَدْ عَرَّضَ لِلْحَرَمَانِ وَأَسْتَحَقَّ مِنْ
 عِنْدِكَ قَوْتَ الْأَحْسَانِ اللَّهُمَّ وَلِيَّ لَيْلِكَ
 حَاجَةٌ فَدَقِّصْ عَنْهَا جُهْدِي وَنَقِّطْ عَنْ دُونِهَا
 جِدِّي وَسَوِّ لِي نَفْسِي رَفَعَهَا إِلَى مَنْ يَرْفَعُ حَوَائِجَهُ
 إِلَيْكَ وَلَا يَسْتَعْنِي فِي طَلْبَانِهِ عَنْكَ وَهِيَ زَلَّةٌ
 مِنْ زَلَلِ الْخَاطِئِينَ وَعَشْرَةٌ مِنْ عَشْرَاتِ الْمُنْبِينِ
 ثُمَّ أَنْبَهَتْ بِتَذْكِيرِكَ لِي مِنْ غَفْلَتِي وَنَهَضَتْ

by Thy Grace from my fall and returned. With Thy Help, I corrected my blunder and said, 'Holy is my Lord!'

How can one needy creature beg from another who is in need.

Why should a pauper be attracted to another pauper.

So I returned unto Thee with sincere longing and laid my hope before Thee with perfect trust in Thee.

I was sure that the utmost I would beg of Thee would be trivial in comparison with Thy wealth; that the utmost that I would desire from Thee would be insignificant along side of Thy Prosperity; that Thy Bounty is not encompassed by anyone's request; that Thy Hand (Power) is exalted far above every hand in generosity.

O Lord, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Deal kindly with me according to Thy Grace.

Do not deal with me in Thy Justice according to my merit-----

بِتَوْفِيقِكَ مِنْ زَلَّتْ بِي وَنَكَصَتْ بِتَسَدِيدِكَ عَنْ
 عَشْرَتِي وَفَلْتُ سُبْحَانَ رَبِّي كَيْفَ يَسْأَلُ الْمُحْجَّاجُ
 مُحْجَاغًا وَأَنِّي يَرْغَبُ مُعَدِّمٌ إِلَى مُعَدِّمٍ فَقَصِّدُنِي
 يَا إِلَهِي بِالرَّغْبَةِ وَأَوْفِدْتُمْ عَلَيَّ رَجَائِي بِالثَّقَةِ
 بِكَ وَعِلِمْتُ أَنَّ كَثِيرًا مَّا سَأَلَكَ يَسِيرٌ فِي
 وَجْدِكَ وَأَنَّ خَطِيرًا مَّا اسْتَوْهَبُكَ حَقِيرٌ فِي
 وَسْعِكَ وَأَنَّ كَرَمًا لَيَضِيقُ عَنْ سُؤْلِ أَحَدٍ
 وَأَنَّ يَدَكَ بِالْعَطَاءِ أَعْلَى مِنْ كُلِّ يَدِ اللَّهِ
 فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلْنِي بِكَرَمِكَ عَلَى
 النَّفْضِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي بِعَدْلِكَ عَلَى الْإِسْتِحْفَافِ

for I am not the first applicant who applied to Thee yet Thou didst grant my request whilst I deserved refusal.

I am not the first petitioner who petitioned Thee yet Thou didst favor me whilst I was entitled to disappointment.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Grant acceptance to my prayer. Hear my call. Hear my supplication. Listen to my voice. Do not cut off my hope from Thee. Do not sever my connection with Thee. Do not permit me in this and other needs to turn to any other besides Thee.

Undertake the fulfillment of my request, the satisfaction of my need and the answering of my prayer before I leave this, my place, by making that which is difficult for me, easy and by bestowing upon me Thy excellent decree in all matters.

And bless Muhammad and his descendants with a blessing -----

فَمَا أَنَا بِأَوَّلِ رَاغِبٍ رَغِبَ إِلَيْكَ فَاعْطَيْتَهُ
 وَهُوَ يَسْتَحِقُّ الْمَنْعَ وَلَا بِأَوَّلِ سَائِلٍ سَأَلَكَ فَضَلْتَهُ
 عَلَيْهِ وَهُوَ لَيَسْتَوْجِبُ الْحِرْمَانَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَكُنْ لِدُعَائِي مُجِيبًا وَمِنْ نِدَائِي قَرِيبًا
 وَلِضُرْعِي رَاحِمًا وَلِصَوْتِي سَامِعًا وَلَا تَقْطَعْ رَجَائِي
 عَنْكَ وَلَا تَبْتَسِبْ مِنْكَ وَلَا تَوَجِّهْنِي فِي
 حَاجَتِي هَذِهِ وَغَيْرِهَا إِلَى سِوَاكَ وَتَوَلَّنِي بِمَنْحِ طَلْبَتِي
 وَقَضَاءِ حَاجَتِي وَبِنَيْلِ سُؤْلِي قَبْلَ زَوَالِي عَنْ مَوْفَعِي
 هَذَا نَيْسِرِكَ إِلَى الْعَسِيرِ وَحُسْنِ تَقْدِيرِكَ
 لِي فِي جَمِيعِ الْأُمُورِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ صَلَوةً

perpetual, growing, having no end to its duration, and no limit to its extent.

Let it be a help to me and a cause for granting my request.

Verily, Thou art Generous and Gracious.

And my request, O Lord, is such and such (mention it and prostrate yourself and say in the prostration)²⁵ "Thy Grace has comforted me. Thy Goodness has guided me."

So I request Thee on Thy Righteousness and that of Muhammad and his descendants, Thy Blessings on them, not to turn me away disappointed.

(14)

One of his prayers when he was offended or oppressed by oppressors.

O Thou for Whom the tidings of complainants are not unknown. O Thou Who doth not require the evidence of witnesses to their reports. O Thou Whose

دَائِمَةٌ نَامِيَةٌ لَا انْقِطَاعَ لِأَبْدِهَا وَلَا مُنْتَهَى
 لِأَمَدِهَا وَاجْعَلْ ذَلِكَ عَوْنًا لِي وَسَبَبًا لِلنَّجَاحِ
 طَلِبَتِي إِنَّكَ وَاسِعٌ كَرِيمٌ وَمِنْ حَاجَتِي يَا رَبِّ كَذَا
 وَكَذَا وَتَذَكَّرُ حَاجَتَكَ ثُمَّ تَسْجُدُ وَتَقُولُ فِي سُجُودِكَ
 فَضْلُكَ أَنَسَنِي وَإِحْسَانُكَ دَلَّنِي فَاسْأَلُكَ بِكَ
 وَتُحَمِّدُ وَاللَّهِ صَلَوَاتُكَ عَلَيْهِمْ أَنْ لَا تَزِدَّنِي خَائِبًا

وَكَانَ مِنْ دَعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ إِذَا اعْتَدَى
 عَلَيْهِ وَرَأَى مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ مَا لَا يُحِبُّ

يَأْمُرُ لَا يَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ أَنْبَاءُ الْمُنْظِلِينَ وَيَأْمُرُ لَا يَحْتَاجُ
 فِي قِصَصِهِمْ إِلَى شَهَادَاتِ الشَّاهِدِينَ وَيَأْمُرُ فَرُبَّ

help is nigh unto the oppressed, O Thou Whose Assistance is far removed from the oppressors. Verily, Thou knowest, O my Lord, what has come upon me from (so and so)²⁶ of that which Thou didst prohibit him from doing; what power he has gained over me by means of that which Thou didst forbid him, because of pride in the possessions which are from Thee; in utter disregard of Thy prohibition to him. Therefore, O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. By Thy Strength, restrain my oppressor and my enemy from overwhelming me. With Thy Power, turn aside his sharpness from me. Let him be engaged in what immediately surrounds him. Render him powerless against that to which he is hostile. O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Do not tolerate the oppression of my enemy. Help me to be successful over him. Guard me from deeds similar to his. Do not put me in a situation like his. Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Help me against my enemy with -----

نُصِرْتُهُ مِنَ الْمَظْلُومِينَ وَيَا مَنْ بَعْدَ عَوْنِهِ غَيْرِ الظَّالِمِينَ
 فَدَعَيْتُ يَا إِلَهِي مَا نَا لَنِي مِنْ فُلَانِ بْنِ فُلَانٍ مِمَّا
 حَظَرْتَ وَانْتَهَكْتَهُ مِنِّي مِمَّا حَجَرْتَ عَلَيْهِ بَطْرًا
 فِي نِعْمَتِكَ عِنْدَكَ وَاغْتِرَارِ ابْنِكَ عَلَيَّ فَصَلِّ
 عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَهُ وَخَذْ ظِلِّي وَعَدُوِّي عَنْ ظِلْمِي بِقُوَّتِكَ
 وَأَفْلُلْ حَتَّى تُقَدِّرَنِي وَأَجْعَلْ لَهُ شُغْلًا فِيمَا
 بَيْنَهُ وَعَجْزًا عَمَّا بَيْنَا وَبِهِ اللَّهُمَّ وَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدًا
 وَآلِهِ وَلَا تُسَوِّغْ لَهُ ظِلْمِي وَأَحْسِنْ عَلَيْهِ عَوْنِي وَ
 اعْصِمْنِي مِنْ مِثْلِ أَعْمَالِهِ وَلَا تُجْعَلْنِي فِي مِثْلِ حَالِهِ
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلِهِ وَأَعِدْ لِي عَلَيْهِ عَدُوِّي

immediate assistance which may put an end to my resentment of him. Give satisfaction to my indignation against him.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Compensate me with Thy Forgiveness for the oppression I have suffered from him. With Thy Mercy, make up for his wrongs to me, for every evil is small in comparison with Thy Wrath. Every calamity is light when accompanied by Thy Bounty.

O Lord, Thou hast made it disagreeable to me to be oppressed. Therefore, restrain me from oppressing others. Do not permit me, O Lord, to complain to anyone except Thee, nor to ask assistance of any ruler besides Thee. Far be it from me!

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Join my prayer with Thy Answer. Bring my complaint nigh to alteration.

O Lord, do not test me with despair of Thy Justice. Do not tempt him by the delay of -----

حَاضِرَةً تَكُونُ مِنْ غَيْبِي بِهٖ شِفَاءٌ وَمِنْ حَقِّي عَلَيْهِ
 وَفَاءٌ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَعَوِّضْنِي مِنْ
 ظُلْمِهِ لِإِعْفُوكَ وَأَبْدِنِي لِسُوءِ صَبِيحَةِ نَبِيِّ
 رَحْمَتِكَ فَكُلُّ مَكْرُوبٍ جَلَلُ دُونَ سَخِطِكَ وَ
 كُلُّ مَرزُوقَةٍ سِوَاءِ مَعِ مَوْجِدِنِكَ اللَّهُمَّ فَكَمَا
 كَرِهْتَ إِلَيَّ أَنَا ظَلَمْتُ فَغْنِنِي مِنْ أَنْ أَظْلَمَ اللَّهُمَّ لَا أَشْكُو
 إِلَى أَحَدٍ سِوَاكَ وَلَا أَسْتَعِينُ بِحَاجِمٍ غَيْرِكَ
 حَاشَاكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَصَلِّ دُعَائِي
 بِالْإِجَابَةِ وَأَفِرْنِي شِكَايِنِي بِاللُّغَيْبِ اللَّهُمَّ لَا
 تَغْنِنِي بِالْفُؤُوطِ مِنْ إِضَافِكَ وَلَا تَغْنِنَهُ بِالْأَمْنِ

Thy Chastisement so that he may persist in oppressing me and refuse to give me my rights. Let him soon know of that punishment with which Thou hast threatened tyrants. Let me know what Thou hast promised for the relief of the oppressed.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Give me grace to accept what Thou hast decreed for me and against me and reconcile me to what Thou hast taken from me and direct me to that path which is most straight and employ me in that which is the safest.

O Lord, and if in Thy Judgment it would be better for me if Thou delayest the seizure of the tyrant and taking vengeance upon him who has oppressed me until the Day of Judgment when the enemies are gathered together, then bless Muhammad and his descendants and help me by giving me a sincere motive and enduring patience.

Guard me from evil propensities and restlessness of -----

مِنْ أَنْكَارِكَ فَبَصَّرَ عَلَيَّ ظِلْمِي وَنَحَاصِرِي نَحْفِي وَ
 عَرَفَهُ عَمَّا قَلِيلٌ مَا أَوْعَدْتَ الظَّالِمِينَ وَعَرَفَنِي مَا
 وَعَدْتَ مِنْ جَابَةِ الْمُضْطَرِّينَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَاللَّهِ وَوَفِّقْنِي لِقَبُولِ مَا أَفْضَيْتَ لِي وَعَلَى وَرَضْنِي
 بِمَا أَخَذْتَ لِي وَمَنِّي وَاهْدِنِي لِلَّذِي هِيَ أَقْوَمُ وَأَسْعَمَلَنِي
 بِمَا هُوَ أَسْلَمُ اللَّهُمَّ وَإِنْ كَانَتْ الْخَيْرَةُ عِنْدَكَ
 فِي نَآخِرِ الْأَخْذِ لِي وَتَرَكِ الْإِنْتِقَامَ مِنِّي ظَلَمَنِي
 إِلَى يَوْمِ الْفَصْلِ وَجَمَعَ الْخَصِمَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَابْدِئْ مِنِّي بِنَيْتَةٍ صَادِقَةٍ وَصَبْرٍ دَائِمٍ وَأَعِزَّنِي
 مِنْ سُوءِ الرَّغْبَةِ وَهَلَعَ أَهْلَ الْحَرْصِ وَصَوِّرْنِي فِي

greedy people. Imprint upon my heart the likeness of what Thou hast stored for me of Thy Reward and of what Thou hast stored for my enemy by way of retribution and torment. Let this be the cause of my contentment with what Thou hast decreed and of trust in what Thou hast chosen.

Amen, Lord of the Worlds! Verily Thou art the Possessor of Great Excellence. Thou hast Power over everything.

(15)

One of his prayers in sickness, distress and calamity.

O Lord, all praise is due to Thee for bodily health in which I move about. All praise is due to Thee for such disease as Thou didst cause in my body.

For, I do not know, O Lord, which of the two states is more suitable for thanking Thee and which of the two times is preferable for praising Thee. Either the time of health -----

فَلْبِي مِثَالَمَا ادَّخَرْتَ لِي مِنْ ثَوَابِكَ وَأَعَدَدْتَ
 لِحَصْمِي مِنْ جَزَائِكَ وَعَفَايِكَ وَاجْعَلْ ذَلِكَ سَبَبًا
 لِقِنَاعِنِّي بِمَا فَضَيْتَ وَتَفَعَّلِي بِمَا نَجَّيْتُ امِيرَ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
 إِنَّكَ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

وَكَانَ مِنْ عَائِدَةِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ إِذَا مَرَضَ
 أَوْ تَلَّ بِكَرْبٍ أَوْ بَلِيَّةٍ

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَى مَا لَمْ أَزَلْ أَنْصَرِفُ فِيهِ مِنْ
 سَلَامَةِ بَدَنِي وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَى مَا أَحْدَثَتْ بِي مِنْ عِلَّةٍ
 فِي جَسَدِي فَمَا أَدْرِي يَا إِلَهِي أَيُّ الْخَالِنِ أَخِي بِالشُّكْرِ
 لَكَ وَأَيُّ الْوَفَّيْنِ أَوْلَى بِالْحَمْدِ لَكَ أَوْ قَبْلِ الصَّحَّةِ

wherein Thou didst cause Thy pure Nourishment to support me; whereby Thou didst make me happy in earning Thy Approbation and Favor and whereby Thou didst strengthen me for such of Thy Services as Thou gavest me grace to perform.

Or the time of sickness, whereby Thou didst purify me and the blessings Thou didst confer on me, in order to lighten (remit) such sins as were lying heavily upon my back, by way of purifying me from such inequity as I plunged into, by way of warning me to be prompt in repentance and in order to induce me to try to blot out my transgressions?

All this through Thy eternal Favor!

And in the meantime, what the scribes have recorded to my credit of pure deeds, which no mind has ever thought of, no tongue uttered, and no limb toiled for — only by way of kindness from Thee to me and of ²⁷ Thy gracious Favor to me.

الَّتِي هَمَّانِي فِيهَا طِبَابٌ رِزْقِكَ وَنَشِطُنِي بِهَا
 لِابْتِغَاءِ مَرْضَانِكَ وَفَضْلِكَ وَقَوَّيْتَنِي مَعَهَا عَلَى
 مَا وَفَّقْتَنِي لَهُ مِنْ طَاعَتِكَ أَمْ وَقَّتْ الْعِلَّةَ الَّتِي
 مَحَصَّنْتَنِي بِهَا وَالنِّعَمَ الَّتِي انْحَفَضْتَنِي بِهَا انْخِيفًا لِمَا
 تَقْدَرُ عَلَى مَرِّ الْخَطِيئَاتِ وَنَطْهِيرِ الْمَا انْعَمَسَتْ
 فِيهِ مِنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَنَبِيهًا لِلنَّاسِ وَالنُّوْبَةَ وَتَذْكَيرًا
 لِمَجْوَاحِ الْخُوبَةِ بِقَدِيمِ النِّعْمَةِ وَفِي خِلَالِ ذَلِكَ مَا
 كَتَبَ لِي الْكَاتِبَانِ مِنْ زِكْرِ الْأَعْمَالِ مَا لَأَقْلَبُ
 فَكَّرَفِهِ وَلَا لِسَانٍ نَطْوِيهِ وَلَا جَارِحَةَ تُكَلِّفُهُ
 بَلْ إِضًا لَأَمْنِكَ عَلَيَّ وَأِحْسَانًا مِنْ صَنِيعِكَ إِلَيَّ

O Lord, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Make agreeable to me what Thou hast approved of for me. Lighten for me what Thou hast visited upon me. Purify me of the taint of that sin which I committed beforehand. Remove from me the evil results of what I have performed. Confer on me the sweetness of good health. Make me taste the coolness of peace.

Let my recovery from my illness be accompanied with Thy Forgiveness. Let my restoration from my fall lead to Thy Pardon. Let my release from distress be followed by comfort and my rescue from this affliction, by Thy Deliverance.

Verily Thou art benevolently Kind, bountifully Gracious, magnificently Generous and the Possessor of Greatness and Glory!

(16)

One of his prayers imploring

اللَّهُمَّ فَصِّلْ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَجِبِّ إِلَيَّ مَا رَضَيْتَ
 لِي وَيَسِّرْ لِي مَا أَحَلَّكَ لِي وَطَهِّرْ لِي مِنْ دُنُوسِ مَا
 اسْلَفْتُ وَاحْمَعْ عَنِّي شَرَّ مَا قَدَّمْتُ وَأَوْجِدْ لِي
 حَلَاوَةَ الْعَافِيَةِ وَأَذِفْ عَنِّي بَرْدَ السَّلَامَةِ وَاجْعَلْ
 مَخْرَجِي عَزْمِي إِلَى عَفْوِكَ وَمُتَحَوِّلي عَن صِرْعَتِي
 إِلَى تَجَاوُزِكَ وَخَلَاصِي مِنْ كُرْبِي إِلَى رَوْحِكَ
 وَسَلَامَتِي مِنْ هَذِهِ الشَّدْفِ إِلَى فَرْجِكَ إِنَّكَ الْمُفْضِلُ
 بِالْإِحْسَانِ الْمُنْتَظَلُ بِالْإِيمَانِ الْوَهَّابُ
 الْكَرِيمُ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ عَائِدَةِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ إِذَا سَبَّ قَالَ

a humble entreaty for remission of sins.

O Lord! Thou art the one through Whose Mercy the erring pray for redress.

(Thou art) the one in the remembrance of Whose Grace the afflicted take refuge.

(Thou art) the one in dread of Whom the guilty bitterly weep!

O Solace of every sad stranger.

O Delight of every broken hearted sufferer.

O Redresser of the forsaken and lonely.

O Helper of the needy and far exiled, Who hast surrounded everything with Mercy and Knowledge!

It is Thou Who hast allotted every creature a share in Thy Blessings.

It is Thou Whose Forgiveness is superior to Chastisement.

It is Thou Whose Mercy hastens before Wrath.

It is Thou Whose Generosity -----

فَرَضُوا بِأَوْتَرَعٍ فِي طَلِبِ الْعَفْوِ عَرِيْبٍ

اللَّهُمَّ يَا مَن بَرَحْمَنِهِ لَيْسَتِغِيثُ الْمَذْنُونِ وَيَا
 مَن الَذِكْرُ اِحْسَانِهِ يَفْرَعُ الْمُضْطَرُّونَ وَيَا مَن
 لِحِفْنِهِ يَنْجِبُ الْخَاطِطُونَ يَا اَنَسُ كُلِّ مَسْنُوْحٍ
 غَرِيْبٍ وَيَا فَرَجَ كُلِّ كَرْوِبٍ كَيْبٍ وَيَا غَوْثَ
 كُلِّ مَخْذُولٍ فَرِيْدٍ وَيَا عَضْدَ كُلِّ مَحْجَاجٍ طَرِيْدٍ
 اَنْتَ الَّذِي وَسَعَتْ كُلُّ شَيْءٍ رَحْمَةً وَعِلْمًا وَاَنْتَ
 الَّذِي جَعَلْتَ لِكُلِّ مَخْلُوْقٍ فِي نِعْمِكَ سَهْمًا
 وَاَنْتَ الَّذِي عَفَوُ اَعْلَى مِنْ عَفَايِهِ وَاَنْتَ الَّذِي
 تَسْعَى رَحْمَتُهُ اَمَامَ غَضَبِهِ وَاَنْتَ الَّذِي عَطَاوَهُ

is more frequent than refusal. It is Thou Whose Power and Prosperity embrace all creatures.

It is Thou Who doth not desire recompense from anyone Whom Thou didst bless. It is Thou Who doth not commit excess in punishing a person who disobeyed Thee.

And I, O Lord, am Thy servant Whom Thou hast commanded to pray and Who has answered: Here I am ready to obey Thee! Here I am at Thy Call! Behold, O Lord, I am prostrate in Thy Presence!

It is I whose back is overloaded with guilt. It is I whose life has been dissipated by sins. It is I who ignorantly disobeyed Thee though Thou didst not deserve this ²⁸ from me.

Will Thou, O Lord, pity a person who prays unto Thee so that I may make petitions unto Thee?

Or wilt Thou forgive one who cries unto Thee so that I may make haste to cry?

Or will Thou, O Lord _____

أَكْثَرُ مِنْ مَنَعِهِ وَأَنْتَ الَّذِي تَسَعُّ الْخَلَائِقُ
 كُلَّهُمْ فِي وَسْعِهِ وَأَنْتَ الَّذِي لَا يَرِغِبُ فِي
 جَزَاءٍ مِنْ أَعْطَاهُ وَأَنْتَ الَّذِي لَا يَقْتَرِطُ فِي عِقَابِ
 مَنْ عَصَاهُ وَأَنَا يَا إِلَهِي عَبْدُكَ الَّذِي أَمَرَنِي بِالدُّعَاءِ
 فَقَالَ لَبَّيْكَ وَسَعْدَيْكَ هَا أَنَا ذَا يَا رَبِّ مَطْرُوحٌ
 بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ أَنَا الَّذِي أَوْقَرْتِ الْخَطَايَا ظَهْرَهُ وَأَنَا
 الَّذِي أَفْنَيْتِ الذُّنُوبَ عُمَرَهُ وَأَنَا الَّذِي جَهَلْتَهُ
 عَصَاكَ وَلَمْ تَكُنْ أَهْلًا مِنْهُ لِذَاكَ هَلَلْتِ
 يَا إِلَهِي رَاحِمٌ مُرْدَعَاكَ فَأَبْلُغْ فِي الدُّعَاءِ أَمْ أَنْتَ
 غَافِرٌ لِمَنْ رَجَاكَ فَاسْرِعْ فِي الْبُكَاءِ أَمْ أَنْتَ

pity a person who prostrates, head upon the dust before Thee in token of submission? Or will Thou give prosperity to one, who in confidence, complained unto Thee of poverty?

O Lord, do not disappoint one who finds no giver except Thee. Do not disgrace one who finds none to whom to turn for help besides Thee. O Lord, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Do not turn away from me whilst I have turned towards thee. Do not disappoint me whilst I have inclined towards Thee. Do not smite my face with reprobation whilst I stand before Thee.

It is Thou Who hast given the attribute of Mercy to Thyself. Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and have pity on me. It is Thou Who hast named Thyself Forgiveness. Therefore, forgive me.

Verily, Thou Seest, O Lord, the flow of my tears on account of fear of Thee, the palpitation of my heart through dread of Thee and the trembling -----

مُتَجَاوِزُ عَمْرٍ عَفَّرَ لَكَ وَجْهَهُ نَذْلًا أَمَّ أَنْتَ
 مَغْنَمٌ مَشَاكَ إِلَيْكَ فَضْرُهُ تَوَكُّلاً إِلَهِي لَأُخْبِتُ
 مَنْ لَا يَجِدُ مَعْطِيًا غَيْرَكَ وَلَا أَخْذَكَ مَنْ لَا يَسْتَعْنِي
 عَنْكَ بِأَحَدٍ وَنَكَ إِلَهِي فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَلَا تُعْرِضْ عَنِّي وَقَدْ أَقْبَلْتُ عَلَيْكَ وَلَا تُخْرِمْ مِنِّي وَقَدْ
 رَغِبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَلَا تَجْهَنِّي بِالرَّدِّ وَقَدْ انْصَبْتُ
 بِرَبِّكَ أَنْتَ الَّذِي وَصَفْتَ نَفْسَكَ بِالرَّحْمَةِ
 فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَرْحَمَنِي وَأَنْتَ الَّذِي سَمَّيْتَ
 نَفْسَكَ بِالْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي فَدَنْرِي يَا إِلَهِي فِضْرًا مَعِي
 مِنْ خِيفَتِكَ وَوَجِيبَ قَلْبِي مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ وَأَنْفَاضَ

of my limbs, because of the awe Thou dost inspire in me. All this proceeds from the shame I feel on account of my evil deeds. Because of this, my voice has become too subdued to cry unto Thee and my tongue too dumb to pray to Thee. Therefore, all praise is due to Thee, O Lord.

Thou hast concealed many a defect in me and didst not disgrace me. Thou didst hide many a sin which I committed and didst not make me notorious. Thou didst cover many a wrong which I was guilty of and didst not put the evil consequences of their corruption round my neck. Thou didst not uncover their evil to such of my neighbors as were looking for my blemishes and those who envy Thy Blessings which I possess. All this favor did not restrain me from proceeding towards the worst which Thou didst threaten me with. Therefore, who is more ignorant than I, O Lord, of his own benefit and who is more careless than I of his share of good? And who is

جَوَارِحِي مَزْهِيْبِيْكَ كُلُّ ذَلِكْ حِيَاءٌ مِنِّي لِسُوْءِ
 عَمَلِيْ وَلِذَلِكَ خَدَّصَوْتِي غَزَّ الْجَارِ إِلَيْكَ وَكَلَّ
 لِسَانِي غَزَّ مَنَاجِيْكَ يَا إِلَهِيْ فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ فَكَمِنْ
 عَائِبَةٍ سَتَرْتَهَا عَلَيَّ فَلَمْ تَفْضَحْنِيْ وَكَمِنْ ذَنْبٍ
 غَطَّيْتَهُ عَلَيَّ فَلَمْ تَشْهَرْنِيْ وَكَمِنْ شَائِبَةٍ أَلَمْتُ
 بِهَا فَلَمْ تُهْتِكْ عَنِّيْ سِنْرَهَا وَلَمْ تُفْلِدْنِيْ مَكْرُوْهَ
 سِنْرَهَا وَلَمْ تُبْدِ سَوَآئِهَا لِمَنْ يَلْتَمِسُ مَعَايِيْ مِنْ
 جِيْرَتِيْ وَحَسَدَةِ نِعْمَتِكَ عِنْدِيْ ثُمَّ لَمْ يَنْهِنِيْ ذَلِكْ
 عَنِّيْ أَنْ جَرَيْتُ إِلَى سُوْءٍ مَا عَهَدْتَ مِنِّيْ فَمَنْ أَجْهَلُ
 مِنِّيْ يَا إِلَهِيْ بِرَشْدِيْ وَمَنْ أَغْفَلُ مِنِّيْ عَن حُظِّيْ وَمَنْ

farther removed than I from self-reformation, when I spend the sustenance which Thou hast allotted me in those sins which Thou hast forbidden me to commit ?

And who is deeper plunged in wrongdoing and more forward in vice than I, when I stand between Thy Call and the call of Satan, follow his call even though I am not blind and having full knowledge of him, without any forgetfulness in my memory concerning him and am at the same time convinced that Thy Call leads towards Paradise and that his call leads towards hell?

Holiness to Thee!

How wonderful it is that I bear witness against my own soul, and reckon it a secret affair of mine.

More wonderful than this is Thy Forbearance towards me in casting me (into perdition)!

And this is not because -----

أَبْعَدُ مِنِّي مَنِ اسْتَصْلَحَ نَفْسَهُ حِينَ يُنْفِقُ مَا آجَرَ
 عَلَيَّ مِنْ رِزْقِكَ فِيمَا نَهَيْتَنِي عَنْهُ مِنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ
 وَمَنْ أَبْعَدُ غُورًا فِي الْبَاطِلِ وَأَشَدُّ أَمَّا عَلَى
 السُّوءِ مِنِّي حِينَ أَفْبُ بَيْنَ دَعْوَتِكَ وَدَعْوَةِ الشَّيْطَانِ
 فَاتَّبِعْ دَعْوَتَهُ عَلَى غَيْرِ عَمِي مِنِّي فِي مَعْرِفَةِ بِهِ وَلَا
 نِسْيَانٍ مِنْ حِفْظِي لَهُ وَأَنَا حِينِدُ مَوْقِفِي بَانَ مُشْهِي
 دَعْوَتِكَ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ وَمُشْهِي دَعْوَتِهِ إِلَى النَّارِ
 سُبْحَانَكَ مَا أَعْجَبَ مَا أَشْهَدُ بِهِ عَلَى نَفْسِي وَأُعِدُّهُ
 مِنْ مَكْنُومٍ أَعْرَى وَأَعْجَبُ مِنْ ذَلِكَ أَنَا نَاكَ
 عَنِّي وَإِطَاؤُكَ عَنِّي مُعَاجِلَتِي وَلَيْسَ ذَلِكَ مِنْ

I possess any grace in Thy Sight, but because of Thy gracious Delay and Thy loving Kindness to me in order that I may keep away from Thy Wrath incurred by disobedience and refrain from my degrading sins and because Thee forgiving me is more agreeable to Thee than punishing me.

Nay my God! I am too abundant in respect of sin, too corrupt in manners, too wicked in deeds, too rashly bold in wrongdoing and too weak in point of vigilance in serving Thee and give too little heed to the warning and caution of Thy threats to enumerate to Thee my blemishes or to be able to remember all my defects.

And verily I reproach my soul with this, by way of longing for Thy Kindness wherein lies the prosperity ²⁹ of sinners, and hoping for Thy Mercy wherein lies the release of the guilty

O Lord, behold this is -----

كَرَّمِي عَلَيْكَ بَلْ نَانِيًا مِنْكَ لِي وَنَفْضًا مِنْكَ
 عَلَيَّ لِأَنَّ ارْتِدَاعَ عَنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ الْمُسْخَطَةَ وَأُفْلَعَ
 عَزْسِيَانِي الْخُلُقَةَ وَلِأَنَّ عَفْوَكَ عَنِّي أَحَبُّ إِلَيْكَ
 مِنْ عُقُوبَتِي بَلْ أَنَا يَا إِلَهِي أَكْثَرُ ذُنُوبًا وَأَفْحُ أَنَا رَا
 وَأَشْنَعُ أَفْعَالًا وَأَشَدُّ فِي الْبَاطِلِ نَهْرًا وَأَضْعَفُ
 عِنْدَ طَاعَتِكَ نَبْقَطًا وَأَقْلَرُ لَوْعِيدِكَ أَنْبَاهًا وَ
 ارْتِقَابًا مِنْ أَنْ أَحْصِيَ لَكَ عَيْبِي أَوْ أَفِدِرَعَالِي ذِكْرِي
 ذُنُوبِي وَإِنَّمَا أُوَسِّحُ بِهَذَا نَفْسِي طَمَعًا فِي رَأْفَتِكَ
 الَّتِي بِهَا صَالِحُ أَمْرِ الْمَذْنُوبِينَ وَرَجَاءُ لِرَحْمَتِكَ الَّتِي
 بِهَا فَكَكَ رِقَابِ الْخَاطِئِينَ اللَّهُمَّ وَهَذِهِ

my neck overburdened ³⁰ by sins.

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and liberate it with Thy Forgiveness.

And this is my back weighed down with guilt.

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and lighten it with Thy Favor.

O Lord, if I were to cry unto Thee till my eyelashes should fall off, wail loudly till my voice should cease, stand to serve Thee till my feet should swell, bend down to adore Thee till the bones of my spine should stick out, put my head on the ground to adore Thee till my eyeballs should come out of their sockets, eat the dust of the earth throughout my life, drink water of ashes ³¹ to the end of my days and remember Thee in the meantime till my tongue should become dumb and then never raise my glance to the horizon of the sky, feeling shame —

رَقَبَتِي فَدَارَقْنَهَا الذُّنُوبُ فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَأَعِظْهَا بِعَفْوِكَ وَهَذَا ظَهَرِي فَدَارَقْتَهُ
 الْخَطَا يَا فَضِيلَ عَلِيٍّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَخَفَّفْ عَنْهُ مِنِّيكَ
 يَا إِلَهِي لَوْ بَكَيتُ إِلَيْكَ حَتَّى تَسْفُطَ أَشْفَارُ عَيْنِي
 وَأَنْجَبْتُ حَتَّى يَنْقَطِعَ صَوْتِي وَقَمْتُ لَكَ حَتَّى تَنْشُرَ
 قَدَمَايَ وَرَكَعْتُ لَكَ حَتَّى يَنْجَلِعَ صَلْبِي وَسَجَدْتُ
 لَكَ حَتَّى تَشْفِقًا حَادِقَنِي وَأَكَلْتُ تُرَابَ
 الْأَرْضِ طَوْلَ عَمْرِي وَشَرِبْتُ مَاءَ الرَّمَادِ آخِرَ
 دَهْرِي وَذَكَرْتُكَ فِي خِلَالِ ذَلِكَ حَتَّى يَكِلَ
 لِسَانِي ثُمَّ لَمْ أَرْفَعْ طَرْفِي إِلَى آفَاقِ السَّمَاءِ اسْتِجَاءً

before Thee, I could not deserve, thereby, the obliteration of a single sin out of all my sins!

And if Thou wert to forgive me when I should deserve Thy Forgiveness and pardon me when I should merit Thy Pardon, verily it would not be due to me on account of merit, nor do I deserve it on account of worth for my recompense from Thee, for the first thing wherein I disobeyed Thee, was hell fire. So if Thou chastise me, thou wouldst not be unjust to me.

My Lord, since Thou hast covered my sins, didst not disgrace me, hast been graciously patient with me, didst not hasten to punish me, hast kindly borne with me and didst not alter Thy Blessings (that Thou didst) bestow upon me, nor render Thy Favors to me disagreeable, therefore, pity the length of my supplication and the intensity of my need and the evil of my situation.

مِنْكَ مَا اسْتَوْجِبْتُ بِذَلِكَ مُحَوِّسِيَّةٍ وَاحِدَةٍ
 مِنْ سَيِّئَاتِي وَإِنْ كُنْتُ تَغْفِرُ لِحِزْنِ اسْتَوْجِبُ
 مَغْفِرَتِكَ وَتَعْفُو عَنِّي حِزْنِ اسْتَحُو عَفْوِكَ فَإِنَّ ذَلِكَ
 غَيْرُ وَالْجِبِّ لِي بِاسْتِخْفَافٍ وَلَا أَنَا أَهْلُ لَهُ بِاسْتِجَابَةٍ
 إِذْ كَانَ جَزَائِي مِنْكَ فِي أَوَّلِ مَا عَصَيْتُكَ
 النَّارُ فَإِنْ تَعَدَّ بَنِي فَاثَمْتَ غَيْرُ ظَالِمٍ لِي إِلَهِي فَإِذْ قَدْ
 نَعَمَّدْتَنِي بِسَبْرِكَ فَلَمْ تَفْضَحْنِي وَنَايَبْتَنِي بِكَرَمِكَ
 فَلَمْ تُعَاجِلْنِي وَحَلَمْتَ عَنِّي بِفَضْلِكَ فَلَمْ تُغَيِّرْ نِعْمَتَكَ
 عَلَيَّ وَلَمْ تُكْذِرْ مَعْرُوفَكَ عِنْدِي فَارْحَمْ
 طَوْلَ نَضْرَعِي وَشِدَّةَ مَسْكِنِي وَسُوءَ مَوْفَعِي

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Guard me from sins.

Employ me in virtue.

Grant me a handsome conversion.

Purify me with repentance.

Help me with chastity.

Reform me peacefully.³²

Make me taste the sweetness of salvation. Let me be the freedman of Thy Pardon and the emancipated man of Thy Mercy. Grant to me impunity from Thy Wrath. Thereby, let me have good news³³ in this world beside the next good news which I may recognize. Let me have in it a sign which I may perceive.

Verily, this is not difficult to Thee in Thy Might and is not hard upon Thee in Thy Power.

Verily, Thou hast Power over everything.

(17)

One of his prayers

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَفِيهِ مِنَ الْمَعَاصِي وَاسْتَعْمِلْنِي
 بِالطَّاعَةِ وَأَرْزُقْنِي حُسْنَ الْإِنَابَةِ وَطَهِّرْنِي بِالنُّوبَةِ
 وَأَيِّدْنِي بِالْعِصْمَةِ وَاسْتَصِلِحْنِي بِالْعَافِيَةِ وَأَذِقْنِي
 حَلَاوَةَ الْمَغْفِرَةِ وَاجْعَلْنِي طَلِيقَ عَفْوِكَ وَعَيْنُونَ
 رَحْمَتِكَ وَاكْتُبْ لِي أَمَانًا مِنْ سُخْطِكَ وَلَبِّسْنِي
 بِذَلِكَ فِي الْعَاجِلِ دُونَ الْأَجْلِ بُشْرَى أَعْرِفْهَا وَ
 عَرَفْنِي فِيهِ عِلَامَةً أَنْبَيْتُهَا إِنَّ ذَلِكَ لَا يَضِيقُ
 عَلَيْكَ فِي وَسْعِكَ وَلَا يَنْتَكِأُكَ فِي
 قُدْرَتِكَ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي تَالِبٍ إِذَا ذَكَرَ الشَّيْطَانَ

whereby the Imam sought refuge from Satan's malice and cunning.

O Lord, verily we seek Thy Protection from the corrupting whisperings of damned Satan who was driven away ³⁴ from Thy Presence; from trusting in his falsehoods, his promises, his deceptions, his toils, the longing of his soul to lead us astray from Thy service and to disgrace us by causing us to disobey Thee and from taking for good what he represents to us to be good or regarding that to be hard which he makes disagreeable to us.

O Lord, let him be repulsed from us through our worshipping Thee. Drive him away with our devotion to Thee. Place a curtain between us and him which he may not tear and a strong partition which he may not break through.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Engage Satan at a distance from us with some of Thy enemies ---

فَايْتَعَاذُ مِنْكَ وَفِرْعَادُ وَنَهْرُ كَيْدِكَ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ تَرْغَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
وَكَيْدِهِ وَمَكَائِدِهِ وَمِنْ الثَّقَةِ بِأَمَانِيهِ وَمَوَائِدِهِ

وَعُرُورِهِ وَمَصَائِدِهِ وَأَنْ يُطْمَعِ نَفْسَهُ فِي ضَلَالِنَا

عِزِّ طَاعِنِكَ وَأَمْنِهَا نَبَا بِمَعْصِدِكَ أَوْ أَنْ يَجْسُرَ

عِنْدَنَا مَا حَسَنَ لَنَا أَوْ أَنْ يَثْقُلَ عَلَيْنَا مَا كَرِهَ

إِلَيْنَا اللَّهُمَّ اخْسَأْ عَنَّا بَعِيدَكَ وَأَكْبِتْهُ

بِدُؤِ وَبِنَا فِي مَجْبَتِكَ وَاجْعَلْ بَيْنَنَا وَبَيْنَهُ سِتْرًا

لَا يَنْهَيْكَهُ وَرَدِّ مَا مَصْمَتًا لَا يَنْفِقُهُ اللَّهُمَّ

صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاشْغَلْهُ عَنَّا بِعِضِّ أَعْدَائِكَ

and guard us from him with Thy exceeding great watchfulness.

Support us against his deception.

Turn his back upon us.

Remove all trace of him from us.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Bless us with guidance against Satan's guiles. Help us to guard against his evil. Make us walk in the way of virtue instead of in his destructive path.

O Lord, do not allow him entry into our hearts. Do not provide an abode for him near us.

O Lord, let us know the wrong that he tempts us with. When Thou hast informed us of it, be graciously pleased to protect us from it. Show us whereby we may devise plans against him. Inform us of that which we should prepare for him. Rouse us from the sleep of negligence caused by leaning towards him. Render us suitable assistance against him.

O Lord, imbue our hearts -----

وَاعْتَصِمْنَا مِنْهُ بِمُحْسِنِ رِعَائِنِكَ وَاكْفِنَا خَشْرَهُ
 وَوَلِّئِنَا ظَهْرَهُ وَأَفْطَعْ عَنَّا إِشْرَهُ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَامْنَعْنَا مِنَ الْهُدَى ضَلَالِنِهِ وَزَوِّدْنَا
 مِنَ التَّقْوَى صِدْقَ غَوَائِنِهِ وَاسْلُكْ بِنَا مِنَ التَّقْضِي خَلَا
 سَبِيلِهِ مِنَ الرَّدَى اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَجْعَلْهُ فِي قُلُوبِنَا
 مَدْخَلًا وَلَا تُوَطِّنْ لَهُ فِيمَا أَلَدْنَا مِنْزِلًا اللَّهُمَّ
 وَمَا سَوَّلَ لَنَا مِنْ بَاطِلٍ فَعَرِّفْنَاهُ وَإِذَا عَرَّفْنَاهُ فَنَاهَا
 وَبَصِّرْ نَا مَا نَكَابُهُ بِهِ وَالْهُمْنَا مَا نَعَدُّ لَهُ وَ
 أَبْقِظْنَا عَزْسِنَةَ الْغَفْلَةِ بِالرُّكُونِ إِلَيْهِ وَآحْسِنِ
 بِتَوْفِيْقِكَ عَوْنَنَا عَلَيْهِ اللَّهُمَّ وَأَشْرِبْ قُلُوبَنَا

with the rejection of his deeds. Be gracious to us in breaking his devices.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Turn away Satan's power from us. Cut off his hope from us. Prevent him from coveting to mislead us.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Let our fathers, mothers, offspring, family members, kindred, relations and neighbors, who are true believers, whether male or female, be sheltered from Satan in a strong fortification, a defensive stronghold and a corner of defence.

Protect them from him with the armor of defense.

Give them sharp weapons to use against him.

O Lord, include in this prayer every one who has borne witness to Thy Godhead, sincerely believed in Thy Unity and abhorred Satan for Thy sake, with sincerity of -----

إِنَّكَ أَرْعَمِلِهِ وَالطُّفُّ لَنَا فِي نَفْضِ حَيْلِهِ اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَجِوِّ سُلْطَانَهُ عَنَّا
 وَأَفْطَعْ رَجَاءَهُ مِنَّا وَادْرَأَهُ عَنِ الْوُلُوعِ بِنَا
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلْ أَبَاءَنَا وَأُمَّهَانَا
 وَأَوْلَادَنَا وَأَهْلِيْنَا وَذَوِي أَرْحَامِنَا وَقَرَابَانَا
 وَجِبْرَانَنَا مِنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فِي حِرْزِي
 وَحِصْنِ حَافِظِي وَكَهْفِ مَانِعٍ وَالْبِسْمِ مِنْهُ
 جُنَاوِافِيَّةً وَأَعْطِهِمْ عَلَيْهِ أَسْلِحَةَ مَاضِيَّةً
 اللَّهُمَّ وَأَعْمَمْ بِذَلِكَ مِنْ شَهْدِكَ بِالرُّبُوبِيَّةِ
 وَأَخْلَصْ لَكَ بِالْوَحْدَانِيَّةِ وَعَادَاهُ لَكَ بِحَقِيقَةِ

devotion to Thee, and begged of Thy Help against him in learning the Divine sciences.

O Lord, untie what he has tied up.
Open what he has closed.

Restrain him when he has resolved to act.

Defeat what he has determined.

O Lord, rout his army.

Annul his treachery.

Demolish his stronghold.

Disgrace him.

O Lord, place us in the class of his enemies. Exclude us from among his friends that we may not obey him when he allures us and may not answer him when he calls us; that we may command those who obey our commands to abhor him; and exhort those who listen to our advice not to follow him.

O Lord, bless Muhammad, the last of the Prophets and the chief of the Apostles and his descendants who are pure and holy.

الْعُبُودِيَّةَ وَأَسْئَلُكَ عَلَيْهِ فِي مَعْرِفَةِ الْعُلُومِ
 الرَّبَّانِيَّةِ اللَّهُمَّ احْلُلْ مَا عَقَّدَ وَافْتُومًا رَتَقَ
 وَافْسَحْ مَا دَبَّرَ وَثَبِّطْهُ إِذَا عَزَمَ وَانْقُضْ مَا أَبْرَمَ
 اللَّهُمَّ وَاهْزِمْ جُنْدَهُ وَأَبْطِلْ كَيْدَهُ وَأَهْدِمْ
 كَهْفَهُ وَارْغَمْ أَنْفَهُ اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنَا فِي نَظْمِ
 أَعْدَائِهِ وَاعْزِلْنَا عَزْ عِدَادِ أَوْلِيَائِهِ لِأَنْطِيعَ لَهُ
 إِذَا سَنَّهُوَانَا وَلَا نَسْتَجِيبُ لَهُ إِذَا دَعَانَا مُرْتَبِعِينَ
 مِنْ أَطَاعِ أَمْرِنَا وَنَعِظُ عَزْمَتَا بَعْنِهِ مِنْ أَتْبَعَ زَجْرَنَا
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ وَسَيِّدِ
 الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَعَلَى أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ

Protect us, our family members, brethren and all the true believers, male and female, from Satan's mischief against which we seek protection. Deliver us from such things as we beg to be delivered of by Thee. Grant us what we prayed to Thee for. Give us what we have failed to obtain through negligence.

Guard for us what we have forgotten. Introduce us thereby into the class of those who guard against evil and rank of the believers.

Amen, Lord of the Worlds!

(18)

One of his prayers of thanksgiving for averting something terrible or soon granting his prayers.

Praise be to Thee, O Lord, for the goodness of Thy Decree and for the calamity Thou didst avert from me.

Therefore, let not my share of Thy Mercy consist in what Thou didst hasten

وَأَعِزَّنَا وَأَهْلَيْنَا وَأَخْوَانَنَا وَجَمِيعَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَ
 الْمُؤْمِنَاتِ مِمَّا اسْتَعَدْنَا مِنْهُ وَأَجْرَنَا مِمَّا
 اسْتَجْرْنَا بِكَ مِنْ خَوْفِهِ وَاسْمِعْ لَنَا مَا دَعَا بِنَابِهِ
 وَأَعْطِنَا مَا اغْفَلْنَاهُ وَاحْفَظْ لَنَا مَا نَسِينَا
 وَصَيِّرْنَا بِذَلِكَ فِي دَرَجَاتِ الصَّالِحِينَ
 وَمَرَاتِبِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ آمِينَ رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

وَكَانَ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي تَالِبٍ إِذَا دَفَعَ عَنْكُمْ
 مَا يَحِبُّكُمْ وَأَوْعَجَّكُمْ لَمْ يَطْلُبْكُمْ

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَى حُسْرِ قَضَائِكَ وَبِمَصْرِفِكَ
 عَنِّي مِنْ بِلَائِكَ فَلَا تَجْعَلْ حِطِّي مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ مَا تَجْعَلُهُ

to give me of Thy Security, lest I should turn out unlucky in obtaining what I liked and another prove lucky for what I disliked.

And if what I enjoyed of this security by day or night be destined to be followed by an everlasting calamity and a perpetual penalty, then, be pleased to advance to me what Thou hast delayed and keep back from me what Thou hast advanced.

For, whatever ends in destruction is not great. Whatever ends in permanence is not little.

And bless Muhammad and his descendants.

(19)

One of his prayers for rain after a drought.

O Lord, satisfy us with rain. Spread over us Thy Mercy in the shape of abundant rain issuing from the driven cloud to make the earth put forth -----

لِي مَزْعَافِيْنِكَ فَأَكُوْنُ فَدَشَقِيْتِ بِمَا أَحْبَبْتِ
 وَسَعَدَ غَيْرِي بِمَا كَرِهْتِ وَإِنْ يَكُرُّ مَا ظَلَمْتُ فِيهِ
 أَوْبَتْ فِيهِ مِنْ هَذِهِ الْعَافِيَةِ بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ بَلَاءٌ لَا
 يَنْقَطِعُ وَوِزْرٌ لَا يَرْفَعُ فَقَدِمْتُ لِي مَا آخَرْتِ وَآخِرُ
 عَنِّي مَا قَدِمْتِ فغَيْرُ كَثِيْرٍ مَا عَاقَبْتَهُ الْفَنَاءُ
 وَغَيْرُ قَلِيْلٍ مَا عَاقَبْتَهُ الْبَقَاءُ وَصَلَّى عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٌ وَآلُهُ
 وَكَانَ فِي عَائِدَةِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ عِنْدَ الْاِسْتِسْقَا
 بِعَدْلِ الْجَدْبِ

اللَّهُمَّ اسْفِنَا الْغَيْثَ وَأَنْشُرْ عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ بِغَيْثِكَ
 الْمُغْدِقِ مِنَ السَّحَابِ الْمُنْسَافِ لِنَبَاتِ أَرْضِكَ

pleasing vegetation on all sides.

And favor Thy servants by ripening the fruit and reviving Thy cities by the coming out of buds.

And send Thy honorable angel messengers from Thee with rainclouds, ever beneficial, of far-reaching abundance, of showers ample, quick, rapid.

To revive, thereby, what is dead.

To restore what is lost.

To cause the crops to grow.

Amplify, therewith, means of subsistence. (Send) clouds, dense, agreeable and wholesome, layer upon layer, spread far and wide, accompanied by undecceptive lightning and pregnant with unbroken showers.

O Lord, bless us with a rain causing the soil to bring forth vegetation, congenial, profitable, vast and abundant, to help thereby the growing grass and to restore prosperity to the naked soil.

O Lord favor us with a rain -----

الْمُؤْتَفِقِ فِي جَمِيعِ الْأَفَاقِ وَأَمْنُكَ عَلَى عِبَادِكَ
 بَيْنَاعِ الثَّمَرِ وَأَحْيَا بِلَادِكَ يَبْلُوغُ الزَّهْرَةَ وَ
 أَشْهَدُ مَا لَيْكَ كُنْتَ الْكِرَامِ السَّفَرَةَ بِسَفِي
 مِنْكَ نَافِعِ دَائِمِ غَزْرُهُ وَاسِعِ دِرْرُهُ وَابِلِ سِرْبِ
 عَاجِلِ تَحْيِيهِ بِمَا قَدَّمَ مَاتَ وَتَرُدُّ بِهِ مَا قَدَّمَ مَاتَ
 وَتَخْرُجُ بِهِ مَا هَوَاتِ وَتُوسِعُ بِهِ فِي الْأَفْوَاتِ
 سَحَابًا بِمَنْزِلِكِ مَا هَيَّأَ مَا يَأْتِقًا مَجْلًا غَيْرِ
 مُلْتِ وَذَفُهُ وَلا خَلْبِ بَرُّهُ اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا
 غَيْثًا مَغِيثًا مَرِيئًا مَرِيئًا مَرِيئًا مَرِيئًا مَرِيئًا مَرِيئًا
 تَرُدُّ بِهِ النَّهْيَ وَتَجْبُرُ بِهِ الْمَهِيضَ اللَّهُمَّ اسْقِنَا

whereby Thou mayest cause torrents to
issue from mountains,
Wells to fill up.
Rivers to flow.
Plants to grow.
Prices to go down in all countries.
And the beasts and other creatures
to thrive.

Provide for us, thereby, abundance
of pure food. Cause the tilled fields to
bring forth for us.

Let the breasts be full of milk.
Add strength to our strength.
O Lord, let its shower over us not
be poisonous.

Let its cold not be destructive to
us. Let its descent upon us not be like
a pelting with stones, nor make its water
bitter to us.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his
descendants.

Confer on us the blessings of the
heavens and the earth.

Verily, everything is within Thy
Power.

سَقِيَّاتٍ سِيلُ مِنْهُ الظَّرَابُ وَتَمَلَّأُ مِنْهُ الْجِبَابُ
 وَتُنْفِجُهُ بِهِنَّ الْأَنْهَارُ وَتُنْبِتُ بِهِ الْأَشْجَارَ وَتُرْخِصُ
 بِهِ الْأَسْعَارَ فِي جَمِيعِ الْأَمْصَارِ وَتُنْعَشُ بِهِ الْبَهَائِمَ
 وَالْحَلَقُ وَتُكْمِلُ لِنَابِهِ طَيِّبَاتِ الرِّزْقِ وَتُنْبِتُ
 لِنَابِهِ الزَّرْعَ وَتُذَرِّبُهُ الضَّرْعَ وَتَزِيدُ نَابَهُ قُوَّةً إِلَى
 قُوَّتِنَا اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَجْعَلْ ظِلَّهُ عَلَيْنَا سَوْمًا وَلَا تَجْعَلْ
 بَرْدَهُ عَلَيْنَا حَسُومًا وَلَا تَجْعَلْ صَوْبَهُ عَلَيْنَا رُجُومًا
 وَلَا تَجْعَلْ مَاءَهُ عَلَيْنَا أَجَاًا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَعَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَرْزُقْنَا مِنْ بَرَكَاتِ السَّمَوَاتِ
 وَالْأَرْضِ إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

(20)

One of his prayers for excellence in morals and good conduct.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Advance my faith to the greatest perfection. Let my belief be the most excellent of beliefs. Cause my motive to be the best of resolutions and my conduct the best of actions.

O Lord, increase my good resolutions. Establish my belief in Thee.³⁵ Reform with Thy Power and that which has become corrupted in me.³⁶

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Grant to satisfy ³⁷ me in that, the care of which keeps me engaged. Cause me to perform those deeds concerning which Thou wilt question me tomorrow.³⁸ And let my days be spent in that work for which Thou hast created me.³⁹ Make me independent and provide me amply with Thy Sustenance. Do not let me be tempted by arrogance (caused by wealth).

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وكان فرج عيسى عليه السلام في مكابرها
الأخلاق ومرضى الأفعكار

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَبَلِّغْ بِإِيمَانِي أَكْمَلَ
الْإِيمَانِ وَاجْعَلْ بَيْنِي أَفْضَلَ الْيَقِينِ وَأَنْتَهُ بِنَيْتِي
إِلَى أَحْسَنِ النَّبَاتِ وَبِعَمَلِي إِلَى أَحْسَنِ الْأَعْمَالِ
اللَّهُمَّ وَفِرْ بِلُطْفِكَ بَيْنِي وَصَحِّحْ بِمَا عِنْدَكَ بَقِيَّتِي
وَاسْتَصْلِحْ بَعْدَ رِزْقِكَ مَا فَسَدَ مِنِّي اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى
مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاكْفِنِي مَا يَشْغَلُنِي الْإِهْتِمَامُ بِهِ وَاسْتَعْمَلُنِي
بِمَاتَسَأَلُنِي غَدًا عَنْهُ وَاسْتَفْرِغْ أَيَّامِي فِيهَا خَلْفَتُنِي
لَهُ وَاعْنِنِي وَأَوْسِعْ عَلَيَّ فِي رِزْقِكَ وَلَا تَقْنِنِي بِالنَّظَرِ

Let me be honored, but do not let me fall prey to pride.

Cause me to adore Thee and do not let my adoration be spoiled with conceit.

Issue from my hands good to mankind and do not let it be undone with reproaches.⁴⁰

Give me excellent morals and save me from boasting.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Do not exalt me even one degree among the people unless Thou hast degraded me to an equal amount in my own soul. Create for me no outward respect unless Thou hast created for me an equal amount of humiliation in my spirit.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Favor me with a righteous direction which I may not change (for another), a right path from which I may not go astray and a well-guided motive which I may not doubt. Let me live as long as my life is useful in serving Thee.

وَأَغْرَبَنِي وَلَا تَنْبَلِينِي بِالْكِبَرِ وَعَبَّدَنِي لَكَ وَلَا
 نَفْسِي عِبَادَتِي بِالْحُبِّ وَأَجْرَ لِلنَّاسِ عَلَى يَدِي الْحَبِيرُ
 وَلَا تَخَفْنَهُ بِالْمَنْ وَهَبْ لِي مَعَالِيَ الْأَخْلَاقِ وَأَعْصِمْنِي
 مِنَ الْفَخْرِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَلَا تَرْفَعْنِي فِي
 النَّاسِ دَرَجَةً إِلَّا حَطَطْتَنِي عِنْدَ نَفْسِي مِثْلَهَا وَلَا
 نُحْدِثْ لِي عِزًّا ظَاهِرًا إِلَّا أَحْدَثْتَ لِي ذِلَّةً بَاطِنَةً
 عِنْدَ نَفْسِي بِفَدْرِهَا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَمَنْعِنِي بِهُدَى صَالِحٍ لَا أَسْتَبْدِلُ بِهِ وَطَرِيقَةٍ
 حَقًّا لَا أَرْبِعُ عَنْهَا وَنِيَّةٍ رُشِدًا لَا أَشْكُ فِيهَا وَ
 عَمْرٍ فِي مَا كَانَ عَمْرِي بِذِلَّةٍ فِي طَاعَتِكَ فَإِذَا

When my life becomes a pasture for Satan, be pleased to call me back to Thee before Thy Wrath advances towards me or Thy Anger be fixed upon me.

O Lord, leave in me no culpable habit unreformed.

(Leave me) no blameworthy blemish unamended.

(Leave me) in no imperfect excellence without bringing it to perfection.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Substitute for me love in place of the enmity of the hostile, (in place of) friendship for the envy of the rebellious, (in place of) confidence for distrust of the virtuous, (in place of) kindness for the hatred of those that are near, (in place of) benevolence to kindred for their disobedience, (in place of) assistance for desertion of the near (relations), (in place of) sincerity of regard for the love of the ceremoniously polite

كَانَ عَمْرِي مَرْتَعًا لِلشَّيْطَانِ فَأَقْبَضَنِي إِلَيْكَ
 قَبْلَ أَنْ يَسْبِقَ مَفْئِدَكَ إِلَيَّ أَوْ يَسْتَحْكِمَ غَضَبَكَ عَلَيَّ
 اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَدْعُ خَصْلَةً تَعَابُ مِنِّي إِلَّا أَصْلَحْتَهَا وَلَا
 عَائِبَةً أُوتِبْتُ بِهَا إِلَّا أَحْسَنْتَهَا وَلَا أَكْرَمَةً
 فِي نَافِصَةٍ إِلَّا أَمَّنْتَهَا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَابْدِلْنِي مِنْ بَغْضَةِ أَهْلِ الشَّنَائِزِ إِلَى حُبِّهِ
 وَمِنْ حَسَدِ أَهْلِ الْبَغْيِ إِلَى مَوَدَّةِ وَمِنْ ظَنَّةِ أَهْلِ
 الصَّلَاحِ إِلَى ثِقَةِ وَمِنْ عَدَاوَةِ الْأَدْنِيِّينَ إِلَى الْوِلَايَةِ
 وَمِنْ عَقُوقِ ذَوِي الْأَرْحَامِ الْمَبْرُورَةِ وَمِنْ خُدْلَانِ
 الْأَقْرَبِينَ إِلَى النُّصْرَةِ وَمِنْ حُبِّ الْمُدَارِينِ إِلَى تَصْحِيحِ الْمَفْتَةِ

(in place of) good behavior for the repulsion of associates and sweetness of peace for the bitterness of fear of tyrants.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Let me have power over him who quarelled with me and victory over him who bore me ill-will.

Grant me an artifice against him who deceived me and power over him who overpowered me.

Make false the charge of him who impeached me and relieve me from him who threatened me.

Give me grace to obey him who directed me to the right path and follow him who guided me (to it).

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Give me grace that I may behave with sincere good-will to him who was insincere to me.

Reward with goodness he who forsook me; compensate with reunion he who separated me from him.

Make me to differ from him who

وَمِنْ رَدِّ الْمَلَائِكِينَ كَرَمِ الْعِشْرَةِ وَمِنْ مَرَارَةِ
 خَوْفِ الظَّالِمِينَ حَلَاوَةِ الْأَمْنَةِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلْ لِي يَدًا عَلَى مَنْ ظَلَمَنِي وَلِسَانًا
 عَلَى مَنْ خَاصَمَنِي وَظَفْرًا يَمِزُّ عَائِدَتِي وَهَبْ لِي مَكْرًا
 عَلَى مَنْ كَايَدَنِي وَوُدْرَةً عَلَى مَنْ اضْطَهَدَنِي وَ
 نَكْذِبًا لِمَنْ فُضِنَنِي وَسَلَامَةً مِمَّنْ تَوَعَّدَنِي وَوَقْفِي
 لِطَاعَةِ مَنْ سَدَّدَنِي وَمُسَابَعَةَ مَنْ أَرَشَدَنِي اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَسَدِّدْ لِي لِأَنَّ أَعَارِضَ مَنْ غَشَّيَنِي
 بِالنَّصْحِ وَأَجْرِي مَنْ هَجَرَني بِالْبِرِّ وَأَثْبِتْ مَنْ حَرَمَنِي
 بِالْبَدْلِ وَأَكْفِي مَنْ قَطَعَنِي بِالصَّلَةِ وَأَخْلِفْ مَنْ

did backbite me by speaking ill of him and to return thanks for good and overlook evil.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Adorn me with the qualities of the righteous.

Clothe me with the beauty of those who guard against evil in spreading justice, restraining anger, quenching the fire of ill-will, reuniting the scattered,

Making up the differences between men.

Publishing goodness.

Hiding blemishes.

Lenience of temper. ⁴¹

Bending the knee of humanity ⁴², beauty of conduct, calmness of disposition, agreeableness of dealings, advancing towards excellence, adopting generosity, forbearing rebuke, showing kindness even to the unworthy, speaking the truth though difficult, underrating personal good however -----

اغْتَابَنِي إِلَى حُسْنِ الذِّكْرِ وَأَنَّ الْحَسَنَةَ وَأَغْضَى
 عَزَّ السَّيِّئَةَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَحَلِّئِي
 بِحَلْبَةِ الصَّالِحِينَ وَالْبَيْتِ زِينَةَ الْمُتَّقِينَ فِي
 بَسْطِ الْعَدْلِ وَكَيْفِ الْغَيْظِ وَأَطْفَاءِ النَّارِ فِي
 وَصْمِ أَهْلِ الْفُرْقَةِ وَإِصْلَاحِ ذَاتِ الْبَيْتِ وَإِفْشَاءِ
 الْعَارِفَةِ وَسِتْرِ الْعَائِبَةِ وَلِزِيَارَةِ الْعَرِيكَةِ وَخَفْضِ
 الْجَنَاحِ وَحُسْنِ السَّيْرِ وَسُكُونِ الرِّيحِ وَطِيبِ
 الْمُخَالَفَةِ وَالسَّبْوِ إِلَى الْفَضِيلَةِ وَإِيْشَارِ
 التَّفْضِيلِ وَنَرْكِ التَّعْيِيرِ وَالْإِفْضَالِ عَلَى غَيْرِ الْمُسْتَحْوِ
 وَالْقَوْلِ بِالْحَقِّ وَإِنْ عَزَّ وَاسْتَفْلَالِ الْخَيْرِ وَإِنْ

great, of words or deeds and overestimating personal evil, however small of speech or act.

Grant the fulfillment of these wishes along with continual worship of Thee and attachment to the community of the faithful. Let me withdraw from those who start innovations and act upon self-invented judgments.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Confer on me Thy most abundant Sustenance when I grow old. Infuse in me Thy most righteous strength when I be fatigued.

Do not allow me to grow lazy so as to keep away from Thy worship, nor let me be blind to Thy Path, nor allow me to indulge in what is contrary to Thy Love, nor join him who has separated himself from Thee, nor let me keep aloof from him who is joined unto Thee. O Lord, let me get strength from Thee in necessity and apply to Thee in need and humbly entreat Thee in poverty.

كَثُرَ مِنْ قَوْلِي وَفَعَلِي وَأَسْنُ كَثِيرِ الشَّرِّ وَإِنْ
 فَلَّ مِنْ فِعْلِي وَأَكْمَلْ ذَلِكَ لِي يَدِوَامِ الطَّاعَةِ
 وَلِرُؤْمِ الْجَمَاعَةِ وَرَفُضِ أَهْلِ الْبِدْعِ وَمُسْتَعْمِلِ
 الرَّأْيِ الْخُرْجِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلْ
 أَوْسَعَ رِزْقِكَ عَلَيَّ إِذَا كَبُرْتُ وَأَفْوَى قَوْلِكَ فِيَّ
 إِذَا نَصَبْتُ وَلَا تَبْتَلِنِي بِالْكَسَلِ عَنْ عِبَادَتِكَ
 وَلَا الْعَمَى عَنْ سَبِيلِكَ وَلَا بِالْتَّعَرُّضِ لِخِلَافِ مَحَبَّتِكَ
 وَلَا لِمُجَامَعَةِ مَنْ نَفَرَ عَنْكَ وَلَا مِفَارِقَتِي مِنْ اجْتِمَاعِ
 إِلَيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي أَصُولُكَ عِنْدَ الضَّرُورَةِ
 وَأَسْأَلُكَ عِنْدَ الْحَاجَةِ وَأَنْضِعُ إِلَيْكَ عِنْدَ الْمَسْكِنَةِ

Do not let me be tempted to ask help of any other than Thee when I am afflicted,

Nor to humbly entreat any other than thee when in need.

Nor to supplicate another besides Thee when in fear, lest I should deserve, thereby, to be forsaken, rejected and despised by Thee, O Most Merciful!

O Lord, let what Satan introduces into my heart, of desires, suspicion and envy be a cause for remembrance of Thy Greatness, contemplation of Thy Power and become plans against Thy enemy.

Let what he makes my tongue utter of indecent words, nonsense, raving, abuse, false evidence, backbiting of an absent true-believer, or reviling one who is present, and other things similar to these, be a speech in praise of Thee and an utterance -----

وَلَا تَفْتِنِّي بِالْإِسْنَعَانَةِ بَعِيرِكَ إِذَا اضْطَرَّرتُ
 وَلَا بِالْخُضُوعِ لِسُؤَالِ غَيْرِكَ إِذَا انْفَقَرْتُ وَلَا
 بِالنَّضْرِ عِلى مَنْ دُونِكَ إِذَا رَهَبْتُ فَاسْتَحْوِذْ بِكَ
 خِدْلَانِكَ وَمَنْعَكَ وَأِعْرَاضِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ
 اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَا يُلْقِي الشَّيْطَانُ فِي رُوعِي مِنَ التَّمَنِّيِ
 وَالنَّظَنِيِّ وَالْحَسَدِ ذِكْرًا لِعَظَمَتِكَ وَتَفَكُّرًا فِي
 قُدْرَتِكَ وَتَدْبِيرِ أَعْلَى عَدْوِكَ وَمَا أَجْرَى عَلَى لِسَانِي
 مِنْ لَفْظَةٍ فُحْشٍ أَوْ هَجْرٍ أَوْ شَتْمٍ عَرِضٍ أَوْ شَهَادَةٍ
 بَاطِلَةٍ أَوْ غَيْبٍ مُؤْمَرٍ غَائِبٍ أَوْ سَبِّ حَاضِرٍ
 وَمَا أَشْبَهَ ذَلِكَ نَطَقًا بِالْحَمْدِ لَكَ وَاعْرَافًا

of an eulogy to Thee, an absorption in Thy Glory, a thanksgiving for Thy Favor, an acknowledgement of Thy Goodness and an enumeration of Thy Blessings.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Do not let me be oppressed while Thou hast power to ward off trouble from me, nor let me oppress others whilst Thou hast authority to restrain me, nor go astray whilst it is possible for Thee to guide me, nor grow poor whilst Thou hast power to make me prosper, nor grow rebellious whilst my wealth is from Thee.

O Lord, I come seeking Thy Forgiveness. I aim for Thy Pardon. I long for Thy Forbearance. I trust in Thy Kindness. I have not with me what would entitle me to Thy Forgiveness, nor (is there) in my actions what would make me deserve Thy Pardon.

I have nothing save Thy Grace when I pass judgment upon myself.

فِي الشَّاءِ عَلَيْكَ وَذَهَابًا فِي تَجْمِيدِكَ وَشُكْرًا
 لِنِعْمَتِكَ وَأَعْرَافًا بِإِحْسَانِكَ وَأِحْصَاءً لِمَنِّكَ
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَلَا أَظْلَمَ وَأَنْتَ مُطِيقٌ
 لِلدَّفْعِ عَنِّي وَلَا أَظْلَمَ وَأَنْتَ الْفَادِرُ عَلَى الْفَبْضِ مِنِّي
 وَلَا أَضْلَمَ وَقَدْ أَمُكِّنْتَكَ هِدَايَتِي وَلَا أَفْزَرَكَ
 وَمِنْ عِنْدِكَ وَسَعَى وَلَا أَطْعِنُ وَمِنْ عِنْدِكَ وَجِدِي
 اللَّهُمَّ إِلَى مَغْفِرَتِكَ وَفَدْتُ وَإِلَى عَفْوِكَ قَصْدٌ
 وَإِلَى تَجَاوُزِكَ أَشْنَقْتُ وَبِفَضْلِكَ وَثِقْتُ
 وَلَيْسَ عِنْدِي مَا يُوْجِبُ لِي مَغْفِرَتَكَ وَلَا فِي عَمَلِي مَا
 اسْتَحِقُّ بِهِ عَفْوَكَ وَمَا لِي بَعْدَ أَنْ حَكَمْتُ عَلَى نَفْسِي

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and be kind to me.

O Lord, make me speak with righteousness. Inspire me with piety.

Give me grace for what is more pure.

Employ me in what is most praiseworthy.

O Lord, make me walk the most exemplary path.

Let me live and die believing in Thee.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Bless me with frugality. Let me be of the people of righteousness, of the guides to virtue and of the pious servants. Grant me salvation on the Last Day and safety on the expected doomsday.

O Lord, extract from my soul whatever may purify it for Thyself. Preserve those motives for my soul that may perfect it, for verily my soul is liable to come to ruin unless Thou preservest it.

O Lord, Thou art my shelter.

الْإِضْلَاحُ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَنَفِضْ عَلَيَّ
 اللَّهُمَّ وَأَنْطِقْنِي بِالْهُدَى وَالْهَمْنِي التَّقْوَى وَ
 وَفِّقْنِي لِلنَّبِيِّ هِيَ أَرْكَى وَأَسْتَعْمِلْنِي بِمَا هُوَ أَرْضَى اللَّهُمَّ
 أَسْأَلُكَ بِطَرِيقَةِ الْمُثَلَّى وَأَجْعَلْنِي عَلَى مِلَّتِكَ
 أَمُوتُ وَأَجِي اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَمَنْعِنِي
 بِالْإِقْضَادِ وَأَجْعَلْنِي مِنْ أَهْلِ السَّادِ وَمِنْ أَدِلَّةِ
 الرَّشَادِ وَمِنْ صَالِحِي الْعِبَادِ وَارْزُقْنِي فَوْزَ الْمَعَادِ
 وَسَلَامَةَ الْمِرْصَادِ اللَّهُمَّ خذْ لِنَفْسِكَ مِنْ نَفْسِي
 مَا يَخْلُصُهَا وَأَبْرِ لِنَفْسِي مِنْ نَفْسِي مَا يَبْصِلُهَا فَإِنَّ
 نَفْسِي هِيَ الْكَتَّةُ أَوْ نَعِصْمَتُهَا اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ عَدَا

If I grow sad, Thou art my resource. If I am in need, I cry unto Thee for help. When deeply afflicted, with Thee is recompense for what is lost, reformation for what is corrupted and alteration for what Thou disapprovest.

Therefore, favor me with security before calamity, bounty before begging (for it) and right direction before error.

Spare me the pain of backbiters. Spare me from not bearing peace on the day of Resurrection and favor me with handsome guidance.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Ward off (evil) from me with Thy Grace. Nourish me with Thy Blessing.

Reform me with Thy Graciousness. Cure me with Thy Goodness. Hide me in the shelter of Thy Mercy. Clothe me with Thy Approbation. Help me when matters grow difficult about me (to choose) the most righteous of them.

When actions become dubious,

اِنْ حَزِنْتُ وَانْتَ مُنْتَجِعِي اِنْ حُرِمْتُ وَبِكَ اسْتِعَاثُنِي
 اِنْ كَرِهْتُ وَعِنْدَكَ مِمَّافَاتِ خَلْفٍ وَمِلَافَسَدِ
 صِلَاحٍ وَفِيهَا اَنْكَرْتُ تَغْيِيرًا مَنُزَعًا عَلَيَّ قَبْلَ الْبَلَاءِ
 بِالْعَافِيَةِ وَقَبْلَ الطَّلَبِ بِالْحِدَقَةِ وَقَبْلَ الضَّلَالِ
 بِالرِّشَادِ وَكَفَنِي مَوْوَنَةً مَعْرَةَ الْعِبَادِ وَهَبْ لِي
 اَمَّنَ يَوْمَ الْمَعَادِ وَامْنِي حُسْنَ الْاِرْشَادِ اَللّٰهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَادْرَا عَنِّي بِلُطْفِكَ وَاعْتَدِ
 بِنِعْمَتِكَ وَاصْلِحْ لِي بِكَرَمِكَ وَدَاوِي بِصُنْعِكَ
 وَاطْلِنِي فِي ذَرَاكَ وَجَلِّ لِي رِضَاكَ وَوَقِّفْنِي اِذَا
 اشْتَكَلَتْ عَلَيَّ الْاُمُورُ لِاَهْدَا هَا وَاِذَا اشَابَهَتْ

(help me to select) the purest of them.

When the creeds conflict (help me to adopt) the most praiseworthy of them.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Crown me with sufficiency. Adorn me with the grace of Thy Love. Grant me true guidance. Do not try me with prosperity. Confer on me the beauty of comfort. Do not make my life a succession of trials. Do not reject my prayer with repulsion for I do not recognize any as Thy rival and I do not call upon any as Thy equal.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Restrain me from extravagance. Preserve my subsistence from waste. Increase my possession by giving blessing therein.

Let me walk along the path of benevolence in whatever I spend my (wealth).

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

الْأَعْمَالُ لِأَرْكَاهَا وَإِذَا تَنَاقَضَتِ الْمَلَائِكَةُ
 لِأَرْضِهَا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَتَوَجَّحْنِي
 بِالْكَفَايَةِ وَسَمِّنِي حُسْنَ الْوِلَايَةِ وَهَبْ لِي
 صِدْقَ الْهُدَايَةِ وَلَا تَفْنِنِي بِالسَّعَةِ وَأَمْنِحْنِي حُسْنَ
 الدَّعَاةِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْ عَيْشِي كَدًّا كَدًّا أَوْ لَا تَزِدْ دُعَايَ
 عَلَيَّ رَدًّا أَفَانِي لَا أَجْعَلْكَ ضِدًّا أَوْ لَا أَدْعُو
 مَعَكَ نِدًّا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَمْنِعْنِي مِنَ
 السَّرَفِ وَحَضْرِي فِي مِرِّ النَّفْسِ وَوَفِّرْ مَلَائِكَتِي
 بِالْبَرَكَاتِ فِيهِ وَأَصِبْ فِي سَبِيلِ الْهُدَايَةِ
 لِلْبِرِّ فِيمَا أَنْفُسُ مِنْهُ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

Spare me the pain of earning.
Give me the livelihood without
measure so that search (after it) may not
keep me away from Thy worship nor
have to bear the evil consequences of
earning (wealth) by unfair means.

O Lord, therefore grant me by Thy
Power for what I desire.

Protect me with Thy Glory from
what I fear.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his
descendants.

Guard my honor with prosperity.

Do not disgrace my dignity with
poverty, lest I beg of those who receive
their living from Thee, (lest I) ask favor
of the wicked, be tempted, thereby, to
praise he who gives to me and fall into
disparaging he who denies me while
Thou art above all of them, the master of
Bounty and Refusal.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his
descendants.

Give me accuracy in worship,
happiness in piety, knowledge -----

وَكَفَيْهِ مَوْؤُنَةَ الْإِكْتِسَابِ وَأَرْزُقْنِي مِنْ غَيْرِ
 احْتِسَابٍ فَلَا أَشْتَغِلُ عَزْمًا دَنْكَ بِالطَّلَبِ
 وَلَا أَحْمِلُ أَصْرَ تَبِعَاتِ الْمَكْسَبِ اللَّهُمَّ فَاطِنِي
 بِقُدْرَتِكَ مَا أَطْلُبُ وَأَجْرِي بِعِزَّتِكَ مِمَّا أَرْهَبُ
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَصُرِّ وَجْهِي بِالْيَسَارِ
 وَلَا تَبْتَدِلْ جَاهِي بِالْأَفْقَارِ فَاسْتُرْ زَوْهْلَ رِزْقِكَ
 وَأَسْتَعِطِ شِرَارَ خَلْفِكَ فَافْتَرِجْ لِي مِنْ عَطَايِكَ
 وَأُبْسَلِي بِيَدِكَ مِنْ مَنَعَتِي وَأَنْتَ مِنْ دُونِهِمْ وَلِيُّ
 الْأَعْطَاءِ وَالْمَنَعِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَأَرْزُقْنِي صِحَّةً فِي عِبَادَةٍ وَفِرَاقًا فِي زَهَادَةٍ وَعِلْمًا

in practice and chastity in beneficence.

O Lord, let my term of existence end with Thy Pardon.

Verify my hope in expecting Thy Mercy.

Make it easy for me to win Thy Approbation.

Let my actions be good in all circumstances.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Remind me to adore Thee in times of neglect.

Employ me in serving Thee in the days of leisure (intermission).

Indicate for me an easy path to Thy Love so that I may obtain the good of this world and the hereafter.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants more than Thou didst bless any of Thy creatures before him and more than Thou wilt bless anyone after him.

Give us that which is good in this world and the next.

فِي اسْتِعْمَالٍ وَوَرَعًا فِي إِجْمَالٍ اللَّهُمَّ اخْتِمْ
 بِعَفْوِكَ أَجَلِي وَحَقِّقْ فِي رَجَائِ رَحْمَتِكَ أَمَلِي وَسَهِّلْ
 إِلَيَّ بُلُوغَ رِضَاكَ سُبُلِي وَحَسِّنْ فِي جَمِيعِ أَحْوَالِي
 عَمَلِي اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَنَبِّهْنِي لِذِكْرِكَ
 فِي أَوْفَاتِ الْغَفْلَةِ وَاسْتَعْمِلْنِي بِطَاعَتِكَ فِي
 أَيَّامِ الْمَهَلَةِ وَانْهَجْ لِي إِلَى مَحَبَّتِكَ سَبِيلًا سَهْلَةً
 اكْمِلْ لِي بِهَا خَيْرَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ اللَّهُمَّ وَ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ كَأَفْضَلِ مَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى أَحَدٍ
 مِنْ خَلْقِكَ قَبْلَهُ وَأَنْتَ مُصَلِّ عَلَى أَحَدٍ بَعْدَكَ
 وَأَنْتَ يَا دُنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ

Graciously protect me from the torment of the Fire.

(21)

One of his prayers when anything grieved him or a sense of error made him sad.

O Lord, O Guardian of the weak individual. Thou Who dost give protection against terrible things, errors have made me solitary. There is no companion with me. I am weakened by Thy wrath. There is none to support me.

I have become sensible of the dread of meeting Thee.

There is none to pacify my apprehension, none who can remove my fear when Thou hast made me solitary and who can strengthen me when Thou hast weakened me.

O Lord, there is no one to give shelter to the creatures, but the Creator.

No one can give refuge to the weak but the strong.

حَسَنَةً تَرْحَمُكَ عَذَابَ النَّارِ
 وَكَانَ زُجْرًا عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ إِذَا خَرَجَ مِنْ
 وَاهِمًا مِنَ الْخَطَايَا

اللَّهُمَّ يَا كَافِيَ الْفَرْدِ الضَّعِيفِ وَوَاقِيَ الْأَمْرِ
 الْمَخُوفِ أَفْرِدْنِي الْخَطَايَا فَلَا صَاحِبَ مَعِيَ وَضَعْفُ
 عَزْغَصِيكَ فَلَا مُؤَيِّدِي وَأَشْرَفُ عَلَيَّ خَوْفِ
 لِقَائِكَ فَلَا مُسَكِّنَ لِرَوْعِي وَمَنْ يُؤْمِنُ مِنْكَ
 وَأَنْتَ أَخْفَنِي وَمَنْ يُسَاعِدُنِي وَأَنْتَ أَفْرِدْنِي
 وَمَنْ يُقَوِّبُنِي وَأَنْتَ أَضَعْفُنِي لَا يُجِيرُ يَا إِلَهِي إِلَّا
 رَبِّي عَلَى مَرْبُوبٍ وَلَا يُؤْمِنُ إِلَّا غَالِبٌ عَلَى مَغْلُوبٍ

No one helps to win the object sought for, except the seeker.

In Thy Hand, my Lord, are all these means of assistance. With Thee is shelter and refuge.

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Protect me in my escape.

Fulfill my desire.

O Lord, if Thou turnest Thy gracious Countenance ⁴³ away from me and withholdest from me Thy magnificent Bounty, or keepest back Thy sustenance from me or cuttest off from me Thy connection, I shall find no way to realize any object of my hope without Thee.

I shall have no power over what is with Thee, with the help of any other than Thee for verily I am Thy servant and in Thy power.

My forelock is in Thy Hand.
I have no command along side Thine.
Thy Command is effective in me.
Thy Decree is just concerning me.
I have no strength to go out of

وَلَا يُعِزُّ إِلَّا طَالِبٌ عَلَىٰ مَطْلُوبٍ وَبِيَدِكَ يَا إِلَهِي
 جَمِيعُ ذَلِكَ السَّبَبِ وَإِلَيْكَ الْمَفْرُوعُ وَالْمَهْرَبُ
 فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْرَهْزِنِي وَأَنْجِحْ مَطْلِبِي
 اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ أَنْ صَرَفْتَ عَنِّي وَجْهَكَ الْكَرِيمَ
 أَوْ مَنَعْتَنِي فَضْلَكَ الْجَسِيمَ أَوْ حَظَرْتَ عَلَيَّ رِزْقَكَ
 أَوْ قَطَعْتَ عَنِّي سَبِيلَكَ لَمْ أَجِدِ السَّبِيلَ إِلَى شَيْءٍ
 مِنْ أَمَلِي غَيْرِكَ وَلَمْ أَفِدِرْ عَلَى مَا عِنْدَكَ بِمَعُونَةٍ
 سِوَاكَ فَإِنِّي عَبْدُكَ وَفِي قَبْضَتِكَ نَاصِيَتِي
 بِيَدِكَ لَا أَمْرَ لِي مَعَ أَمْرِكَ مَاضٍ فِي حُكْمِكَ
 عَدْلٌ فِي فَضَائِكَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ لِي عَلَى الْخُرُوجِ مِنْ

Thy Kingdom, nor can I pass beyond Thy Power, nor can I attract Thy Love, win Thy Approbation, nor obtain what is with Thee except by serving Thee and by Thy gracious indulgence.

My Lord, I rose in the morning and brought the day to a close, being all the while Thy humble creature, having no power either to benefit or injure my soul.

But through Thee I bear this witness against my soul and acknowledge the weakness of my strength and the scarcity of my means.

Therefore, fulfill what Thou hast promised me. Accomplish for me what Thou hast given me.

For verily I am thy servant, meek, humble, weak, miserable, contemptible, despicable, insignificant, needy, timid and seeking shelter.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Do not let me forget to remember Thee because of -----

سُلْطَانِكَ وَلَا اسْتَطِيعُ مَجَاوِزَةَ قُدْرَتِكَ
 وَلَا اسْتَمِيلُ هَوَاكَ وَلَا أَبْلُغُ رِضَاكَ وَلَا أَنَاكُ
 مَا عِنْدَكَ إِلَّا بِطَاعَتِكَ وَبِفَضْلِ رَحْمَتِكَ
 إِلَهِي أَصْبَحْتُ وَأَمْسَيْتُ عَبْدًا لِأَخْرَافِ الْمَلِكِ
 لِنَفْسِي نَفْعًا وَلَا ضَرًّا إِلَّا بِكَ أَشْهَدُ بِذَلِكَ
 عَلَى نَفْسِي وَأَعْرَفُ بِضَعْفِ قُوَّتِي وَفَلَّةِ حِيلَتِي
 فَأَنْجِزْ لِي مَا وَعَدْتَنِي وَتَمِّمْ لِي مَا ابْتَدَيْتَنِي فَإِنِّي عَبْدُكَ
 الْمِسْكِينُ الْمُسْتَكِينُ الضَّعِيفُ الضَّرِيرُ الذَّلِيلُ
 الْحَفِيرُ الْمُهَيَّرُ الْفَقِيرُ الْخَائِفُ الْمُسْتَجِيرُ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
 عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي نَاسِيًا لِذِكْرِكَ فِيمَا

what Thou hast given me nor let me neglect Thy goodness in conferring blessings upon me.

Let me not be hopeless concerning Thy acceptance of me, although Thou mayest delay helping me, no matter if I be in prosperity or poverty or hardship or comfort or safety or calamity or privation or opulence or wealth or indigence or misery or happiness.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Let me hail, praise and thank Thee in all my circumstances so that I may not be too glad over what Thou hast given me of this world, nor too sorry for what Thou hast denied me of it.

Inspire my heart with Thy Fear.
Employ my body in what Thou wouldst accept from me.

Engage my soul in Thy service, disregarding everything that happens to me so that I may not like anything that

أَوْلَيْتَنِي وَلَا عَافِلًا لِأَحْسَانِكَ فِيمَا أَبْلَيْتَنِي وَلَا
 إِيسَاءً مِنْ جَانِبِكَ لِي وَإِنْ أَبْطَأْتُ عَنِّي فِي سِرَاءٍ
 كُنْتُ أَوْضَرَاءَ أَوْ شِدَّةٍ أَوْ رَحَاءٍ أَوْ عَافِيَةٍ
 أَوْ بِلَاءٍ أَوْ بُوْسٍ أَوْ نِعْمَاءٍ أَوْ جِدَّةٍ أَوْ لَأَوَاءٍ أَوْ
 فَفِرٍّ أَوْ غَنِيٍّ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلْ
 شَأْنِي عَلَيْكَ وَمَدْحِي إِيَّاكَ وَحَمْدِي لَكَ فِي
 كُلِّ مَا لَانِي حَتَّى لَا أَفْرَحَ بِمَا أَبَيْتَنِي مِنَ الدُّنْيَا
 وَلَا آخِرُنَّ عَلَى مَا مَنَعْتَنِي فِيهَا وَأَشْعُرْ قَلْبِي نَفْوَاكَ
 وَاسْتَعْمَلْ بَدَنِي فِيمَا تَقَبَّلَهُ مِنِّي وَأَشْغَلْ بَطْنِي بِعَيْنِكَ
 نَفْسِي عَنْ كُلِّ مَا يَرُدُّ عَلَيَّ حَتَّى لَا أُحِبَّ شَيْئًا مِنْ

Thou dislike , nor dislike anything that
Thou likest.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his
descendants.

Empty my mind (of everything)
but Thy Love. Engage it in remembering
Thee. Exalt it with fear of Thee and dread
of Thee. Strengthen it with longing for
Thee. Incline it to Thy obedience. Move it
in the path most loved by Thee. Let it,
throughout the days of my life, soften
with a longing for what is with Thee.

Let fear of Thee be my provision
on my journey from this world.

Let my departure be towards Thy
Mercy and my entry be into Thy Appro-
bation.

Let my abode be in Thy Paradise.
Grant me strength whereby I may
bear all things approved by Thee.

Let my flight be towards Thee and
my longing for what is with Thee.

Clothe my heart with abhorrence
of Thy wicked creatures.

سُخِطَكَ وَلَا سَخَطَ شَيْئًا مِنْ رِضَاكَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
 عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَفَرِّغْ قَلْبِي لِمَحَبَّتِكَ وَاشْغَلْهُ
 بِذِكْرِكَ وَأَنْعَشْهُ بِخَوْفِكَ وَبِالْوَجَلِ مِنْكَ وَقَوِّ
 بِالرَّغْبَةِ إِلَيْكَ وَأَمِلْهُ إِلَى طَاعَتِكَ وَأَجْرِهِ فِي
 أَحَبِّ السَّبِيلِ إِلَيْكَ وَذَلِّلْهُ بِالرَّغْبَةِ فِيمَا عِنْدَكَ
 أَيَّامَ حَيَاتِي كُلِّهَا وَاجْعَلْ نَفْسَكَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا
 زَادِي وَإِلَى رَحْمَتِكَ رَحْلِي وَفِي مَرْضَانِكَ مَدْخَلِي
 وَاجْعَلْ فِي جَنَّتِكَ مَشَاوِي وَهَبْ لِي قُوَّةَ أَحْتَمِلُ
 بِهَا جَمِيعَ مَرْضَانِكَ وَاجْعَلْ فِرَارِي إِلَيْكَ وَرَغْبَتِي
 فِيمَا عِنْدَكَ وَالْبَسْ قَلْبِي الْوَحْشَةَ مِنْ شَرِّ رِخْلِكَ

Grant me love for Thee, for Thy friends and Thy servants.

Do not put me under obligation to any wicked person or infidel, nor let him be favored by me, nor let me have need of him.

Nay let the calmness of my mind, the comfort of my soul, my independence and my self-sufficiency spring from Thee and Thy righteous creatures.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Let me be their companion.

Make me their supporter.

Favor me with a desire for Thyself.

Give me grace to do for Thy sake what Thou lovest and approvest.

Verily, everything is under Thy Power and this is easy for Thee!

(22)

One of his prayers in hardship and difficulty.

وَهَبْ لِي الْأَنْسُوبَ وَبِأَوْلِيَائِكَ وَأَهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ
 وَلَا تَجْعَلْ لِفَاجِرٍ وَلَا كَافِرٍ عَلَيَّ مَنَّةً وَلَا لَهْ
 عِنْدِي يَدًا وَلَا يَدِي إِلَيْهِمْ حَاجَةً بَلْ اجْعَلْ سُكُونُ
 قَلْبِي وَالْأَنْسُ نَفْسِي وَأَسْتِغْنَائِي وَكِفَايَتِي بِكَ وَبِحِبَابِ
 خَلْفِكَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلْنِي لَهُمْ
 قَرِينًا وَاجْعَلْنِي لَهُمْ نَصِيرًا وَآمِنٌ عَلَى بَشُوفِ إِلَيْكَ
 وَبِالْعَمَلِ لَكَ بِمَا تَحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ
 شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَذَلِكَ عَلَيْكَ بِسِيرٍ

وَكَانَ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي تَالِبٍ
 وَالْجَهْدِ بِدَعْوَتِهِ

O Lord, Thou hast required the performance of that over which Thou hast more power than I of my soul. Thy Authority over it and over me is stronger than mine.

Therefore, let me have with me that from my soul which would please Thee.

Take from my soul what would satisfy Thee in peace and safety.

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.

Do not cause me to rely upon Thy creatures.

Nay, let Thyself satisfy my need. Undertake to provide for me and watch over me in all my affairs.

For verily if Thou entrust me to my ego ⁴⁴, I shall be humiliated by it and shall fail to perform that wherein lies its good.

If Thou give me over to the care of Thy creatures, they will frown at me.

If Thou dost consign me -----

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْكَ كَلَّفَنِي مِنْ نَفْسِي مَا أَنْتَ أَمْلَكُ
 بِهِ مِنِّي وَفَدَرْتكَ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى أَغْلَبُ مِنْ قُدْرَتِي
 فَأَعْطِنِي مِنْ نَفْسِي مَا يَرْضِيكَ عَنِّي وَخُذْ لِنَفْسِكَ
 رِضَاهَا مِنْ نَفْسِي فِي عَافِيَةِ اللَّهِ لَمْ لَا طَاقَةَ لِي
 بِالْجَهْدِ وَلَا صَبْرٍ لِي عَلَى الْبَلَاءِ وَلَا قُوَّةَ لِي عَلَى
 الْفَقْرِ فَلَا تُخْطِرْ عَلَيَّ رِزْقِي وَلَا تَكِلْنِي إِلَى
 خَلْفِكَ بَلْ تَفَرِّدْ حَاجَتِي وَتَوَلَّ كِفَايَتِي وَأَنْظِرْ لِي
 وَأَنْظِرْ لِي فِي جَمِيعِ أُمُورِي فَإِنَّكَ إِنْ وَكَلْتَنِي إِلَى
 نَفْسِي عَجَزْتُ عَنْهَا وَلَمْ أَفِمْ مَا فِيهِ مَصْلَحَتُهَا وَإِنْ
 وَكَلْتَنِي إِلَى الْخَلْفِكَ تَجَهَّمُوا مِنِّي وَإِنْ أَلْجَأْتَنِي

to my kindred, they will disappoint me. If they give anything to me at all, they will give little, reluctantly, will reproach me long and will often disparage me. Therefore, with Thy Bounty, O Lord, make me independent. With Thy Glory, make me prosperous. With Thy Abundance, make me rich. Supply my need from what is with Thee.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Deliver me from envy. Restrain me from sins. Check me from doing things forbidden. Do not let me be encouraged in disobedience. Let my longings be with Thee and my satisfaction in what comes to me from Thee. Bless me in what sustenance Thou hast given me, in what Thou hast conferred upon me and in what Thou hast favored me with.

Let me be, in all my circumstances, preserved, guarded, defended, covered, protected, sheltered and secure.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.-----

إِلَى قَرَابَتِي حَرَمُونِي وَإِنْ أَعْطُوا أَعْطُوا أَفْلِيلاً
 نَكَدًا وَمَنُوا عَلَيَّ طَوِيلًا وَذَمُّوا كَثِيرًا فَيُضِلُّكَ
 اللَّهُمَّ فَانْغِنِي وَبَعْظَمِنِكَ فَانْعَشْنِي وَبِسَعْنِكَ
 فَابْسُطْ يَدِي وَمَا عِنْدَكَ فَانْفِنِي اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَخَلِّصْنِي مِنَ الْحَسَدِ وَأَحْصِرْنِي عَنِ الذُّنُوبِ
 وَوَرِّعْنِي عَنِ الْحَارِمِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي عَلَى الْمَعَاصِي وَاجْعَلْ
 هَوَايَ عِنْدَكَ وَرِضَايَ فِي مَا رِذُّوا عَلَى مَنِّكَ وَبَارِكْ
 لِي فِي مَارَزَقْتَنِي وَفِي مَا خَوَّلْتَنِي وَفِي مَا أَنْعَمْتَ بِهِ عَلَيَّ
 وَاجْعَلْنِي فِي كُلِّ آيَةٍ مَحْفُوظًا مَكْلُومًا مَسْتَوْرًا
 مَمْنُوعًا مُعَاذَ إِجَارًا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

Help me to discharge all Thou hast imposed upon me and what Thou hast required me to do for Thyself by way of duty due unto Thee or for the benefit of anyone of Thy 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 forgotten it and it be from among that which Thou hast reckoned against me and I have no remembrance of it in my consciousness, then enable me to discharge it with Thy magnificent Bounty and Abundance of what is with Thee.

Verily ample means are with Thee. Thou art Generous.

May there not remain with me anything whereby Thou mayest desire to deduct from my good deeds or multiply my evil ones on the day I meet Thee, O my Sustainer!

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants and favor me with a liking to

وَأَفِضْ عَنِّي كُلَّمَا أَلْزَمْتَنِيهِ وَفَرَضْتَهُ عَلَيَّ لَكَ
 فِي وَجْهِهِ مِنْ وُجُوهِ طَاعَتِكَ أَوْ خَلْقِهِ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ
 وَإِنْ ضَعُفَ عَزْدُكَ لِي وَوَهَنْتُ قُوَّتِي وَلَمْ تَنْتَلِهِ
 مَقْدَرِيَّةً وَلَمْ يَسِعْهُ مَالِي وَلَا ذَاتُ يَدِي ذَكَرْتَهُ
 أَوْ لَيْسَتْهُ هُوَايَا رَبِّ مِمَّا فَدَّ أَحْصَيْنَاهُ عَلَيَّ وَ
 أَغْفَلْتَهُ أَنَا مِنْ نَفْسِي فَادِّهِ عَنِّي مِنْ جَزِيلِ عَطِيَّتِكَ
 وَكَثِيرِ مَا عِنْدَكَ فَإِنَّكَ وَاسِعٌ كَرِيمٌ حَتَّى لَا
 يَبْقَى عَلَيَّ شَيْءٌ مِنْهُ تُرِيدُ أَنْ تُفَاصِنِي بِهِ مِنْ حَسَنَاتِي
 وَأَوْضَاعِي بِهِ مِنْ سَيِّئَاتِي يَوْمَ الْفَاكِ يَا رَبِّ
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَارْزُقْنِي الرِّغْبَةَ فِي

serve Thee for my (good) hereafter, till I feel its truth in my heart, till piety prevails over me in this world, till I do good deeds willingly and remain safe from evil on account of dread and terror.

Favor me with a light with which I may walk among people, obtain guidance in darkness and enlighten myself in doubt and uncertainties.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

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 Thee for and of the pain wherefrom I seek Thy Protection.

O Lord, verily, Thou knowest what is proper for me, in the affairs of this world and the next.

Therefore grant the fulfillment of my needs.

O Lord bless Muhammad -----

الْعَمَلِ لَكَ لِأَخْرِيَةِ حَتَّىٰ أَعْرِفَ صِدْقَ ذَلِكَ
 مِنْ قَلْبِي وَحَتَّىٰ يَكُونَ الْغَالِبُ عَلَى الرَّهْدِ فِي دُنْيَايَ
 وَحَتَّىٰ أَعْمَلَ الْحَسَنَاتِ شَوْفًا وَأَمْرًا مِنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ
 قَرَفًا وَخَوْفًا وَهَبْ لِي نُورًا أَمْشِي بِهِ فِي النَّاسِ
 وَاهْتَدِي بِهِ فِي الظُّلُمَاتِ وَأَسْئَلُكَ بِهِ مِنْ
 الشُّكِّ وَالشُّبُهَاتِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَارزُقْني خَوْفَ غَيْمِ الْوَعِيدِ وَشَوْفَ ثَوَابِ الْمَوْعُودِ
 حَتَّىٰ أَحَدَ لَذَّةِ مَا أَدْعُوكَ لَهُ وَكَابَةَ مَا اسْتَجِيرُ
 بِكَ اللَّهُمَّ فَدَعِّمْ مَا يُصَلِّحُنِي مِنْ أَمْرِ دُنْيَايَ
 وَأَخْرِيَةِ فَكُنْ بِجَوَائِبِي حَفِيًّا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

and his descendants.

Favor me with what is just.

When I fail to thank Thee for what Thou didst confer on me in prosperity, poverty, sickness and health till I feel the comfort of approbation and satisfaction of my conscience in my soul with what is due unto Thee in all things that happen in time of :

Fear,
Peace,
Pleasure,
Anger,
Loss and gain.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Favor me with freedom of my breast from envy, till I envy none of Thy creatures for anything of Thy Bounty, till I see none of Thy Favors on any of Thy creatures in any matter here or hereafter, of welfare or piety, prosperity or comfort but expect for myself better than these -----

وَالْحَمْدِ وَأَرْزُقْنِي الْحَوْعَ عِنْدَ تَقْصِيرِي فِي الشُّكْرِ
 لَكَ يَا نِعْمْتَ عَلَى فِي السُّرِّ وَالْعُسْرِ وَالصَّحَّةِ
 وَالسَّقَمِ حَتَّى أَعْرِفَ مِنْ نَفْسِي رَوْحَ الرِّضَا
 وَطَمَائِنَةَ النَّفْسِ مِنْ مَيِّمَاتِ لَكَ فِيمَا حُدِّثُ
 فِي حَالِ الْخَوْفِ وَالْأَمْرِ وَالرِّضَا وَالسُّخْطِ وَالضَّرِّ
 وَالنَّفْعِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَارْزُقْنِي سَلَامَةَ
 الصَّدْرِ مِنَ الْحَسَدِ حَتَّى لَا أَحْسُدَ أَحَدًا مِنْ خَلْقِكَ عَلَى
 شَيْءٍ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ وَحَتَّى لَا أَرَى نِعْمَةً مِنْ نِعَمِكَ عَلَى
 أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ فِي دِينٍ أَوْ دُنْيَا أَوْ عَافِيَةٍ أَوْ نَفْوَى
 أَوْ سَعَةٍ أَوْ رَخَاءٍ إِلَّا رَجَوْتُ لِنَفْسِي أَفْضَلَ ذَلِكَ

through Thee and from Thee.

Thou art One, having no partner.
O Lord bless Muhammad and his
descendants.

Give me security from faults.

(Give me) safety from errors, in this
world and the hereafter, in case of satis-
faction and displeasure.

Till I be in respect to whatever hap-
pens unto me thereby in an even state of
mind – working in obedience to Thee.

Preferring Thy Approbation to every-
thing else in dealing with friends and
enemies 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.

Let me be of those who invoke Thee
sincerely, in prosperity, as do the af-
flicted in time of their supplication.

Verily Thou art praiseworthy and
great.

بِكَ وَمِنْكَ وَحَدَّكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَارْزُقْنِي التَّحْفُظَ مِنَ الْخَطَايَا
 وَالْإِحْتِرَاسَ مِنَ الزَّلَلِ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ فِي
 حَالِ الرِّضَا وَالغَضَبِ حَتَّى أَكُونَ بِمَا رِدُّ عَلَيَّ مِنْهُمَا
 بِمَنْزِلَةِ سِوَاءٍ عَامِلًا بِطَاعَتِكَ مُؤْتِرًا الرِّضَاكَ
 عَلَى مَا سِوَاهُمَا فِي الْأَوْلِيَاءِ وَالْأَعْدَاءِ حَتَّى
 يَأْمُرَ عَدُوِّي مِنْ ظُلْمِي وَجُورِي وَيَسْأِرَ وَيَلِيَّ مِنْ مِثْلِي
 وَأَنْحِطَ طِهْوَايَ وَاجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ يَدْعُوكَ
 مُخْلِصًا فِي الرِّخَاءِ دُعَاءَ الْمُخْلِصِينَ الْمُضْطَرِّينَ
 لَكَ فِي الدُّعَاءِ إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

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One of his prayers for safety, and thanksgiving for the granting thereof.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Clothe me with Thy Safety.

Honor me with Thy Safety.

Guard me with Thy Safety.

Make me independent with Thy Safety.

Bestow on me Thy Safety as alms.

Favor me with Thy Safety.

Spread out for me Thy Safety.

Make Thy Safety suitable to me.

Do not interpose distance between me and Thy Safety, either in this world or the next.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Grant me a safety — sufficient, healing, exalted, growing and a safety that would create safety in my body, a safety of this world and the next.

Favor me -----

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وكان رُوحاً عليه السلام إذا سال الله
العافية وسُكرها

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَابْسُئْ عَافِيَتَكَ
وَجَلِّ لِي عَافِيَتَكَ وَحَصِّنِّي بِعَافِيَتِكَ وَأَكْرِمْ لِي
بِعَافِيَتِكَ وَأَغْنِنِي بِعَافِيَتِكَ وَتَصَدَّقْ عَلَيَّ بِعَافِيَتِكَ
وَهَبْ لِي عَافِيَتَكَ وَأَفْرِشْنِي بِعَافِيَتِكَ وَأَصْلِحْ لِي
عَافِيَتَكَ وَلَا تَفْرِقْ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ عَافِيَتِكَ فِي الدُّنْيَا
وَالْآخِرَةِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَعَافِنِي عَافِيَةً
كَافِيَةً شَافِيَةً عَالِيَةً نَامِيَةً تُولِّدُ فِي بَدَنِي
الْعَافِيَةَ عَافِيَةَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ وَأَمْنٌ عَلَيَّ

with health, security and peace in my
faith and body. Favor me:

With insight in my mind.

Success in my affairs.

Fear of Thee and dread of Thee.

Power to perform what Thou hast
commanded for Thy service

And (favor me) with avoidance of
what Thou hast forbidden me to do.

My God!

O Lord, always give me grace to per-
form the hajj and the umrah.

To visit the tomb of Thy Prophet —
Thy Blessings be upon him and Thy Mer-
cy and Favors on him and his descen-
dants.

And tombs of the family of Thy
Apostle, peace be on them, as long as
Thou keepest me alive, in my present
year and every future year.

And let this be accepted, approved,
remembered by Thee and stored up with
Thee.

And let my tongue utter Thy praise,
Thy thanks, Thy remembrance -----

بِالصِّحَّةِ وَالْأَمْرِ وَالسَّلَامَةِ فِي دِينِي وَبَدَنِي وَ
 الْبَصِيَّةِ قَلْبِي وَالنَّفَازِي فِي أُمُورِي وَالْخَشِيَّةِ لَكَ
 وَالْخَوْفِ مِنْكَ وَالْقُوَّةِ عَلَى مَا أَمَرْتَنِي بِهِ مِنْ طَاعَتِكَ
 وَالْإِجْتِنَابِ لِمَا نَهَيْتَنِي عَنْهُ مِنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ اللَّهُمَّ
 وَآمِنُ عَلَى بِالْحَجِّ وَالْعُمْرَةِ وَزِيَارَةِ قَبْرِ رَسُولِكَ
 صَلَوَاتُكَ عَلَيْهِ وَرَحْمَتُكَ وَبَرَكَاتُكَ عَلَيْهِ
 وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَآلِ رَسُولِكَ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ أَبَدًا مَا
 أَبَقَيْتَنِي فِي عَامِي هَذَا وَفِي كُلِّ عَامٍ وَاجْعَلْ ذَلِكَ
 مَقْبُولًا مَشْكُورًا مَذْكُورًا لَدَيْكَ مَذْخُورًا
 عِنْدَكَ وَأَنْطَوِّجُ بِحَمْدِكَ وَشُكْرِكَ وَذِكْرِكَ

and a handsome eulogy upon Thee.

Enlarge my heart for receiving directions (for the acceptance) of Thy faith.

Protect me and my offspring from Satan, the one who was driven away with stones from the corruption of venomous and stinging creatures ⁴⁵ and the vulgar and the mean.

(Protect me) from the corruption of every obstinate devil.

(Protect me) from the corruption of every malicious ruler.

From the corruption of envious and haughty rich men.

From the corruption of the weak and the strong, the high and the low, the great and the small, the nigh and the distant and from the corruption of every one of the jinn or mankind who insisted upon fighting against Thy Apostle or his *ahl al-bait* and from the evil of every creature that moves on the earth and whose forelock is held by Thee.

Verily Thou art on the right path.

وَحُسْنِ الشَّاءِ عَلَيْكَ لِسَانِي وَاشْرَحْ لِمُرَاشِدِ
 دِينِكَ قَلْبِي وَأَعِزَّنِي وَذُرِّيَّتِي مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ
 وَمِنْ شِرِّ السَّامَةِ وَالْهَامَةِ وَالْعَامَةِ وَاللَّامَةِ
 وَمِنْ شِرِّ كُلِّ شَيْطَانٍ مَرِيدٍ وَمِنْ شِرِّ كُلِّ سُلْطَانٍ
 عَنِيدٍ وَمِنْ شِرِّ كُلِّ مُتْرَفٍ حَصِيدٍ وَمِنْ شِرِّ كُلِّ
 ضَعِيفٍ وَشَدِيدٍ وَمِنْ شِرِّ كُلِّ شَرِيفٍ وَوَضِيعٍ
 وَمِنْ شِرِّ كُلِّ صَغِيرٍ وَكَبِيرٍ وَمِنْ شِرِّ كُلِّ فَرِيدٍ
 بَعِيدٍ وَمِنْ شِرِّ كُلِّ مَنْزَبٍ لِرَسُولِكَ وَوَلَاهِلِ
 بَيْتِهِ حُرِّ بَابِ الْجَزْوِ وَالْإِنْسِرِ وَمِنْ شِرِّ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ
 أَنْتَ أَخَذْتَنَا بِهَا أَنْتَ عَلَى صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Turn away from me whoever intends to wrong me.

Ward off from me his device.

Repel from me his evil.

Put (the noose of) his fraud around his own neck.

Place before him a barrier till Thou makest blind his eye from seeing me.

Deafen his ear that he may not hear of me.

Lock up his heart when about to think of me.

Render his tongue dumb concerning me.

Catch his head and disgrace his dignity.

Break his pride and humble his neck.

Demolish his greatness ⁴⁶ and render me safe from all his corruption, evil, backbiting, talebearing, slander, malice, tools, traps, his foot soldiers and cavalry. Verily Thou art Possessor of Glory and Power!

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَمَنْ أَرَادَنِي بِسُوءٍ
 فَاصْرِفْهُ عَنِّي وَادْحَرْ عَنِّي مَكْرَهُهُ وَادْرَأ عَنِّي شَرَّهُ
 وَرُدِّ كَيْدَهُ فِي نَحْرِهِ وَاجْعَلْ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ سُدًّا
 حَتَّى تَعْمَى عَنِّي بَصَرُهُ وَتُصَمَّ عَزْرُ ذِكْرِي سَمْعُهُ
 وَتُقْفَلَ دُونَ إِحْطَارِي قَلْبُهُ وَتُخْرَسَ عَنِّي لِسَانُهُ
 وَتُقَمَّعَ رَأْسُهُ وَتُنْدَلَّ عِزُّهُ وَتُكْسَرَ جَبْرُوتُهُ
 وَتُنْدَلَّ رَقَبَتُهُ وَتُفْسَخَ كِبْرُهُ وَتُؤْمِنَنِي مِنْ جَمِيعِ
 ضَرِّهِ وَشَرِّهِ وَغَمِّهِ وَهَمِّهِ وَكَلْبِهِ وَحَسَدِهِ
 وَعَدَاوَتِهِ وَجَبَائِلِهِ وَمَصَائِدِهِ وَرَجْلِهِ
 وَخَيْلِهِ إِنَّكَ عَزِيزٌ قَدِيرٌ

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One of his prayers for his parents.

O Lord, bless Muhammad, Thy servant and Thy Apostle and the holy people of his house.

Distinguish them particularly with the best of Thy Favor, Mercy, Blessings and Peace.

Distinguish, O Lord, my parents with excellence before Thee and grace from Thee, O Most Merciful!

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Acquaint me by inspiration with the knowledge of what is due unto them from me.

Collect for me the complete knowledge of all this.

Cause me to act according to what Thou didst reveal to me by inspiration.

Give me grace to penetrate into such of this knowledge as Thou didst teach me till I omit to perform nothing Thou has taught me. Do not -----

وَكَانَ فِي عَائِدَةِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ مَا اتَّكَلَفَهُ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ وَاهْلِ

بَيْتِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَاخْصُصْهُمْ بِأَفْضَلِ صَلَوَاتِكَ

وَرَحْمَتِكَ وَبَرَكَاتِكَ وَسَلَامِكَ وَاخْصُصْ

اللَّهُمَّ وَالَّذِي بَالُكَ كَرَامَةَ لَدَيْكَ وَالصَّلَاةَ

مِنْكَ يَا رَحِمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

وَالِهِ وَالْهَمِّنِي عِلْمَ مَا يَجِبُ لهما عَلَيَّ الهَامَا وَ

اجْمَعْ لِي عِلْمَ ذَلِكَ كُلِّهِ نَمَامَا ثُمَّ اسْتَعْمَلِنِي بِمَا

نَلَّهْتَنِي مِنْهُ وَوَفَّقْنِي لِلتَّفُؤُذِ فِيهَا بِنَصْرَتِي مِنْ

عِلْمِهِ حَتَّى لَا يَفُوتَنِي اسْتِعْمَالُ شَيْءٍ عَلَّمْتَنِيهِ وَلَا

let my limbs grow heavy (so as to prevent them) from the discharge of what Thou didst reveal unto me.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants as Thou hast exalted us with him.

Favor Muhammad and his descendants as Thou hast given us claims upon Thy creation because of him.

Make me fear my parents as I would fear a despotic ruler and love them with the tenderness of an indulgent mother.

Let my obedience to my parents and beneficence to them be sweeter to my eyes than sleep is to the drowsy, cooler to my breast than drinking water is to the thirsty, till I give preference to their wishes over mine and precedence to the satisfaction of their needs over mind.

Let me over-value their benevolence to me, even in small things and under-value my beneficence to them, even in great things.

O Lord, let me lower -----

نُشْفُلُ رِكَازِي عَنِ الْخُفُوفِ فِيمَا أَلْهَمَنِيهِ اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ كَمَا شَرَّفْنَا بِهِ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَآلِهِ كَمَا أَوْجَبْتَ لَنَا الْحَقَّ عَلَى الْخُلُوفِ سِبْهُ
 اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي أَهَابُهُمَا هَيْبَةَ السُّلْطَانِ
 الْعُسُوفِ وَأَبْرَهُمَا بَرَّ الْأُمِّ الرَّؤُفِ وَاجْعَلْ
 طَاعَنِي لَوْ الْإِدْيَى وَبِرِّي بِهِمَا أَقْرَابِي مَرْفِقَةَ
 الْوَسْنَانِ وَأَثْلَجَ لِي صَدْرِي مِنْ شَرِّبَةِ الظَّمَانِ
 حَتَّى أُوْتِرَ عَلَى هَوَايَ هَوَاهُمَا وَأُفِدَمَ عَلَيَّ رِضَا
 رِضَاهُمَا وَأَسْتَكْثِرَ بِهِمَا بِي وَأَنْ قَتَلَ
 وَأَسْتَفْلِلَ بِرِّي بِهِمَا وَإِنْ كَثُرَ اللَّهُمَّ خَفِضْ

my voice for them.

Let my speech be agreeable to them.

Soften my conduct towards them.

Let my heart be kind to them.

Make me tender and lenient unto them both.

O Lord, reward them for bringing me up.

Recompense them for loving me.

Guard them as they guarded me in my infancy.

O Lord, whatever pain they may have received from me, whatever displeasure may have been caused to them by me or whatever duty owed to them that was left unperformed by me, let that be a pardon of their sins, an exaltation of their rank and an addition to their good deeds.

O Thou, who dost change evil deeds into multiplied good deeds!

O Lord, that speech in which they were unjust to me, or that action in which they were extravagant against me, ----

لَهُمَا صَوْتِي وَأَطِبُّ لَهُمَا كَلَامِي وَالزُّلْمَ لَهُمَا
عَرِيكَتِي وَأَعْطِفْ عَلَيْهِمَا قَلْبِي وَصَبِّرْ فِي بَعْضِهَا رِيفِيًا
وَعَلَيْهِمَا شَفِيقًا اللَّهُمَّ اشْكُرْ لَهُمَا نَزِيذِي وَ
إِثْبَهُمَا عَلَيَّ تَكْرِمَتِي وَاحْفَظْ لَهُمَا مَا حَفِظَاهُ
مِنِّي فِي صَغَرِي اللَّهُمَّ وَمَا مَسَّهُمَا مِنِّي مِنْ أَرْذَى
أَوْ خَلَصَ إِلَيْهِمَا عَنِّي مِنْ مَكْرُوهٍ أَوْ ضَاعَ قَبْلِي
لَهُمَا مِنْ حَقٍّ فَاجْعَلْهُ حِطَّةً لِدُنُوبِهِمَا وَعُلُوهَا
فِي دَرَجَاتِهِمَا وَزِيَادَةً فِي حَسَنَاتِهِمَا يَا مُبَدِّلَ
السَّيِّئَاتِ بِأَضْعَافِهَا مِنَ الْحَسَنَاتِ اللَّهُمَّ وَمَا
نَعَدَّا عَلَى فِيهِ مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ أَسْرَفَ عَلَيَّ فِيهِ

or such of my claims as they failed to satisfy, or such debts as they failed to discharge, verily, I forgive it to them. and favor them therewith.

I turn unto Thee with a view to removing the penalty thereof from them.

For verily I do not accuse them falsely of having done something to my hurt, nor do I deem them negligent in doing good to me, nor do I despise the care they took of me, O Lord!

Because their claim upon me is so great ⁴⁷, their benevolence to me so magnificent ⁴⁸ and I am so highly obliged to them, that I cannot fairly meet it, nor repay them as they deserve.

O my God, how can I repay them for their tedious employment in bringing me up.

For their hard labor in guarding me.

For their self-denial to lavish comfort upon me!

Alas! Alas! (I cannot) .

مِنْ فِعْلٍ أَوْ ضِعَاةٍ لِي مِنْ حِرٍّ أَوْ قَصْرٍ أَبِي عَنْهُ مِنْ
 وَاجِبٍ فَقَدْ وَهَبْتُهُ لَهُمَا وَجَدْتُ بِهِ عَلَيْهِمَا
 وَرَغِبْتُ إِلَيْكَ فِي وَضْعٍ نَبَعْتَهُ عَنْهُمَا فَإِنِّي
 لَا أَنْتَهُمُ مَا عَلَى نَفْسِي وَلَا اسْتَبِطُهُمَا فِي
 بَرِّي وَلَا أَكْرَهُ مَا تَوَلَّيَاهُ مِنْ أَمْرِي يَا رَبِّ
 فَهُمَا أَوْجِبُ حَقًّا عَلَيَّ وَأَقْدَمُ إِحْسَانًا إِلَيَّ وَ
 أَعْظَمُ مِنَّةً لَدَيْكَ مِنْ أَنْ أَفَاضَهُمَا بِعَدْلٍ أَوْ
 أَجَازِيَهُمَا عَلَيَّ مِثْلَ بِنِ إِذَا بِاللَّهِ طُولُ شُغْلِهِمَا
 بَيْنَ بَيْنِي وَأَيْنَ شِدَّةُ تَعَبِهِمَا فِي حِرَاسَتِي وَأَيْنَ
 إِفْئَارُهُمَا عَلَيَّ أَنْفُسُهُمَا لِلنُّوسَةِ عَلَيَّ هِيَاهُنَا

Their claim can never be satisfied by me, nor can I perceive what is due from me unto them nor can I fully discharge the duty of serving them!

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Help me, O best of all those whose assistance is solicited. Give me grace, O Greatest of Guides, towards whom people turn.

Do not let me be of those who wronged their fathers and mothers on the day wherein *"every soul shall be paid what it has merited and they shall not be treated with injustice."*⁴⁹

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Distinguish my parents, in particular, with the best distinctions which Thou hast conferred upon the fathers and mothers of Thy true believing servants, O Most Merciful.

O Lord, do not let me forget to remember them after my ritual prayers, at every time of my night and at every hour

مَا يَسْتَوْفِيَانِ مِنِّي حَقَّهُمَا وَلَا أُدْرِكُ مَا يَجِبُ
 عَلَيَّ لهُمَا وَلَا أَنَا بِفَاضِلٍ وَظِيْفَةٍ خِدْمَتِهِمَا
 فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاعْنِي يَا خَيْرَ مَنْزِلٍ سُبْحَانَكَ
 وَوَقْفِي يَا أَهْدَى مَنْزِلٍ رُغِبَ إِلَيْهِ وَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي فِي
 أَهْلِ الْعُقُوقِ لِلْآبَاءِ وَالْأُمَّهَاتِ يَوْمَ تُجْزَى كُلُّ
 نَفْسٍ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ وَهُمْ لَا يُظْلَمُونَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَذُرِّيَّتِهِ وَاخْصِرْ أَبَوِي يَا فَضِيلِيَا
 خَصَصْتَ بِهِ آبَاءَ عِبَادِكَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَأُمَّهَاتِهِمْ
 يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ اللَّهُمَّ لَا تُنْسِنِي ذِكْرَهَا
 فِي إِدْبَارِ صَلَوَاتِي وَفِي إِزِيْزِ أَنْاءِ لَيْلِي وَفِي سَاعَةِ

of my day.

O God, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Forgive me for the sake of my prayers for them.

Grant a sure pardon to them because of their goodness to me.

Be perfectly satisfied with them through my intercession for them.

Bring them by Thy Mercy into places of safety.⁵⁰

O God, if Thy Pardon for them has preceded (my prayers), then make them intercessors for me.

If Thy Pardon for me has preceded (Thy forgiving them), then make me an intercessor for them so that we may be gathered together by Thy Mercy in the place of Thy Grace, the place of Thy Pardon and Mercy.

For verily Thou art the one Whose Munificence is Great, Whose Kindness is Eternal. Thou art the Most Merciful.

مِنْ سَاعَاتِ نَهَارِي اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَاعْفِرْ لِي دُعَائِي لَهُمَا وَاعْفِرْ لهما بِرَّهِمَا بِحُجَّتِي
 مَغْفِرَةً حَتْمًا وَأَرْضِ عَنْهُمَا بِشَفَاعَتِي لَهُمَا رِضًا
 عَنْهُمَا وَبَلِّغْهُمَا بِالْكَرَامَةِ مَوَاطِنَ السَّلَامَةِ
 اللَّهُمَّ وَإِنْ سَبَقَتْ مَغْفِرَتُكَ لهما فَشَفِّعْهُمَا
 فِيَّ وَإِنْ سَبَقَتْ مَغْفِرَتُكَ لِي فَشَفِّعْنِي فِيهِمَا
 حَتَّى نَجْتَمِعَ بِرَأْفَتِكَ فِي دَارِ كَرَامَتِكَ وَمَحَلِّ
 مَغْفِرَتِكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ إِنَّكَ ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ
 وَالْمَرْءِ الْقَدِيمِ وَأَنْتَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَالْأَوْلَادُ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ

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One of his prayers for his offspring.

O Lord, oblige me by sparing my issue from death, by educating them for me and by blessing me with them.

My God, prolong their lives for me. Increase their terms of existence for me. Bring up those of tender years for me. Strengthen the weak ones for me. Heal their bodies, faith and morals. Let them be safe in soul and body and in everything I am anxious about concerning them.

Let their sustenance flow into my hand.

Let them be virtuous, pious, able to see and hear, obedient unto Thee, and lovers and well-wishers of Thy friends and hostile and implacable to all Thy enemies. Amen!

O Lord, strengthen my arm with them and straighten with them -----

اللَّهُمَّ وَمَنْ عَلَّيْ بَقَاءٌ وَلَدَيْ وَبِأَصْلَاحِهِمْ
 لِي وَبِأَمْنًا عَنِ هِمِّ الْهَمِّ أَمْدُ لِي فِي أَعْمَارِهِمْ
 وَزِدْ لِي فِي آجَالِهِمْ وَرَبِّ لِي صَغِيرَهُمْ وَقَوْلِي
 ضَعِيفَهُمْ وَأَصِحِّ لِي أَبْدَانَهُمْ وَأَدْبَانَهُمْ وَ
 اخْلَافَهُمْ وَعَافِهِمْ فِي أَنْفُسِهِمْ وَفِي جَوَارِحِهِمْ
 وَفِي كُلِّ مَا عُنِيتُ بِهِ مِنْ أَمْرِهِمْ وَأَدْرِرْ لِي
 وَعَلَى يَدَيَّ أَرْزَاقَهُمْ وَاجْعَلْهُمْ أَبْرَارًا اتَّقِيَاءَ
 بَصْرَاءَ سَامِعِينَ مُطِيعِينَ لَكَ وَلَا وِلِيَاءَكَ
 مُحِبِّينَ مَنَاصِحِينَ وَجَمِيعَ أَعْدَائِكَ مُعَانِدِينَ وَ
 مُبْغِضِيكَ اللَّهُمَّ اشْدُدْ بِهِمْ عَضْدِي وَأَقِمْ بِهِمْ

my crookedness.

Enlarge my number ⁵¹ because of them. Adorn my society with them.

Keep my memory alive by means of them.

Make them take care of my affairs in my absence.

Help me with them to satisfy my need.

Let them love me, be kind unto me, favorable, faithful, obedient, not disobedient, not wicked, nor adverse nor guilty.

Help me in training them, educating them and in doing good to them.

Grant me from Thee male descendants among them. Let this be a benefit to me.

Let them be my helpers in whatever I ask of Thee. Protect me and my offspring from Satan, the stoned one.⁵² For verily Thou didst create us, command us, put prohibitions upon us and encouraged us with the reward for doing what Thou didst threaten us _____

أَوْدِي وَكَثَرِ بِهِمْ عَدَدِي وَزِينِ بِهِمْ مُحَضَّرِي
 وَأَحْيِي بِهِمْ ذِكْرِي وَأَكْفِي بِهِمْ فِي غَيْبِي وَأَعْنِي
 بِهِمْ عَلَى حَاجَتِي وَاجْعَلْهُمُ لِي مُجْتَبِينَ وَعَلَى حَدِيثِ
 مُقْبِلِينَ مُسْتَفِيمِينَ لِي مُطِيعِينَ غَيْرَ عَاصِينَ
 وَلَا عَاقِبِينَ وَلَا مُخَالِفِينَ وَلَا خَاطِبِينَ وَأَعْنِي عَلَى
 تَرْبِيَّتِهِمْ وَنَادِي بِهِمْ وَبِرِّهِمْ وَهَبْ لِي مِنْ لَدُنْكَ
 مَعَهُمْ أَوْلَادًا ذُكُورًا وَاجْعَلْ ذَلِكَ خَيْرًا لِي
 وَاجْعَلْهُمُ لِي عَلَى مَا سَأَلْتُكَ وَأَعَدَّنِي وَذَرَّنِي
 مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ فَإِنَّكَ خَلَقْتَنَا وَأَمَرْتَنَا وَ
 نَهَيْتَنَا وَرَغَبْتَنَا فِي ثَوَابِ مَا أَمَرْتَنَا وَرَهَبْتَنَا

with punishment for disobedience. Thou hast made him our enemy who deceived us. Thou hast given him dominion over some of us while over some of them Thou hast not given us dominion. Thou hast established him in our breasts and made him run through our blood passages. He is not careless even if we are careless. He doth not forget if we forget. He makes us feel secure from Thy torment and threatens us with (the punishment of some one) other than Thee. If we intend some glaring sin, he encourages us in it. If we intend to do any good thing, he hinders us. He exposes irresistible appetites to us and raises doubts for us. If he makes promises to us, he lies and if he holds out hopes to us, he disappoints us. If Thou dost not turn his cunning away from us, he shall mislead us. If Thou dost not guard us from his corruption, he shall cause us to err. Therefore, O Lord, overthrow his authority over us with Thy Power till Thou completely restrainth him from us -----

عِقَابَهُ وَجَعَلَتْ لَنَا عُدُوًّا يَكِيدُ نَاسِطَتَهُ
 مِنَّا عَلَى مَا لَمْ تَسْلُطْنَا عَلَيْهِ مِنْهُ أَسْكَنَهُ
 صُدُورَنَا وَأَجْرِيئَهُ مَجَارِي دِمَائِنَا لَا يَغْضُلُنَا
 غَفْلَنَا وَلَا يَنْسِي إِنْ تَسِينَا يَوْمِنَا عِقَابَكَ وَ
 يَخُوفُنَا بَعِيرَكَ إِنْ هَمَّ مِنَّا بِفَاحِشَةٍ شَجَعْنَا عَلَيْهَا
 وَإِنْ هَمَّ مِنَّا بِعَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ تَبَطَّنَا عَنْهُ وَيَبْعِضُ لَنَا
 بِالشَّهَوَاتِ وَيَنْصِبُ لَنَا بِالشُّبُهَاتِ إِنْ وَعَدْنَا
 كَذِبًا وَإِنْ مَنَّا نَا أَخْلَفْنَا وَالْإِضْرَافُ عَنَّا
 كَيْدٌ يُضِلُّنَا وَالْإِنْفِنَا خِبَالُهُ يُسْتَزِرُّ لَنَا اللَّهُمَّ
 فَافْهَرِ سُلْطَانَهُ عَنَّا سُلْطَانِكَ حَتَّى تَجْبِسَهُ عَنَّا

owing to our diligent prayer to Thee so that we may pass out of the power of his cunning into the group of those defended by Thee.

O Lord, grant me all my desires.
Satisfy my needs.

Do not refuse me Thy answer whilst Thou hast given surety for it to me.

Do not keep off my prayer from Thee while Thou hast required it of me.⁵³

Favor me with all that will do me good in this world and the next, whatever I remember of it and whatever I have forgotten, expressed, concealed, revealed or withheld.

Let me be (by my imploring Thee Alone) of the righteous, of those who are successful in applying to Thee, of those who are underprived because of their trust in Thee, of those who benefited by their bargains with Thee, of those who take refuge in Thy Majesty, of those who have abundance -----

بِكَثْرَةِ الدُّعَاءِ لَكَ فَصَبِّحْ مِنْ كَيْدِهِ فِي
الْمَعْصُومِينَ بِكَ اللَّهُمَّ اعْطِنِي كُلَّ سُؤْلِیْ وَاقْضِ لِي
حَوَائِجِي وَلَا تَمْنَعْنِي الْجَابَةَ وَفَدِّمْ نَهَائِي وَلَا
تَجِبْ دُعَائِي عَنْكَ وَفَدِّمْ نَبِيَّ بِهِ وَأَمْنِي عَلَى بَيْتِكِ
مَا يَصِلُنِي فِي دُنْيَايَ وَآخِرَتِي مَا ذَكَرْتُ مِنْهُ
وَمَا نَسَيْتُ أَوْ أَظْهَرْتُ أَوْ أَخْفَيْتُ أَوْ أَعْلَنْتُ
أَوْ أَسْرَرْتُ وَاجْعَلْنِي فِي جَمِيعِ ذَلِكَ مِنَ الْمُصَلِّينَ
سُؤَالِي إِيَّاكَ الْمُنْجِيْنَ بِالطَّلَبِ إِلَيْكَ غَيْرِ الْمُنْعِيِّنَ
بِالتَّوَكُّلِ عَلَيْكَ الْمُعَوِّذِينَ بِالتَّعَوُّذِ بِكَ الرَّاجِينَ
فِي النَّجَاتِ عَلَيْكَ الْمَجَارِينَ بِعِزِّكَ الْمُوسِعِ

of lawful sustenance conferred on them by Thy boundless Kindness, Thy Bounty and Generosity; of those who are exalted to honor from disgrace by Thee;

Of those who seek shelter from tyranny in Thy Justice;

Of those who are safe from calamity with Thy Grace;

Of those who are raised to prosperity from poverty by Thy Endless Wealth.

Of those who are protected from sins, slips and error by fear of Thee;

Of those who have grace for goodness, virtue and righteousness owing to their obedience to Thee;

Of those having a barrier between them and sins because of Thy Power;

Of those who renounce all sins;

Of those who dwell in Thy neighborhood.

O Lord, grant us all this with Thy Grace and Mercy.

Protect us from the torment of hell.

Favor all the Muslim men -----

عَلَيْهِمُ الرِّزْقُ الحَلَالَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الوَاسِعِ بِجُودِكَ
 وَكَرَمِكَ الْمُعْزِينَ مِنَ الذُّلِّ بِكَ وَالْمُجَارِينَ مِنَ
 الظُّلْمِ بِعَدْلِكَ وَالْمُعَافِينَ مِنَ البَلَاءِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ
 وَالْمُعْنِينَ مِنَ الفَقْرِ بِغِنَاكَ وَالْمَعْصُومِينَ مِنَ
 الذُّنُوبِ وَالزَّلِيلِ وَالخَطَا بِنِقْوَاتِكَ وَالْمُؤَفِّقِينَ
 لِلْخَيْرِ وَالرُّشْدِ وَالصَّوَابِ بِطَاعَتِكَ وَالْحَالِ
 بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ الذُّنُوبِ بِقُدْرَتِكَ النَّارِكِينَ
 لِكُلِّ مَعْصِيَتِكَ السَّاكِنِينَ فِي جِوَارِكَ
 اللَّهُمَّ اعْطِنَا جَمِيعَ ذَلِكَ بِتَوْفِيقِكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ
 وَأَعِزَّنَا مِنْ عَذَابِ السَّعِيرِ وَاعْطِ جَمِيعَ المُسْلِمِينَ

and women and true believers, male and female, with the like of what I have begged of Thee for myself and my offspring in the present world and the future.

Verily, Thou art Nigh, Answering, Hearing, Knowing, Overlooking, Forgiving, Compassionate and Merciful.

Confer on us good in this world and the next and guard us from the torment of the Fire.

(26)

One of his prayers for his neighbors and friends.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Be my trustee among my neighbors and friends who know our rights⁵⁴ and renounce our enemies with Thy most excellent trusteeship.

Give them grace to establish Thy Way

وَالْمُسْلِمَاتِ وَالْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ مِثْلَ الَّذِي
 سَأَلْتُكَ لِنَفْسِي وَلَوْلَدِي فِي عَاجِلِ الدُّنْيَا وَ
 آجِلِ الْآخِرَةِ إِنَّكَ قَرِيبٌ مُجِيبٌ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ
 عَفُوٌّ غَفُورٌ رَوْفٌ رَحِيمٌ وَإِنِّي فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ
 وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ

وَكَانَ فَرْدٌ عَلَى سَائِرِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ
 جِبْرِيلُ وَوَالِي سَائِرِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَتَوَلَّنِي فِي جِيرَانِي وَ
 مَوَالِي الْعَارِفِينَ بِحَقِّنَا وَالْمُنَادِينَ لِأَعْدَائِنَا
 بِأَفْضَلِ وَلا يَنْبَغُ لَنَا فَتْنَةٌ سُنَّتِكَ

and to adopt Thy Divine behavior in
being kind to those among them who are
weak,

Removing their wants,

Visiting their sick,

Guiding such among them as seek
guidance,

Advising such as search for counsel,

Welcoming their visitors ⁵⁵,

Concealing their secrets,

Covering their nakedness,

Relieving their oppressed ones,

Truly sympathising with them by
helping them,

Doing good to them with generosity
and benevolence

And by giving what is due unto them
before request.

Let me, O Lord, return good to such
of them as do evil, forgivingly overlook
the injustice, entertain a good opinion
of them generally, undertake to do good
to them in general, shut my eyes from
them by way of chastity, behave towards
them with meekness, be mercifully

وَالْأَخْذِ بِحَاسِنِ أَدَبِكَ فِي أَرْفَافِ وَضَعِيهِمْ وَسَدِّ
 خَلَّتِهِمْ وَعِيَادَةِ مَرِيضِهِمْ وَهِدَايَةِ مُسْتَشْرِئِهِمْ
 وَمُنَاصَحَةِ مُسْتَشِيرِهِمْ وَتَعَهُّدِ فَادِمِهِمْ وَ
 كَيْمَانِ أَسْرَارِهِمْ وَسِتْرِ عَوْرَاتِهِمْ وَنُصْرَةِ
 مَظْلُومِهِمْ وَحُسْنِ مُوَاسَاةِهِمْ بِالْمَاعُونِ وَالْعَوْدِ
 عَلَيْهِمْ بِالْجِدَّةِ وَالْإِفْضَالِ وَاعْطَاءِ مَا يَجِبُ
 لَهُمْ قَبْلَ السُّؤَالِ وَاجْعَلْنِي اللَّهُمَّ أَجْرِي بِالْإِحْسَانِ
 مُسَيَّبُهُمْ وَأَعْرِضْ بِالْخِجَاوِزِ عَنِ ظِلْمِهِمْ وَأَسْتَعْمِلْ
 حُسْنَ الظَّنِّ فِي كَافِيهِمْ وَأَتَوَلَّ بِالْبِرِّ عَامَنَّهُمْ وَ
 اغْضُ بَصِيرِي عَنْهُمْ عَقْفَةً وَالْيَزْجَانِي لَهُمْ تَوَاضَعًا

tender to their distressed ones, display friendship for them in their absence, sincerely love to see them in prosperity, deem that a duty to them which I deem a duty to my kindred and have for them that regard which I have for my chosen ones.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Grant me similar treatment from them. Let me have the greatest share of what is with them. ⁵⁶

Increase their knowledge of my rights and recognition of my merits so that they may become fortunate through me and I through them.

(27)

One of his prayers for the frontier guards.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Fortify the Muslim frontiers with Thy Majesty. Support their defenders with Thy Strength. Lavish gifts on them -----

وَارْقُ عَلَى أَهْلِ الْبَلَاءِ مِنْهُمْ رَحْمَةً وَأَسِرْ لَهُمْ
 بِالْغَيْبِ مَوَدَّةً وَاجِبُ بَقَاءَ النِّعَمِ عِنْدَهُمْ
 نُصْحًا وَاجِبُ لَهُمْ مَا أُوجِبُ لِحَامَتِي وَارْعَى لَهُمْ
 مَا ارْعَى لِحَاصَتِي اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَارْزُقْنِي
 مِثْلَ ذَلِكَ لَهُمْ وَأَجْعَلْ لِي أَوْفَى الْخَطُوفِ فِيهَا
 عِنْدَهُمْ وَزِدْهُمْ بَصِيرَةً فِي حَقِّي وَمَعْرِفَةً بِفَضْلِي
 حَتَّى تَسْعِدُوا أَبِي وَأَسْعِدَهُمْ أَمِيرَ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ عَائِدَةٍ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ لَامِلِ الشُّغُورِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَحَصِّنْ شُغُورَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ
 بِعِزَّتِكَ وَأَيِّدْ حَامَتَهَا بِقُوَّتِكَ وَأَسْبِغْ عَطَايَاهُمْ

out of Thy Bounty.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Increase their number.

Sharpen their weapons.

Guard their surroundings.

Protect their environs.

Keep their company united.

Regulate their business.

Let their (supply of) provisions be uninterrupted and Thyself alone look after their affairs. Strengthen them with victory. Help them with fortitude. Be kind in devising stratagem for them.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Make them know what they are ignorant of. Teach them what they do not know. Show them what they do not see.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Make them forget when they meet the enemy, the remembrance of the worldly concerns which are superlatively deceptive and vain. Obliterate the reminiscences of tempting wealth from their hearts. Let Paradise be -----

مِنْ جَدِّكَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَكَثِّرْ
 عَدَنَهُمْ وَأَشْحَذْ أَسْلِحَتَهُمْ وَأَحْرُسْ حُوزَتَهُمْ
 وَامْنَعْ حَوْمَتَهُمْ وَالْفَجْعَةَ مِنْهُمْ وَدَبْرَ أَمْرِهِمْ وَوَانِزْ
 بَيْنَ مَبِيرِهِمْ وَتَوَحَّدْ بِكِفَايَةِ مُؤَنِّهِمْ وَأَعْضِدْ
 بِالْبَصْرِ وَأَعِزَّهُمْ بِالصَّبْرِ وَالطُّفْ لَهُمْ فِي الْمَكْرِ
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَعَرِّفَهُمْ مَا يَجْهَلُونَ
 وَعَلِّمُهُمْ مَا لَا يَعْلَمُونَ وَبَصِّرْهُمْ مَا لَا يَبْصُرُونَ
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَنْسِهِمْ عِنْدَ لِقَائِهِمْ
 الْعُدُوَّ ذِكْرَ نِبَاهِهِمُ الْخِدَاعَةَ الْغُرُورَ وَامْحُ
 عَرْفُلُوهُمْ بِهَمْ خَطَرَاتِ الْمَالِ الْفَنُونِ وَاجْعَلِ الْجَنَّةَ

before their eyes.

Reveal to their vision what Thou hast provided therein:

Of everlasting mansions.

Of abodes of bliss.

Beautiful huris.

Of rivers in which various sorts of drinks flow.

Of trees laden with varieties of fruits so that none of them may anxiously think of turning his back, nor may his soul suggest to him to flee from his antagonist.

O Lord, by this means defeat their enemy.

Cut off their claws.

Create separation between them and their weapons.

Root out firmness from their hearts.

Interpose distance between them and their provisions.

Perplex them in their paths.

Lead them astray from the direct course.

Cut off from them reinforcement, diminish their number, -----

نَصَبًا عَيْنُهُمْ وَلَوْحٌ مِنْهَا الْأَبْصَارِ هُمْ مَا أَعَدَّتْ
 فِيهَا مِنْ مَسَاكِنِ الْخُلْدِ وَمَنَارِ الْكَرَامَةِ وَ
 الْحُورِ الْحَسَانِ وَالْأَنْهَارِ الْمُطَرَّدَةِ بِأَنْوَاعِ الْأَشْيَةِ
 وَالْأَشْجَارِ الْمُنْدَلِيَّةِ بِصُوفِ الثَّمَرِ حَتَّى لَا يَهُمُّ
 أَحَدٌ مِنْهُمْ بِالْإِدْبَارِ وَلَا يَحْتَدِثُ نَفْسُهُ عَنْ فِرْنِهِ
 بِفِرَارِ اللَّهِ أَفَلَا يَذُكُّكَ عَدُوَّهُمْ وَأَقْلَمَ عَنْهُمْ
 أَظْفَارَهُمْ وَفَرَّقَ بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ أَسْلِحَتِهِمْ وَأَخْلَعَ
 وَثَائِقَهُمْ أَفَعَدَّ لَهُمْ وَبَاعَدَ بَيْنَهُمْ وَبَيْنَ أَرْزَادِهِمْ
 وَحَيَّرَهُمْ فِي سُبُلِهِمْ وَضَلَّلَهُمْ عَنْ وَجْهِهِمْ
 وَأَقْطَعَهُمْ الْمَدَدَ وَأَنْقَضَ مِنْهُمْ الْعَدَدَ

Fill their hearts with awe.
Prevent their hands from stretching.
Cleave their tongues (so as to render
them) speechless.

Disperse by means of them those
behind them.⁵⁷

Punish those that follow them.
Frustrate with their disgrace the
ambitions of those after them.

O Lord, render barren the wombs of
their women.

Make dry the loins of their men.
Stop the breeding of their beasts
and cattle.

Neither let their sky rain, nor let their
earth put forth vegetation and strengthen
thereby, O Lord, the power of the Mus-
lims.

Fortify their cities.

Multiply their wealth.

Relieve them from fighting for Thy
worship; from their (duties of) defense
to commune with Thee in solitude till
none be adored in regions of the earth
except Thou, and no -----

أَمَلًا أَفِيدَنَّهُمُ الرَّعْبَ وَأَفِيضْ أَيْدِيَهُمْ عَنِ الْبَسْطِ
 وَأَخْرِمْ السِّنَنَهُمْ عَنِ النُّطْفِ وَشَرِّدْ بِهِمْ مَنْ
 خَلْفَهُمْ وَنَكِّلْ بِهِمْ مَنْ وَرَاءَهُمْ وَأَفْطَحْ بَجْرِزِهِمْ
 أَطْعَامَ مَنْ بَعْدَهُمْ اللَّهُمَّ عَقِّمْ أَرْحَامَ نِسَائِهِمْ
 وَيَسِّرْ أَصْلَابَ رِجَالِهِمْ وَأَفْطَحْ نَسْلَ دَوَائِبِهِمْ
 وَأَنْعَامِهِمْ لَا تَأْذَنْ لِسَمَاوِيهِمْ فِي قَطْرٍ وَلَا لِأَرْضِيهِمْ
 فِي نَبَاتٍ اللَّهُمَّ وَقُوِّدْ لِكَمَّحَالِ أَهْلِ الْإِسْلَامِ
 وَحَصِّنْ بِهِ دِيَارَهُمْ وَثَمَرِيهِ أَمْوَالَهُمْ وَفِرْعَانَهُمْ
 عَزِّمْ حَارِيهِمْ لِعِبَادَتِكَ وَعَزِّمْ نَابِدِيهِمْ لِلْحَلُوقِ
 بِكَ حَتَّى لَا يُعْبَدَ فِي بِقَاعِ الْأَرْضِ غَيْرُكَ وَلَا تُعْفَدَ

forehead be placed on the dust for anyone but Thee.

O Lord, fight at every frontier of the Muslim against such of the pagans as are adjacent to them.

Reinforce them with hosts of angels from Thee till the infidels be driven to the extremity of land.

Be either killed in the earth and captured.

Or they acknowledge that Thou art God.

O Lord, include in this (request) Thy enemies in the different countries of:
India, Rome, Turkistan,
Kharz, Abyssinia, Nubia,
Zanzibar, Sicily and (the country of) the Dalamites.

And all other pagan nations whose names and descriptions are unknown and Thou hast exhaustively counted them

لِأَحَدِهِمْ جِبْهَةً دُونَكَ اللَّهُمَّ اغْرُبْ كُلَّ
 نَاحِيَةٍ مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ عَلَى مِزَانِ إِيهِمْ مِنَ الشُّرَكِيِّينَ
 وَأَمِدَّهُمْ بِمَلَائِكَةٍ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ مُرَدِّفِينَ حَتَّى
 يَكْشِفُوهُمْ إِلَى الْمُنْقَطَعِ التُّرَابِ فَلْيَا فِي أَرْضِكَ
 وَأَسْرًا أَوْ يُقْبَرُوا بِإِنَّا أَنْتَ اللَّهُ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ
 إِلَّا أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَأَعْمَمُ
 بِذَلِكَ أَعْدَاءَكَ فِي أَفْطَارِ الْبِلَادِ مِنَ الْهِنْدِ وَ
 الرُّومِ وَالتُّرْكِ وَالْخَزِرِ وَالْحَبَشِ وَالنُّبُوتِ وَالرَّبِيعِ
 وَالسَّفَالِبَةِ وَالْدِيَالِمَةِ وَسَائِرِ أُمَّمِ الشُّرَكِ
 الَّذِينَ خَفَى أَسْمَاؤُهُمْ وَصِفَاتُهُمْ وَقَدْ أَحْصَيْنَاهُمْ

with Thy Knowledge and art informed of them by Thy Power.

O Lord, engage the infidels with infidels so as to prevent them from coming into contact with Muslim frontiers.

Afflict them with decrease to restrain them from injuring Muslims.

Restrain the pagans from mustering against them by creating dissension.

O Lord, deprive ⁵⁸ their hearts of (the feeling of) security and their bodies of strength.

Make their hearts forgetful of tricks.

Render their limbs too weak to fight with foot-soldiers.

Terrify them so as to keep away from combating with the brave.

Raise against them a host of angels armed with one of the torments like what Thou didst on the day of Badr.⁵⁹

Cut off, thereby, their root.

Reap off their pomp.

Scatter their gathering.

بِمَعْرِفَتِكَ وَأَشْرَفَتْ عَلَيْهِمْ بِقُدْرَتِكَ اللَّهُمَّ
 اشْغِلِ الْمُشْرِكِينَ بِالْمُشْرِكِينَ عَنِ تَنَاوُلِ اطْرَافِ
 الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَخَذِهِمْ بِالْقَبْضِ عَنِ تَنْقِصِهِمْ وَتَبْطِئُهُمْ
 بِالْفُرْقَةِ عَنِ الْإِحْتِسَادِ عَلَيْهِمْ اللَّهُمَّ اخْلُ
 قُلُوبَهُمْ مِنَ الْأَمْنَةِ وَأَبْدَانَهُمْ مِنَ الْقُوَّةِ وَأَذْهِلْ
 قُلُوبَهُمْ عَنِ الْإِحْيَاءِ وَأَوْهِنْ أَرْكَانَهُمْ عَنِ
 مُنَازَلَةِ الرِّجَالِ وَجَنِّبَهُمْ عَنِ مُقَارَعَةِ الْأَبْطَالِ
 وَابْعَثْ عَلَيْهِمْ جُنْدًا مِنْ مَلَائِكَتِكَ بَيَّاسٍ
 مِنْ بَابِكَ كَفِعْلِكَ يَوْمَ بَدْرٍ نَقْطَعُ بِهِ دَابِرَهُمْ
 وَتَحْصُدُ بِهِ شُوكَهُمْ وَتَفْرِقُ بِهِ عَدَدَهُمْ

O Lord, mix their waters with pestilence, their foods with diseases.

Afflict the soil of their cities with sinking.

Let them be amply pelted with missiles.

Visit them with droughts.

Place their sustenance in the most barren regions of Thy earth and the farthest removed from them and the most inaccessible of regions to them.

Afflict them with perpetual hunger and painful distemper.

O Lord, and whatever warrior of the faith fights with them or soldier from among the followers of Thy Laws wages war on them, in order to exalt Thy faith.

Strengthen Thy host.

Amplify Thy share.

Then be pleased to give him facility, supply him with means, and him with success.

Choose for him comrades.

Strengthen his back and confer on him _____

اللَّهُمَّ وَأَمْزِجْ مِيَاهَهُمْ بِالْوَبَا وَأَطْعِمْتَهُمْ
 بِالْأَدْوَاءِ وَأَرْمِ بِلَادَهُمْ بِالْخُسُوفِ وَالْحَمْلِ عَلَيْهَا
 بِالْقُدُوفِ وَأَفْرِغْهَا بِالْمَحُولِ وَاجْعَلْ مِيرَهُمْ
 فِي أَحْصِ أَرْضِكَ وَأَبْعِدْهَا عَنْهُمْ وَأَمْنِعْ حَصْوِ
 مِنْهُمْ أَصْبَهُمُ بِالْجُوعِ الْمَقِيمِ وَالسُّفْمِ الْأَلِيمِ
 اللَّهُمَّ وَإِيمَا غَازِغَاهُمْ مِنْ أَهْلِ مَلِكِكَ أَوْ
 مُجَاهِدِ جَاهِدَهُمْ مِنْ أَنْبَاءِ سُنَّتِكَ لِيَكُونَ ذَنْبُكَ
 الْأَعْلَى وَحَزْبُكَ الْأَفْوَى وَحُظُّكَ الْأَوْفَى فَلَقِيهِ
 الْيَسْرَ وَهَيْبَتِي لَهُ الْأَمْرُ وَتَوَلَّاهُ بِالْبَيْحِ وَخَيْرَ لَهُ
 الْأَصْحَابَ وَاسْتَقْوَاهُ الظُّهْرَ وَأَسْبَغَ عَلَيْهِ

abundance of provision.

Bless him with happiness.

Quench in him the fire of (worldly) desires.

Deliver him from sadness of solitude.

Make him forget the remembrance of family and offspring.

Bless him with a righteous intention.

Let peace be his companion.

Protect him from cowardice.

Inspire him with courage.

Give him strength.

Assist him with victory.

Teach him (virtuous) ways and practices.

Guide him in command.

Cast off from him ostentation.

Deliver him from aiming at publicity.

Let his thought, his speech, his moving and his staying be in Thee and for Thee.

When he meets Thy enemy and his, then cause them to diminish in his sight, degrade their pomp in his mind, give him power over them, do not give them power

إِذَا النَّفْقَةَ وَمَتَّعَهُ بِالنَّشَاطِ وَأَطْفَعَنَّهُ حَرَارَةَ
 الشَّوْقِ وَأَجْرَهُ مِنْ غَيْرِ الْوَحْشَةِ وَأَنَسَهُ ذِكْرَ
 الْأَهْلِ وَالْوَالِدِ وَأَثَرُ لَهُ حُسْنُ النِّيَّةِ وَقَوْلُهُ بِالْعَاةِ
 وَأَصْحَبُهُ السَّلَامَةَ وَأَعْفِيهِ مِنَ الْجُزْرِ وَالْهَيْمَةِ
 الْجُرَاةَ وَأَرْزُقْهُ الشِّدَّةَ وَأَيِّدْهُ بِالنُّصْرَةِ وَعَلِّمَهُ
 السِّيْرَ وَالسَّنْنَ وَسَلِّدْهُ فِي الْحُكْمِ وَأَعِزَّنِي عَنْهُ
 الرِّيَاءَ وَخَلِّصْهُ مِنَ السَّمْعَةِ وَاجْعَلْ فِكْرَهُ وَذِكْرَهُ
 وَظَعْنَهُ وَإِفَامَتَهُ فِيكَ وَلَكَ فَإِذَا إِصَافَ
 عَدُوَّكَ وَعَدُوَّنِي فَقُلِّلْهُمْ فِي عَيْنِيهِ وَصَغِّرْ
 شَأْنَهُمْ فِي قَلْبِيهِ وَإِدْلُ لَهُ مِنْهُمْ وَلَا تُدْلِهِمْ

over him.

If Thou Will to terminate his career in bliss and decree for him martyrdom, then let it be after he has uprooted Thy enemy by slaughter.

After he has accomplished his efforts in capturing them.

After the Muslim boundaries have become safe.

After Thy enemy has turned his back and is routed.

O Lord, and whatever Muslim succeeds a warrior, guards in his house, looks after those left behind, in his absence.

Helps him with a portion of his property. Or assists him with provisions.

Or encourages him to fight for faith.

Or follows him in his undertaking by inviting (others) to join him.

Or guards his honor in his absence.

Then, be pleased to reward the latter like the former, weight for weight, bulk for bulk and recompense him for his deed with an immediate compensation whereby he may quickly gain the benefit

مِنْهُ فَإِنْ حَمَّتْ لَهُ بِالسَّعَادَةِ وَقَضَيْتَ لَهُ
 بِالشَّهَادَةِ فَبَعْدَ أَنْ يَجْتَاحَ عُدُوكَ بِالْقَنْبَلِ
 وَبَعْدَ أَنْ يَجْهَدَ بِهِمُ الْأَسْرُ وَبَعْدَ أَنْ تَأْمُرَ أَطْرَافَ
 الْمُسْلِمِينَ وَبَعْدَ أَنْ يُؤَيِّدُكَ مَدِيرِينَ اللَّهُمَّ
 وَأَيُّمَا سُلَيْمٍ خَلَفَ غَازِيًا أَوْ رَابِطًا فِي دَارِهِ أَوْ
 تَعَهَّدَ خَالِفِيهِ فِي غَيْبِنِهِ أَوْ أَعَانَهُ بِطَائِفَةٍ
 مِنْ مَالِهِ أَوْ أَمَدَّنَ بِعُنَادٍ أَوْ شَحَذَ عَلَى جِهَادٍ
 أَوْ اتَّبَعَهُ فِي وَجْهِهِ دَعْوَةً أَوْ رَعَى لَهُ مِنْ وَرَائِهِ
 حُرْمَةً فَاجِرٍ لَهُ مِثْلُ اجْرَمِ وَزَنَابُوزٍ وَمِثْلَ امْتِثَالِ
 وَعَوَّضُهُ مِنْ فِعْلِهِ عَوَضًا حَاضِرًا يَتَجَمَّلُ بِهِ نَفْعٌ

of what he advanced and the pleasure of what he performed till time brings him to what Thou hast prepared for him out of Thy Grace and provided for him out of Thy Bounty.

Whatever Muslim felt sad for the cause of Islam and its followers and grew sorry at the gathering of pagans against them.

And therefore resolved to fight.
Or determined to wage religious war.

But weakness compelled him to sit down. Poverty delayed him.

Or some occurrence detained him from it.

Or some obstruction made its appearance side by side with his resolution. Be pleased, O Lord, to write down his name among the devout. Entitle him to the reward of those who fought for faith.

Place him in the rank of martyrs and the righteous.

O Lord, bless Muhammad, Thy servant and Thy Apostle and his descendants with a blessing far exalted above other blessings, far superior -----

مَا فَدَّمَ وَسُرُورًا إِلَىٰ أَنْ يَنْهَىٰ بِهِ الْوَقْتُ
 إِلَىٰ مَا أُجْرِبَتْ لَهُ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ وَأَعَدَدْتَ لَهُ مِنْ
 كَرَامَتِكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَإِيَّامِ سَلَامٍ أَمَّهُ أَمْرُ
 الْإِسْلَامِ وَأَحْرَزَنَهُ وَمَنْحَرَبَ أَهْلِ الشِّرْكِ عَلَيْهِمْ فِتْنَةٌ
 غَرُّوا أَوْ هَمَّ بِجِهَادٍ فَفَعَدَّ بِهِ ضَعْفٌ أَوْ أَبْطَأَ
 بِهِ فَافَةٌ أَوْ آخَرَ عَنْهُ حَادِثٌ أَوْ عَرَضَ لَهُ دُونَ
 إِرَادَتِهِ مَانِعٌ فَارْتَبِطَ اسْمُهُ فِي الْعَابِدِينَ وَأَوْجِبْ
 لَهُ ثَوَابَ الْمُجَاهِدِينَ وَأَجْعَلْهُ فِي نِزَامِ الشُّهَدَاءِ وَ
 الصَّالِحِينَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ
 وَعَلَىٰ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَاةً عَالِيَةً عَلَىٰ الصَّلَوَاتِ مُشْرِفَةً

to compliments, having no limit to its duration, no termination to its numbers like the most perfect of Thy Favors on any of Thy friends.

Verily Thou art the Most Praiseworthy Giver, the Originator, the Reverter, the Best Doer of what Thou Willest.

(28)

One of his prayers imploring help from Almighty God.

O Lord, I have sincerely turned unto Thee by cutting myself off from others.

(I have sincerely) come into Thy Presence with my whole (soul).

(I have sincerely) turned away my face from him who is in need of Thy Bounty.

(I have sincerely) withdrawn my request from him who is not independent of Thy Favor.

(I have sincerely) discovered that the application of the needy to the needy is foolish -----

فَوْقَ النَّجَّاتِ صَلَاةً لَا يَنْتَهِي مَدُّهَا وَلَا يَنْقَطِعُ
 عَدُّهَا كَأَنَّكُمْ مَا مَضَى مِنْ صَلَوَاتِكُمْ عَلَى أَحَدٍ
 مِنْ أَوْلِيَائِكُمْ إِنَّكَ الْمَنَّانُ الْحَمِيدُ الْمُبْدِي
 الْمُعِيدُ الْفَعَّالُ الْبَارِئُ الرَّبُّ

وَكَانَ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ مَنْفَعَةً
 الْحَالِدَةَ فِي سِرِّكَ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَخْلَصْتُ بِانْقِطَاعِي إِلَيْكَ وَأَقْبَلْتُ
 بِكُلِّ عَيْلِيكَ وَصَرَفْتُ وَجْهِي عَنْ مَحْتَاكِ إِلَى
 رَفْدِكَ وَقَلْبِي مَسْأَلِي عَمَّنْ لَمْ يَسْتَنْغِرْ عَرَفْضِكَ
 وَرَأَيْتُ أَنْ تَطْلُبَ الْمُحْتَاجُ إِلَى الْمُحْتَاجِ سَفَاهَهُ

and an error of reason.

For many a man have I seen, O Lord,
who applied for honor to other than
Thee and was disgraced.

(Who) aimed at prosperity through
someone else besides Thee and was re-
duced to want.

(Who) strove for exaltation and was
humbled so.

Thus, a cautious man reforms himself
by observing their example for his taking
heed benefits him and his choice directs
him in the path of righteousness.

Thou, O my Master, art the one of
whom favors are requested by me in
preference to all others to whom petitions
are made.

Thou, of all those to whom people
address their prayers, art the satisfier of
my need.

My petition is particularly directed to
Thee in preference to everyone else who
is prayed to.

I do not associate with Thee anyone

مِنْ رَأْيِهِ وَضَلَّةُ مَنْ عَقَلِهِ فَكَمْ قَدَرَايْتُ يَا إِلَهِي
 مِنْ أَنْاسٍ طَلَبُوا الْعِدَّةَ بِغَيْرِكَ فَذَلُّوا وَأَرَامُوا الثَّرْوَةَ
 مِنْ سِوَاكَ فَانْفَقَرُوا وَاحَاوَلُوا الْإِرْتِفَاعَ فَأَنْضَعُوا
 فَصَحَّ بِمَعَايِنَتِهِ أَمَّا لَهُمْ حَازِمٌ وَقَفَّهٌ أَعْتَبَارُهُ
 وَارْتَدَّ إِلَى طَرَفِي صَوَابِهِ بِأَخْبَارِهِ فَأَنْتَ يَا
 مُوَلَايَ دُونَ كُلِّ مَسْئُولٍ مَوْضِعُ مَسْأَلَتِي وَدُونَ
 كُلِّ مَطْلُوبٍ إِلَيْهِ وَوَلِيٌّ حَاجَتِي أَنْتَ الْمَخْصُوفُ
 قَبْلَ كُلِّ مَدْعُودٍ بِدَعْوَتِي لَا يَشْرُكَكَ أَحَدٌ

in my hope.

None is united with Thee in my prayer, nor does my supplication include any other than Thee.

To Thee alone, my Lord, belongs (the absolute) unity of number.⁶⁰, the exercise of eternal authority, the excellence of power and strength and the rank of exaltation and dignity.

Everyone besides Thee is an object of pity throughout his life.

Subordinate in his affair.

A subject as regards his condition.

Changing in his circumstances.

Altering in qualities.

But Thou art far exalted above having similars and opposites and far more glorious than having peers and equals.

Therefore Thou art Holy.

There is no god but Thou.

(29)

One of his prayers

فِي رَجَائِي وَلَا يَتَّفِقُ أَحَدٌ مَعَكَ فِي دُعَائِي وَلَا
 يَنْظُمُهُ وَإِيَّاكَ نِدَائِي لَكَ يَا إِلَهِي وَحَدَائِيَّةُ
 الْعَدَدِ وَمَلَكََةُ الْفُدَّةِ الصَّمِيدِ وَفِيصِلَةُ
 الْحَوْلِ وَالْفُوقِ وَدَرَجَةُ الْعُلُوقِ وَالرَّفْعَةِ وَمَنْ
 سِوَاكَ مَرْحُومٌ فِي عُمُرِهِ مَغْلُوبٌ عَلَى أَمْرِهِ
 مَقْمُورٌ عَلَى شَأْنِهِ مُخْتَلِفٌ الْحَالَاتِ مُنْقَلَبٌ فِي
 الصِّفَاتِ فَتَعَالَيْتَ عَنِ الْأَشْبَاهِ وَالْأَضْدَادِ
 وَتَكَبَّرْتَ عَنِ الْأَمْثَالِ وَالْأَنْدَادِ
 فَسُبْحَانَكَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

in straightened circumstances.

O Lord, verily Thou didst try us in our means of support when we failed to trust Thee, in the length of our lives with far-reaching hopes till we sought for Thy sustenance from recipients of sustenance and our expectations made us covet the age of those having longevity.

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Grant us a sincere faith whereby to deliver us from the toil of earning a living.

Inspire us with pure confidence whereby to protect us from the hardships of fatigue.

Let what Thou hast explained of Thy promises in Thy revelation, reinforced with Thy oath, in Thy Book, be a perfect check to our anxiety about livelihood which Thou hast undertaken to provide.

Restrain us from undertaking to secure that -----

اذاقوا سرَّ عليِّ الرِّضِيِّ
 اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ ابْتَلَيْتَنَا فِي أَرْزَاقِنَا سُوءَ الظَّنِّ
 وَفِي أَجَالِنَا بَطُولَ الْأَمَلِ حَتَّى التَّمَسْنَا أَرْزَاقَكَ
 مِنْ الْمَرْزُوقِينَ وَطَمَعْنَا بِأَمْوَالِنَا فِي أَعْمَارِ الْمُعَمَّرِينَ
 فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَهَبْ لَنَا بَقِيئًا صَادِقًا
 تَكْفِينَا بِهِ مِنْ مَوْنَةِ الطَّلَبِ وَالْهَمِّ نَاقِثَةً
 خَالِصَةً تُغْفِينَا بِهَا مِنْ شَرِّ النَّصَبِ وَأَجْعَلْ
 مَا صَرَّحْتَ بِهِ مِنْ عَدْلِكَ فِي وَحْيِكَ وَأَنْبَعْنَهُ مِنْ
 قَسَمِكَ فِي كِتَابِكَ فَاطِعًا لَاهِنِمَا مِنَّا بِالرِّزْقِ
 الَّذِي تَكَفَّلْتَ بِهِ وَحَسْمًا لِلْإِسْتِغَالِ بِمَا

a sufficiency of which Thou hast guaranteed.

For Thou hast said — Thy saying is right and most true — sworn — Thy oath is most righteous and faithful — (saying), *“And in the sky is your subsistence and what you have been promised,”* and Thou hast added, *“And by the Lord then of heaven and earth ⁶¹ it ⁶² is as true as that you speak.”*

(30)

One of his prayers for help in repaying debts.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Give me security from a debt which causes my countenance to fade on account of which my wits are confounded, by reason of which my mind is perplexed and owing to uniform continuance of which my toil is prolonged. I seek Thy Protection, O Lord, against the sadness of debt and its care, the anxiety of debt -----

ضَمِنْتَ الْكِفَايَةَ لَهُ فُقُلْتَ وَقَوْلِكَ الْحَقُّ
 الْأَصْدَقُ وَأَفْسَمْتَ وَقَسَمْتَ الْأَبْرُ الْأَوْفَى
 وَفِي السَّمَاءِ رَزَقُكُمْ وَمَا نُوعِدُ وَفَوْرِبِ
 السَّمَاءِ الْأَرْضِ إِنَّهُ لَحَمِيْثٌ مَّا أَنْتُمْ تَنْظِقُونَ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ
 فِي الْمَعُونَةِ عَلَى فِضْلِ الدِّينِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَهَبْ لِي الْعَافِيَةَ
 مِنْ دَيْنِ تَخْلُقُ بِهِ وَجْهِي وَيَجَارِفُهُ ذَهَبِي وَتَشَعَّبُ
 لَهُ فِكْرِي وَيَطْوِلُ بِمَارَسِنِهِ شُغْلِي وَأَعُوذُ
 بِكَ يَا رَبِّ مِنْ هَمِّ الدِّينِ وَفِكْرِهِ وَشُغْلِ الدِّينِ

its sleeplessness. Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Protect me from it. Of Thee do I seek deliverance from its disgrace in this life and penalty after death. Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Deliver me from it with an excellent prosperity or sufficiency.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Restrain me from extravagance and excess. Correct me with generosity and economy. Teach me the (secret of) accurate (valuation of money). Graciously restrict me from dissipation. Let my sustenance flow from honest sources.

Direct my expenditure in matters of righteousness.

Keep off from me the wealth that would create in me conceit or lead me to stubbornly resist authority or render me oppressive.

O Lord, make me love the company

وَسَهْرَهُ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاعِدْنِي مِنْهُ وَ
 اسْتَجِبْ بِكَ يَا رَبِّ مِنْ ذَلَّلْنَاهُ فِي الْجَمُوعِ وَمَنْ تَبِعَنِي
 بَعْدَ الْوَفَاةِ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْرُنِي مِنْهُ بِوَسْعِ
 فَاضِلٍ أَوْ كِفَافٍ وَاصِلِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَآلِهِ وَاجْحُبْنِي عَنِ السَّرَفِ وَالْإِزْدِيَادِ وَقَوِّمْنِي
 بِالْبَدَلِ وَالْإِقْضَادِ وَعَلِّمْنِي حُسْنَ التَّقْدِيرِ وَ
 افْضِنِي بِلُطْفِكَ عَنِ التَّشْدِيدِ وَاجْرُنِي مِنْ سَبَابِ الْحَلَالِ
 أَرْزَأِيهِ وَوَجِّهْ فِي أَبْوَابِ الْبِرِّ انْقِصَانِي وَارْزُقْنِي
 مِنَ الْمَالِ مَا يَحْدُثُ لِي مَحْمِلَةً أَوْ نَادِيًا أَوْ نِغْمًا أَوْ
 مَا انْعَقَبَ مِنْهُ طُغْيَانًا اللَّهُمَّ حَبِّبْ لِي الصُّحْبَةَ

of the poor.⁶³ Help me in associating with them with abundant patience. Whatever Thou hast denied me of the goods of this mortal world, be pleased to store them up for me in Thy everlasting stores.

Let what Thou hast conferred on me of its trash and hast bestowed upon me of its goods, be a means of helping me to reach Thy neighborhood, a step ⁶⁴ in Thy direction and a means of entrance to Thy Paradise. Verily Thou art the Possessor of Great Kindness and Thou are Generous and Bountiful.

(31)

One of his prayers imploring repentance.

O Lord, Whom the praise of those that praise cannot describe. O Thou beyond Whom the hopes of such as hope cannot go. O Thou at Whom the reward of the righteous workers are not wasted. O Thou who art the object of fear for the devout. O Thou who art the -----

الْفُقْرَاءُ وَعَنِي عَلَى صِحْبَتِهِمْ مُحْسِنَ الصَّبْرِ وَمَا
 زَوَيْتَ عَنِّي مِنْ مَنَاعِ الدُّنْيَا الْفَانِيَةِ فَادْخِرْهُ
 لِي فِي خَزَائِنِكَ الْبَاقِيَةِ وَاجْعَلْ مَا خَوَّلْتَنِي مِنْ
 حُطَامِهَا وَعَجَلْتْ لِي مِنْ مَتَاعِهَا بُلْغَةً إِلَى الْجُورِكَ
 وَوَصْلَةً إِلَى الْقُرْبِكَ وَذَرِيعَةً إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ إِنَّكَ
 ذُو الْفَضْلِ الْعَظِيمِ وَأَنْتَ الْجَوَادُ الْكَرِيمُ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ دَعْوَاهُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ
 فِي ذِكْرِ النَّوْبِ وَطَلَبِهَا
 اللَّهُمَّ يَا مَنْ لَا يَصِفُهُ نَعْتُ الْوَاصِفِينَ وَيَأْمُرُ لَا
 يُجَاوِزُهُ رَجَاءُ الرَّاجِينَ وَيَأْمُرُ لَا يَضِيعُ لَدَيْهِ أَجْرُ

extremity of dread to the pious, this is the position of one whom the hands of sin have suddenly seized.

Who is pulled by the reins of guilt and over whom Satan has prevailed.

So he entirely failed to do what Thou hast commanded by omitting to perform it.

(He) lingered fondly in what Thou hast prohibited like one ignorant of Thy Power over him.

Or like the one who denies Thy precious benevolence to him till the eyes of guidance opened for him and clouds of blindness dispersed from him, when he fully realized what injustice he had done to his soul and thought of that in which he had opposed his Creator.

So he saw the heinousness of his guilt in all its magnitude.

(He saw) the greatness of his opposition in its full enormity.

Therefore he turned towards Thee hoping for Thy (Favor) -----

الْمُحْسِنِينَ وَيَأْمَنُ هُوَ مِنْهُمْ خَوْفِ الْعَابِدِينَ وَيَا
 مَنْ هُوَ غَايَةُ خَشْيَةِ الْمُتَّقِينَ هَذَا مَقَامٌ مِنْ ذَاوِ
 أَيْدِي الذُّنُوبِ وَفَادَتْهُ أَرْمَتُهُ الْخَطَايَا وَ
 اسْتَحْوَذَ عَلَيْهِ الشَّيْطَانُ فَفَصَّرَ عَمَّا أَمَرَتْ
 بِهِ نَفْرِيطًا وَتَعَاطَى مَا نَهَيْتَ عَنْهُ نَفْرِيًّا كَالْجَاهِلِ
 بِقُدْرَتِكَ عَلَيْهِ أَوْ كَالْمُنْكَرِ فَضَّلَ إِحْسَانَكَ
 إِلَيْهِ حَتَّى إِذَا انْفَخَّ لَهُ بَصَرُ الْهُدَى وَتَفَشَّعَتْ عَنْهُ
 سَحَابُ الْعَمَى أَحْصَى مَا ظَلَمَ بِهِ نَفْسَهُ وَفَكَرَفِيمَا
 خَالَفَ بِهِ رَبَّهُ فَرَأَى كَثِيرَ عَصِيَانِهِ كَثِيرًا وَ
 جَلِيلًا مَخَالَفَتِهِ حَلِيلًا فَأَقْبَلَ نَحْوَكَ مُؤْمِلًا لَكَ

feeling shame before Thee, directing his inclination unto thee, trusting in Thee truly, owing to his longing and turning towards Thee sincerely on account of his fear, his longing being free from everything longed for except Thee and his fear of every dreaded object, save Thee, being removed.

Therefore he stood up in Thy Presence; supplicating.

Bent his eyes towards the earth, meekly.

Bowed his head to Thy Majesty, humbly.

In lowliness of spirit made confession unto Thee of his secret which Thou knowest better than he and in humility enumerated his sins which Thou hast numbered.

(He) asked Thy deliverance from the greatest sin of those into which he fell with Thy Knowledge and from the worst of such as disgraced him in respect of Thy Command, the pleasures of which sins deserted him and passed away -----

مُسْتَجِيًّا مِنْكَ وَوَجَّهَ رُغْبَتَهُ إِلَيْكَ ثِقَّةً بِكَ
 فَأَمَّاكَ بِطَمَعِهِ بَقِيئًا وَقَصَدَكَ بِخَوْفِهِ إِخْلَاصًا
 فَدَخَلَ طَمَعُهُ مِنْ كُلِّ مَطْمُوعٍ فِيهِ غَيْرُكَ وَ
 افْرَحَ رَوْعُهُ مِنْ كُلِّ مَحْذُورٍ مِنْهُ سِوَاكَ فَثَلَّ
 بِبَيْدِكَ مُنْضِرًّا عَاوِغَمَّضَ بَصَرَهُ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ
 مُتَخَشِّعًا وَطَاطَا رَأْسَهُ لِعِزَّتِكَ مُنْذَلًّا وَابْتَدَأَ
 مِنْ سِرِّهِ مَا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنْهُ خُضُوعًا وَعَدَدًا
 مِنْ ذُنُوبِهِ مَا أَنْتَ أَحْصَى لَهَا خُشُوعًا وَاسْتِغَاثَ
 بِكَ مِنْ عَظِيمٍ مَا وَقَعَ بِهِ فِي عَمَلِكَ وَبَيَّحَ مَا فَضَحَهُ
 فِي حُكْمِكَ مِنْ ذُنُوبٍ أَدْبَرَتْ لَدَائِنُهَا فَذَهَبَتْ

the penalty of which stayed and became permanent.

He does not deny Thy Justice, O Lord, if Thou punish him.

He deems not Thy Forgiveness too great, if Thou forgive him and pity him for verily Thou art the Gracious Master Who dost not deem it difficult to forgive great sins.

Therefore, behold, O Lord.

Here I am.

I have come to Thee in prayer, in obedience to Thy Command, expecting the fulfillment of Thy Promise, wherein Thou hast promised to answer. Thou hast said, *"Call upon Me. I will hearken unto you."* 65

Therefore, bless, O Lord, Muhammad and his descendants.

Grant me Thy Pardon as I have come to Thee in confession.

Raise me from the stumbling block of sin as I have humbled my spirit before Thee. Hide me with Thy covering as Thou hast delayed to -----

وَأَقَامَتْ نَبْعَانَهَا فَلَزِمَتْ لَا يَنْكُرُ يَا إِلَهِي عَدْلَكَ
 أَنْ عَاقَبْتَهُ وَلَا يَسْتَعْظِمُ عَفْوُكَ أَنْ عَفَوْتَ عَنْهُ
 وَرَحْمَتَهُ لِأَنَّكَ الرَّبُّ الْكَرِيمُ الَّذِي لَا
 يَبْعَاطُضُهُ عُفْرَانُ الذَّنْبِ الْعَظِيمِ اللَّهُمَّ فَهَذَا
 أَنَا ذُو فَدْحُنِكَ مُطِيعًا لِأَمْرِكَ فِيمَا أَمَرْتَ بِهِ
 مِنْ الدُّعَاءِ مُنْجِزًا وَعَدْلِكَ فِيمَا وَعَدْتَ بِهِ مِنْ
 الْإِجَابَةِ إِذْ نَقُولُ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ اللَّهُمَّ
 فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَالْفَنِي بِمَغْفِرَتِكَ كَمَا لَفَيْتُكَ
 بِإِفْرَارِي وَأَزْفَعِي عَنْ مَصَارِعِ الذُّنُوبِ كَمَا وَضَعْتَ
 لَكَ نَفْسِي وَأَسْتُرُنِي بِسِتْرِكَ كَمَا نَانَيْتُنِي عَنِ

wreak vengeance on me.

O Lord, confirm my resolution to obey Thee.

Strengthen my insight in adoring Thee.

Give me grace for actions that may wash off the taint of guilt from me.

Let me die in Thy creed and the creed of Thy Apostle, Muhammad (peace be on him) when Thou makest me to die.

O Lord, I repent unto Thee in this situation of my great sins,

And the small,

Of the open wrongs,

The hidden ones and my old errors.

And those that are recent with the repentance of him who would not even talk to his soul of disobedience, nor ever think of returning to sin.

Verily Thou hast said, O Lord, in Thy Mighty Book that Thou acceptest repentance from Thy creatures, forgivest sins and that Thou lovest -----

الْإِنْتِقَامِ مِنِّي اللَّهُمَّ وَثَبَّتْ فِي طَاعِنِكَ بِنْتِي
 وَأَحْكَمْ فِي عِبَادَتِكَ بَصِيرَتِي وَوَفَّقْنِي مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ
 لِمَا نَفْسُهُ دَنَسَ الْخَطَايَا عَنِّي وَتَوَفَّنِي عَلَى مِلَّتِكَ
 وَمِلَّةِ نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ إِذَا تَوَفَّيْتَنِي
 اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ فِي مَقَامِي هَذَا مِنْ كِبَائِرِ
 ذُنُوبِي وَصَغَائِرِهَا وَبِوَاطِئِ سَيِّئَاتِي وَظَوَاهِرِهَا
 وَسَوَائِفِ زَلَالَتِي وَحَوَادِثِهَا تَوْبَةً مِنْ لَا يُحَدِّثُ
 نَفْسَهُ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ وَلَا يَضْمُرُ أَنْ يَعُودَ فِي خَطِيئَةٍ
 وَقَدْ قُلْتَ يَا إِلَهِي فِي مُحْكَمِ كِتَابِكَ إِنَّكَ تَقْبَلُ
 التَّوْبَةَ عَنْ عِبَادِكَ وَتَعْفُو عَنِ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَتُحِبُّ

those who repent,⁶⁶ therefore, accept my repentance as Thou hast promised. Forgive my sins as Thou has guaranteed. Grant me Thy Love as Thou hast agreed. I offer unto Thee, O Lord, my promise that I will not return to what Thou hatest; my guarantee that I will not go back to what Thou disapprovest; and my covenant that I will give up all acts of disobedience unto Thee.

O Lord, verily Thou knowest better what I have done. Therefore, forgive me what Thou knowest. With Thy Power, turn me to what Thou Lovest.

O Lord, I am under obligations, some of which I do not remember and some of which I have forgotten but all of them are before Thy Eye which does not sleep and before Thy Knowledge which does not forget. Therefore, give compensation to those that are entitled to it from me. Remove the burden of those (obligations) from me. Lighten their weight for me. Guard me from going near the like of them again.

التَّوَابِينَ فَاقْبَلْ نُوبَتِي كَمَا وَعَدْتَنِي وَأَعْفُ عَنِّي
 سَيِّئَاتِي كَمَا ضَمِنْتَ وَأَوْجِبْ لِي مَجْتَنِكَ كَمَا
 شَرَطْتَ وَلَكَ يَا رَبِّ شَرْطِي إِلَّا أَعُوذُ فِي مَكْرُوهِكَ
 وَضَمَانِي إِلَّا أَرْجِعْ فِي مَذْمُومِكَ وَعَهْدِي أَنْ
 أَهْجُرَ جَمِيعَ مَعَاصِيكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا عَمِلْتُ
 فَاعْفُرْ لِي مَا عَمِلْتُ وَأَصْرِفْ بِنُفْعِكَ إِلَى مَا
 لِي بِحَبِيبِكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَعَلِيَّ نِعَاتٍ فَدَحِظْ نَهْرَ نِعَاتِي
 فَدَسِّسْ نَهْرَ وَكُلُّهُنَّ بِعَيْنِكَ الَّتِي لَا تَنَامُ وَعَمَلِكَ
 الَّذِي لَا يَنْسَى فَعَوِّضْ مِنْهَا أَهْلَهَا وَأَحْطِطْ عَنِّي
 وَزُرْهَا وَخَفِّفْ عَنِّي ثِقَلَهَا وَأَعِصْمِي أَنْ أَفَارِقَ

O Lord, verily I cannot be faithful
to my repentance —

Save with Thy Protection.

Nor can I withhold myself from trans-
gression —

Save with Thy Power.

Therefore, strengthen me with a suffi-
cient strength.

Guard me with effectual protection.

O Lord, whatever creature repents un-
to Thee and he, in Thy secret Knowledge,
is (sure) to violate his (oaths of) repen-
tance and return to his sin and transgres-
sion, then, verily I crave Thy Protection
against being like this.

Therefore let this my repentance be
a penitence after which I may have no
need to repent — a repentance causing
obliteration of what is past and safety
in what remains.

O Lord, I apologize unto Thee for my
ignorance.

I ask Thy Pardon for my evil actions.

Therefore, admit me into -----

مِثْلَهَا اللَّهُمَّ وَإِنَّهُ لَأَوْفَاءُ لِي بِالتَّوْبَةِ إِلَّا
 بِعِصْمَتِكَ وَلَا اسْتِمْسَاكَ بِي عَنِ الْخَطِيَايَا الْأَعْرُ
 قُونَكَ فَفَوِّزِي بِنُفُوقِ كَافِيَةٍ وَتَوَلَّيْنِي بِعِصْمَةِ
 مَانِعَةٍ اللَّهُمَّ أَيُّمَا عَبْدٍ نَابَ إِلَيْكَ وَهُوَ فِي
 عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ عِنْدَكَ فَاسْخُ لِنُؤْبَتِهِ وَعَائِدِي فِي
 ذَنْبِهِ وَخَطِيئَتِهِ فَإِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَكُونَ
 كَذَلِكَ فَاجْعَلْ تَوْبَتِي هَذِهِ تَوْبَةً لَا أَحْتَاجُ
 بَعْدَهَا إِلَى تَوْبَةٍ تَوْبَةٍ مُوجِبَةٍ لِحُومِ مَا سَلَفَ
 وَالسَّلَامَةَ فِي مَا بَقِيَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْتَدْتُ مِنْ
 جَهْلِي وَأَسْتَوْهَبُكَ سُوءِ فِعْلِي فَاضْمَنْنِي إِلَيْ

the protection of Thy Mercy with Thy Grace.

Cover me with the covering of Thy security, with Thy Favor.

I repent unto Thee of everything which contradicts Thy Will or which forfeited Thy Love of the thoughts of my heart, glances of my eye and utterances of my tongue with a repentance whereby every organ may remain safe in itself from Thy punishment and be secure from what the transgressors fear of Thy painful Wrath.

Therefore, have mercy, O Lord, upon my lowliness in Thy Presence,

Upon my heart which beats violently because of fear of Thee and

Upon my limbs which tremble through dread of Thee for verily, O my Sustainer, my sins have placed me in a disgraceful situation in Thy Presence so that if I remain silent, no one will speak on my behalf.

If I beg for intercession, I am not worthy of it.

كَفِّ رَحْمَتِكَ تَطَوُّلاً وَاسْتُرْنِي بِسِتْرِ
 عَافِيَتِكَ تَفَضُّلاً اللَّهُمَّ وَإِنِّي تَوْبُ إِلَيْكَ
 مِنْ كُلِّ مَا خَالَفَ إِرَادَتَكَ أَوْ زَالَ عَزْمُكَ
 مِنْ خَطَرَاتِ قَلْبِي وَحَطَّاتِ عَيْنِي وَحِكَايَاتِ
 لِسَانِي تَوْبَةً تَسْلِمُ بِهَا كُلُّ جَارِحَةٍ عَلَى حِمْلِهَا
 مِنْ بَعَائِنِكَ وَتَأْمُرُهَا بِخَافِ الْمَعْدُونِ مِنَ الْيَمِّ
 سَطْوَانِكَ اللَّهُمَّ فَارْحَمْ وَحْدَيْتِي بِزَيْدِكَ
 وَوَجِيبَ قَلْبِي مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ وَاضْطِرَابِ أَرْكَانِي
 مِنْ هَيْبَتِكَ فَقَدْ أَفَاشَنِي يَا رَبِّ ذُنُوبِي مُقَامِ
 الْخُرْبِيِّ بِفِنَائِكَ فَإِنْ سَكَتُ لَمْ يَنْطِقْ عَنِّي أَحَدٌ

and if I beg for intercession, I am not worthy of it.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Let Thy Grace intercede for my wrongs. Turn to my evil with Thy Forgiveness. Do not visit me with what I deserve of Thy torment.

Spread over me Thy Bounty.

Cover me with Thy Screen.

Do unto me that which a respectable master would do out of pity unto an unworthy slave who begs for mercy or that which a possessor of wealth would do to relieve a needy creature who appears before him.

O Lord, there is none to shelter me from Thee, therefore, Thy Majesty ought to protect me. There is none to intercede for me with Thee. Therefore, Thy Kindness ought to mediate for me. Verily, errors have terrified me, therefore, Thy Forgiveness ought to assure me. For whatever I have spoken (is) not from ignorance of my evil deeds, nor from any oblivion of what has gone -----

وَإِنْ شَفَعْتُ فَلَسْتُ بِأَهْلِ الشَّفَاعَةِ اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَشَفِّعْ فِي خَطَايَايَ
 كَرَمَكَ وَعُدْ عَلَيَّ سَيِّئَاتِي بِعَفْوِكَ وَلَا تُجْزِنِي
 جَزَائِي مِنْ عِقَابِكَ وَأَبْطِطْ عَلَيَّ طَوْلَكَ وَجَلِّئِي
 بِسِتْرِكَ وَأَفْعَلْ لِي فِعْلَ عَزِيزٍ تَضَرَّعَ إِلَيْهِ عَبْدٌ
 ذَلِيلٌ فَرِحَهُ أَوْغِي تَعَرَّضَ لَهُ عَبْدٌ فُفِرَ فَعْشَهُ
 اللَّهُمَّ لَا خَفِيرَ لِي مِنْكَ فَلِخَفَرِنِي عَزِّكَ وَلَا
 شَفِيعَ لِي إِلَيْكَ فَلِشَفِّعْ لِي فَضْلَكَ وَقَدْ أَوْجَلْتَنِي
 خَطَايَايَ فَلْيُوْمِنِي عَفْوِكَ فَمَا كُلُّ مَا نَطَفْتُ
 بِهِ عَنْ جَهْلٍ مِنْ بَسْوَةِ أَثْرِي وَلَا نِسْبَانٍ لِي مَسْبُوقِ

before of my blame-worthy conduct but in order that Thy Heaven and those in it and Thy earth and those upon it, may listen to what I have expressed unto Thee of contrition and of repentance through which I have sought Thy Shelter, expecting that perhaps some of them may, through Thy Grace, pity me, owing to my unfavorable situation or that tenderness for me may overcome someone on account of my evil plight and I may thus obtain from him a prayer more worthy of being listened to than my own entreaty or an intercession stronger than my own pleading (and) which may be the cause of my deliverance from Thy Wrath, and of success in winning Thy Approbation.

O Lord, if contrition be a (sufficient) repentance in Thy Sight, verily I am the most contrite of those who feel contrition. If the giving up of Thy disobedience be conversion, then I am the foremost of converts. If asking forgiveness remove

مِنْ ذَمِّمْ فَعَلِي لَيْكُنْ لَتَسْمَعَنَّ سَمَاوُكَ وَمَنْ فِيهَا
 وَأَرْضُكَ وَمَنْ عَلَيْهَا مَا أَظْهَرْتُ لَكَ مِنَ النَّدَمِ
 وَجَاءَتْ إِلَيْكَ فِيهِ مِنَ التَّوْبَةِ فَلَعَلَّ بَعْضَهُمْ
 بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَرْحَمُنِي لِسُوءِ مَوْفِعِي أَوْ نَدْرِكُهُ الرِّفْقَةَ
 عَلَيَّ لِسُوءِ حَالِي فِي النَّيْمِ مِنْهُ بِدَعْوَةٍ هِيَ أَسْمَعُ لَدَيْكَ
 مِنْ دُعَائِي أَوْ شَفَاعَةٍ أَوْ كَدُّعِنْدَكَ مِنْ شَفَاعَتِي
 تَكُونُ بِهَا نَجَاتِي مِنْ غَضَبِكَ وَفَوْزَتِي بِرِضَاكَ
 اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ يَكُنِ النَّدَمُ تَوْبَةً إِلَيْكَ فَأَنَا أَنْدَمُ
 النَّادِمِينَ وَإِنْ يَكُنِ الشَّرْكُ لِمَعْصِيَتِكَ إِنْابَةً
 فَأَنَا أَوْلُ الْمُنْبِئِينَ وَإِنْ يَكُنِ الْإِسْتِغْفَارُ حِطَّةً

sins, then verily I am of those who pray unto Thee for pardon.

O Lord, as Thou hast enjoined repentance, guaranteed acceptance, hast encouraged prayer and promised to answer, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Accept my repentance.

Do not turn me back disappointed from Thy Mercy.

Verily, Thou art the greatest acceptor of repentance (from) sinners and compassionate to the erring that return (unto Thee).

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants as Thou hast guided us through him.

Bless Muhammad and his descendants as Thou hast delivered us by him.

Bless Muhammad and his descendants with a blessing which may intercede with Thee for us on the Day of Resurrection and the Day of Need.

Verily Thou hast power over everything and everything is easy for Thee.

لِلذُّنُوبِ فَإِنِّي لَكَ مِنَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ اللَّهُمَّ فَكَمَا
 أَمَرْتَ بِالتَّوْبَةِ وَضَمِنْتَ الْقَبُولَ وَخَشْتِ عَلَى
 الدُّعَاءِ وَوَعَدْتَ الْأَجَابَةَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَاقْبَلْ تَوْبَتِي وَلَا تَرْجِعْنِي مَرَجِعَ الْخَيْبَةِ مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ
 إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ عَلَى الْمُنْذِرِينَ وَالرَّحِيمُ
 لِلْخَاطِئِينَ الْمُنِيبِينَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 كَمَا هَدَيْتَنَاهُ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ كَمَا
 اسْتَنْقَذْتَنَاهُ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ صَلَوَةٌ تَشْفَعُ
 لَنَا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَيَوْمَ الْفَاغِزِ إِلَيْكَ إِنَّكَ
 عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ وَهُوَ عَلَيْكَ لَيْسِيرٌ

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One of his prayers after completing his nightly vigil for himself and in confession of sins.

O Lord, O Possessor of the eternally lasting kingdom.

Of Authority, predominant without (support of) armies and (other) assistances;

Of Majesty, lasting despite the passage of ages and the succession of years and the passing of eras and days.

Thy Authority prevails with a predominance that has no bounds as regards beginning and no limit with regard to end.

Exalted is Thy Kingdom with an elevation so that (all) things fall short of reaching their utmost height and the least of it wherewith Thou hast distinguished Thyself cannot be reached by the utmost praises of those that praise.

In Thee are attributes confounded

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اللَّهُمَّ يَا ذَا الْمَلِكِ الْمُنَابِدِ بِالْخُلُودِ وَالسُّلْطَانِ
 الْمُتَمَنِّعِ بِغَيْرِ جُودٍ وَلَا أَعْوَانٍ وَالْعِزِّ الْبَائِقِ
 عَلَى مَرِّ الدُّهُورِ وَخَوَالِي الْأَعْوَامِ وَمَوَاضِي الْأَزْمَانِ
 وَالْأَيَّامِ عَزَّ سُلْطَانُكَ عِزًّا الْأَحَدَ لَهُ يَا وَائِيَّةُ
 وَلَا مُنْهَى لَهُ بِأَخْرِيَّةٍ وَاسْتَعْلَى مَلِكُكَ عَلَوًّا
 سَقَطَتِ الْأَشْيَاءُ دُونَ بُلُوغِ أَمْدِهِ وَلَا يَبْلُغُ
 أَدْنَى مَا اسْتَأْثَرَتْ بِهِ مِنْ ذَلِكَ أَفْضَى نَعْتِ
 النَّاعِزِ ضَلَّتْ فِيكَ الصِّفَاتُ وَتَفَسَّخَتْ

and descriptions of Thee brought to nought.

With ⁶⁷ Thy Majesty, the powers of the imagination are overwhelmed.

Such Thou art O God, pre-eminent in Thy Pre-eminence and will remain so always without decay.

I am a servant, meagre as regards good deeds and overfull of hopes.

From my hands are gone the means of obtaining my desires except what Thy Grace has given unto me.

For me are cut the cords of hope, save Thy Forgiveness on which I rely.

Little do I possess (of) that which I may reckon (to be) of service to Thee.

There is much against me which I admit (is) disobedience to Thee.

Still it is not difficult for Thee to forgive Thy servant, even though wicked.

Therefore, forgive me.

O Lord, verily Thy Knowledge extends to secret acts -----

دُونَكَ النَّعُوتُ وَحَارَتْ فِي كِبَرِيَّاتِكَ لَطَائِفُ
 الْأَوْهَامِ كَذَلِكَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ الْأَوَّلُ فِي أَوْلِيَّتِكَ
 وَعَلَى ذَلِكَ أَنْتَ دَائِمٌ لَا تَزُولُ وَأَنَا الْعَبْدُ
 الضَّعِيفُ عَمَلًا الْحَسِيمُ أَمَّا خَرَجَتْ مِنْ يَدِي
 سَبَابُ الْوُضُلَانِ إِلَّا مَا وَصَلَهُ رَحْمَتُكَ وَ
 نَقَطَتْ عَنِّي عَصْمُ الْأُمَالِ إِلَّا مَا أَنَا مُعْتَصِمٌ بِهِ
 مِنْ عَفْوِكَ قَلَّ عِنْدِي مَا أَعْتَدْتَهُ مِنْ طَاعَتِكَ
 وَكَثُرَ عَلَيَّ مَا أَبُوءُ بِهِ مِنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ وَلَنْ
 يَضِيقَ عَلَيْكَ عَفْوُ عَجْبِكَ وَإِنْ أَسَاءَ فَاَعْفُ
 عَنِّي اللَّهُمَّ وَفَدِّ اشْرَفْ عَلَى خَفَايَا الْأَعْمَالِ

Every hidden thing is revealed to Thy insight and the most minute affairs are not lost sight of by Thee nor do the most hidden secrets remain unknown to Thee.

Verily I have been overpowered by Thy enemy who begged of Thee leisure to mislead me.

Thou didst grant him that, asked of Thee, time till Doomsday to lead me astray.

Thou gavest him time so he has involved me (in ruin).⁶⁸

Verily I fled unto Thee from small sins that are pernicious and great ones that are destructive (but in vain).

When I transgressed against Thee and became worthy of Thy Wrath for my misconduct, he snatched the reins of his deception away from me, faced me with his blasphemy, sought separation from me and turned away his face from me.⁶⁹

So he led me alone to the forest of Thy Wrath -----

عِلْمِكَ وَانْكَشَفَ كُلَّ مَسْتُورٍ دُونَ خَبْرِكَ وَلَا
 نَطَّوِي عَنْكَ دَفَائِقُ الْأُمُورِ وَلَا نَغْرُبُ عَنْكَ
 غَيْبَاتُ السَّرَائِرِ وَفَدَا سَخْرَ عَلِيٍّ عَدُوَّكَ
 الَّذِي اسْتَنْظَرَكَ لِعَوَائِثِي فَأَنْظَرْنَهُ وَأَسْمَهَكَ
 إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ لِأَضْلَالِي فَأَمَهَلْنَهُ فَأَوْفَعْنِي وَفَدَا
 هَرَبْتُ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ صَغَارِ ذُنُوبٍ مُوْبِقَةٍ وَكِبَائِرِ
 أَعْمَالٍ مُرْدِيَةٍ حَتَّى إِذَا فَارَفْتُ مَعْصِدَكَ وَ
 اسْتَوْجَبْتُ لِسُوءِ سَعْيِي سَخَطَكَ فَتَلَعْنِي عِنْدَ
 عُدُنِ وَتَلَقَّانِي بِكَلِمَةِ كَفْرِهِ وَتَوَلَّى الْبِرَاءَةَ
 مِنِّي وَأَدْبَرَ مَوْلِيَّاعَنِي فَأَصْحَرَنِي لِغَضَبِكَ فَرِيدًا

turned me out rejected (to wander) in the expanse of Thy Chastisement, there being no mediator to intercede for me with Thee, no protector to shelter me against Thee, no stronghold to hide me from Thee and no refuge to which I could retreat from Thee.

Such, therefore, is the position of one who seeks Thy Shelter and the situation of one who makes confession unto Thee. Therefore, do not withdraw Thy Grace from me. Do not stint Thy Pardon in my case.

Do not let me be the most disappointed of Thy repentant servants, nor the most hopeless of those who wait upon Thee expecting (success). Forgive me, for verily Thou art the best of those that Forgive. O Lord, verily Thou didst Command me and I failed (to obey) and didst restrict me and I rebelled. Evil thoughts adorned wrong for me so that I welcomed it. I called on no day to be witness to my fast, on no night to be neighbor⁷⁰ to my vigils, no -----

وَأَخْرِجَنِي إِلَىٰ فِتْنَاءِ نَفْسِكَ طَرِيدًا لِأَشْفِيعُ شَفِيعًا
 لِي إِلَيْكَ وَلَا خَفِيرٌ يُؤْمِنُنِي عَلَيْكَ وَلَا حَصْرٌ
 بِحُجْبَتِي عَنْكَ وَلَا مَلَاذٌ إِلَّا إِلَىٰ إِلَهِمِنِكَ فَهَذَا
 مَقَامُ الْعَائِدِ بِكَ وَمَحَلُّ الْمُعْرِفِ لَكَ فَلَا يَضِيقَنَّ
 عَنِّي فَضْلُكَ وَلَا يَقْصُرَنَّ دُونِي عَيْفُوكَ وَلَا أَكُنْ
 أَخِيْبَ عِبَادِكَ النَّائِبِينَ وَلَا أَتَطْ وَفُودِكَ
 الْأَمْلِيذِ وَأَغْفِرْ لِي إِنَّكَ خَيْرُ الْغَافِرِينَ اللَّهُمَّ
 إِنَّكَ أَمَرْتَنِي فَتَرَكْتُ وَنَهَيْتَنِي فَرَكِبْتُ وَسَوَّلْتَ
 لِي الْخَطَا خَاطِرُ السُّوءِ فَفَرَّطْتُ وَلَا أَسْتَشْهَدُ
 عَلَىٰ صِيَامِي نَهَارًا وَلَا أَسْتَجِيرُ بِنَهْجِي لَيْلًا وَلَا

good practice praises me for having revived it to say nothing of duties enjoined by Thee which whosoever neglected was ruined.

I do not seek introduction to Thee. By the excellence of any voluntary devotion, when I have neglected to perform great numbers of Thy fixed and appointed duties and have gone beyond Thy defined limits into forbidden things in which I am involved and from the bad reputation of heinous sins which I have committed, there is no screen for me save Thy Protection.

This is the position of one who is ashamed of his soul before Thee, is angry with it and (he) is satisfied with Thee.

Therefore, he turned to Thee with a spirit meek, a neck bowed down, and a back overburdened with errors, standing between longing for Thee and fear of Thee. Thou art the most worthy of those in whom we trust and the most deserving of those feared _____

نُشِّي عَلَيَّ بِأَجْيَائِهَا سِنَّةٌ حَاشَى فِرْوَضِكَ الَّتِي
 مَرَضِعَتُهَا هَلَكَ وَلَسْتُ أَتَوَسَّلُ إِلَيْكَ بِفَضْلِ
 نَافِلَةٍ مَعَ كَثِيرٍ مِمَّا أَغْفَلْتُ مِرْوَظَاتُكَ فِرْوَضِكَ
 وَتَعَدَّيْتُ عَنْ مَقَامَاتِ حُدُودِكَ إِلَى حُرْمَاتِ
 أَنْتَهَكْتُهَا وَكَبَّرْتُ ذُنُوبِي إِجْرَحْتُهَا كَأَنَّكَ عَافِيُنَا
 لِي مِرْفَاضِي حَمَاهَا سِتْرًا وَهَذَا مَقَامٌ مَنِ اسْتَجَبِي
 لِنَفْسِهِ مِنْكَ وَسَخِطَ عَلَيْهِمْ وَأَرْضِي عَنْكَ فَلَمَّا ك
 يَنْفِرُ خَاشِعَةً وَرِقَبَةً خَاضِعَةً وَظَهْرٌ مُثْقَلٌ
 مِنَ الْخَطَايَا وَإِفْطَائِرُ الرَّغْبَةِ إِلَيْكَ وَالرَّهْبَةَ
 مِنْكَ وَأَنْتَ أَوْلَى مِنْ رَجَائِهِ وَأَحْوَى مِنْ خَشْيَتِهِ وَ

and dreaded.

Therefore, give me, O Lord, what I hope for.

Protect me from what I fear.

Bless me with a gift ⁷¹ of Thy Mercy.

Verily, Thou art the Most Generous of those that are entreated.

O Lord, as Thou hast enveloped me with Thy Pardon, sheathed me with Thy Grace in this abode of mortality, in the presence of (my) equals, deliver me from the ignominies in the abode of permanence, in the presence of Thy favorite angels and honorable Prophets, martyrs, the righteous of my neighbors from whom I concealed my evils and of kindred before whom I was ashamed because of my secret acts.

I never relied on them, O my Patron, in (throwing) a covering over me ⁷² and trusted in Thee, my Lord, to forgive me. Thou art the Most Worthy of those that are relied on, -----

وَأَنْفَاهُ فَأَعْطِنِي يَا رَبِّ مَارْجَوْتُ وَأَمِنِّي مَا حَدِثُ
 وَعُدُّ عَلَيَّ بِعَائِدِكَ رَحْمَتِكَ إِنَّكَ أَكْرَمُ الْمَسْئُولِينَ
 اللَّهُمَّ وَإِذْ سَتَرْتَنِي بِعَفْوِكَ وَتَعَمَّدْتَنِي بِفَضْلِكَ
 فِي دَارِ الْفَنَاءِ بِحَضْرَةِ الْأَكْفَاءِ فَأَجْرُنِي مِنْ
 فِضَائِحِ دَارِ الْبَقَاءِ عِنْدَ مَوَافِقِ الْأَشْهَادِ
 مِنَ الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ وَالرُّسُلِ الْمَكْرَمِينَ
 وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ مِنْ جَارِكُنْتُ أَكَاثِمُهُ
 سَيِّئَاتِي وَمِنْ ذِي رَحْمٍ كُنْتُ أَحْتَشِمُ مِنْهُ فِي
 سِرِّي رَاتِي لَمْ أَتُفِئْ بِهِمْ رَبِّي فِي السِّرِّ عَلَيَّ وَوَقَّعْتُ
 بِكَ رَبِّي فِي الْمَغْفِرَةِ لِي وَأَنْتَ أَوْلَى مِنْ تَوْفِيئِهِ

the Most Bountiful of those that are prayed to and the most Gracious of those that are entreated for mercy; therefore, pity me. O Lord, Thou didst cause me to flow down as a mean liquid through the spine consisting of narrow vertebrae (having) narrow passages into a narrow womb in which Thou didst wrap me up in covering, evolving me from stage to stage till Thou broughtest me to the perfection of form and didst develop in me organs as Thou hast described in Thy Book ⁷³, a seed ⁷⁴, then a clot (of blood), then a lump of flesh, then (a frame of) bones, then Thou didst clothe the bones with flesh, then Thou created me a distinct creature according to Thy Will.

For as long as I felt need of Thy Nourishment and could not be independent of craving Thy Bounty, Thou didst provide nourishment for me, excelling food and drink, which Thou didst cause to flow from the (breast of) Thy handmaid, of whose belly Thou didst make me an inmate, -----

وَأَعْطَى مَنْ رَغِبَ إِلَيْهِ وَأَرَأْفُ مِنْ سُنْحِمِ فَا رَحِمِي
 اللَّهُمَّ وَأَنْتَ حَدَرْتَنِي مَاءَ مَهِينًا مِنْ صُلْبِ مَضَاوِي
 الْعِظَامِ حَرَجِ الْمَسَالِكِ إِلَى رَحِمِ صَبِيحَةٍ سَنَّهَا
 بِأَجْبٍ تُصَرِّفُنِي جَالًا عَرُجًا حَتَّى أَنْتَهَيْتَ بِي الْغَنَامَ
 الصُّورَةَ وَأَبْتَّتْ فِي الْجَوَارِحِ كَمَا لَفَّتْ فِي كِبَابِكَ
 نُطْقَةً ثُمَّ عَلَفَتْ ثُمَّ مَضَعَتْ ثُمَّ عَطَّاهُ ثُمَّ كَسَوَتْ
 الْعِظَامَ لِحْمًا ثُمَّ أَنْشَأَنِي خَلْقًا آخَرَ كَمَا شِئْتَ
 حَتَّى إِذَا احْتَجَّتْ إِلَى رِزْقِكَ وَلَمْ أَسْتَغْنِ عَنْ غِيَاثِكَ
 فَضْلِكَ جَعَلْتَ لِي قُوَانِمًا مِنْ فَضْلِ طَعَامٍ وَشَرَابٍ
 لِحَرِيَّتِهِ لِأَمْنِكَ الَّتِي اسْكَنْتَنِي جَوْفَهَا وَأَوْدَعْتَنِي

and in the innermost cavity of whose womb Thou didst deposit me. Hadst Thou consigned me, O Patron, in those circumstances to my own strength or compelled me to resort to my own power, verily my strength would have forsaken me and my power would have been far away from me. Therefore, Thou fed me from Thy Grace with a wholesome, delicate nutriment. This Thou art doing to me as a matter of kindness to me, to my present moment⁷⁵. Thy Kindness does not diminish, nor does Thy Benevolence towards me linger. Despite this my confidence does not become confirmed to enable me to disengage myself from seeking that which would be more seemly for me in Thy Sight. Verily, Satan has taken possession of my rein (with) my misgiving and weakness of belief. I complain to Thee of his evil companionship and of the obedience of my soul to him, crave Thy Protection against his domination and humbly entreat Thee to make it easy for me -----

فرار رحمها ولو تكلمني يارب في تلك الحالات
 إلى حولي وأضطررتي التي قوتني لكان الحول عني
 معتزلاً ولا كانت القوة مني بعيدة فقدوتني
 بفضلك غذاء البر اللطيف تفعل ذلك بي
 تطولاً عليّ إلى غايتي هديك لا أعدم برك ولا يبطئ
 بي حسن صنيعك ولا تشاكدم مع ذلك ثقتي
 فأفرغ ما هو أخطئ في عندك فدملك الشيطان
 عناني في سوء الظن وضعف اليقين فانا أشكو
 سوء مجاورته لي وطاعة نفسي له وأسئصمك
 من مملكته وانضرع إليك في أن تسهل إلي

to obtain a livelihood.

And all praise is due to Thee for Thy being the first to confer magnificent Favors, for Thy inspiring gratitude (in return) for Beneficence and Bounty. Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Facilitate the obtaining of subsistence for me. Let me be contented with Thy Decree for me. Satisfy me with my share in what Thou hast allotted to me. Let whatever is gone of my body and age, be⁷⁶ in the path of Thy Service. Verily Thou art the best Sustainer.

O Lord, I take refuge in Thee from a fire which Thou heaped upon me who disobeyes Thee with which Thou threatenest him who strays from obedience to Thy Will; from a fire, the light of which is darkness, the mildest of which is agonizing and the distance of which is small⁷⁷; from a fire, one part of which consumes some other part of it and some part of which attacks some other portion; from a fire which reduces the bones to -----

رِزْقِي سَبِيلًا فَالْحَمْدُ عَلَى ابْنِدَائِكَ بِالنِّعَمِ
الْجِسَامِ وَالْهَامِكِ الشُّكْرَ عَلَى الْإِحْسَانِ وَالْأَنْفَاءِ
فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَاللَّهِ وَسَهَّلْ عَلَيَّ رِزْقِي وَأَنْ تَفْعَلَنِي
بِنِقْدِيرِكَ لِي وَأَنْ تُرَضِّنِي بِحَصْنِي فِيمَا قَسَمْتَ لِي
وَأَنْ تَجْعَلَ مَا ذَهَبَ مِنْ جِسْمِي وَعُمُرِي فِي سَبِيلِ
طَاعَتِكَ إِنَّكَ خَيْرُ الرَّازِقِينَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ
مِنْ نَارٍ تَغْلَظُ بِهَا عَلَى مَنْ عَصَاكَ وَتَوَعَّدَتْ بِهَا
مَنْ صَدَفَ عَنْ رِضَاكَ وَمِنْ نَارٍ نُورُهَا ظِلْمَةٌ وَهَيْبَتُهَا
إِلْمٌ وَبَعِيدُهَا قَرِيبٌ وَمِنْ نَارٍ يَأْكُلُ بَعْضُهَا
بَعْضًا وَيَصُولُ بَعْضُهَا عَلَى بَعْضٍ وَمِنْ نَارٍ تَنْدُرُ الْعِظَامَ

decay and makes their inmates drink hot water; from a fire which gives not quarter to any who supplicate it and does not show mercy to any who pray to it for kindness. It has no power to abate from anyone who humbles himself before it and submits to it. It presents its inmates with the hottest of what it possesses of tormenting punishment and intense misery.

I crave Thy Protection from its open-mouthed scorpions, its serpents ready to bite with their fangs, its drink which cuts asunder intestines and hearts of those who dwell therein and tears out their hearts. I beg of Thee direction for what would keep me off from this fire and hold me back from it.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Protect me from it with Thy excellent Grace. Overlook my errors with Thy gracious Pardon. Do not disgrace me, O Best of Protectors, for verily Thou wardest off evil -----

رِيمًا وَتَسْقِي أَهْلَهَا حَمِيمًا وَمِنْ نَارٍ لَا تَبْقَى عَلَى مَنْ
 فَضَرَ عَالِيَهَا وَلَا تَرْحَمُ مَنْ اسْتَعْظَفَهَا وَلَا تَقْدِرُ
 عَلَى التَّخْفِيفِ عَمَّنْ خَشَعَ لَهَا وَاسْتَسَلِمَ إِلَيْهَا سَوْئَهَا
 بِأَحْرَمٍ مَالِدِيهَا مِنْ أَيْمِ التَّكَالِ وَشَدِيدِ الْوَبَالِ
 وَأَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ عَفَارِيبِهَا الْفَاعِرَةِ أَوْ أَهْهَا وَجِبَابِهَا
 الصَّالِقَةِ بَانِبَابِهَا وَشَرَابِهَا الَّذِي يَقَطَعُ أَمْعَاءَ وَ
 أَفْئِدَةَ سَكَّانِهَا وَيَنْزِعُ قُلُوبَهُمْ وَأَسْنَهُدِيكَ
 لِمَا بَاعَدَ مِنْهَا وَأَخْرَعَهَا اللَّهُ صَلَّى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَاجْرِنِي مِنْهَا بِفَضْلِ رَحْمَتِكَ وَأَفْلِنِي عَثْرَاتِي بِحُسْنِ
 إِفَالَتِكَ وَلَا تَخْذُلْنِي بِأَخْيَرِ الْمَجْمُورِ إِنَّكَ تَفِي الْكُرْبَةَ

and givest good, does what Thou Willest and Thou hast Power over everything. O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants, whenever the righteous are mentioned. Bless Muhammad and his descendants as long as the night and day alternate with blessings, the continuance of which may not cease and the number of which cannot be counted; blessings that will pervade the atmosphere and fill earth and heaven. May God shower Grace on him and his descendants till he is satisfied. May God, after the satisfaction, bestow on him and his descendants, a Favor having no bound and no limit, O Most Merciful.

(33)

One of his prayers soliciting Divine advice on important affairs.

O Lord, I consult Thee on behalf of welfare because of Thy Knowledge. Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Decree for me that which is good. Inspire us with knowledge of choice. Let

وَتُعْطِي الْحَسَنَةَ وَتَفْعَلُ مَا نُرِيدُ وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
 قَدِيرٌ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ إِذَا ذُكِرَ
 الْأَبْرَارُ وَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ مَا اخْتَلَفَ اللَّيْلُ وَالنَّهَارُ
 صَلَاةً لَا يَنْقُطُ مَدَدُهَا وَلَا يَحْصِي عَدْدُهَا
 صَلَاةً تَشْحِنُ الْهَوَاءَ وَتَمْلَأُ الْأَرْضَ وَالسَّمَاءَ صَلِّ
 اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ حَتَّى يَرْضَى وَصَلِّ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ بَعْدَ
 الرِّضَا صَلَاةً لَأَحَدِهَا وَلَا مَسْئُومٍ بَارِحٍ الرَّاحِمِينَ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ دَعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي الرَّايَةِ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي اسْتَجِرُّكَ بِعَمَلِكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَأَفْضَلِي بِالْخَيْرَةِ وَالْهَمْنَا مَعْرِفَةَ الْإِخْتِيَارِ وَاجْعَلْ

this be a means towards resignation to what Thou hast decreed for us and submission to what Thou hast commanded. Therefore remove from us the wavering of doubt. Support us with the certainty of the sincere. Do not visit us with inability to realize what Thou hast chosen, lest we think lightly of Thy Decree, dislike the place of Thy Approbation, incline towards that which is far removed from excellence of conclusion and is very nigh the opposite of safety.

Make us love what we dislike of Thy Decree.

Facilitate for us what we deem hard of Thy Command. Inspire us with submission to what Thou sendest upon us of Thy Will till we may not long for the delay of what Thou hastenest, nor long for the speedy fulfillment of what Thou delayest, nor dislike what Thou lovest, nor choose what Thou hatest.

And make the end of our lives -----

ذَلِكْ ذَرِيعَةً إِلَى الرِّضَا بِمَا فَضَيْتَ لَنَا وَالتَّسْلِيمَ
 لِمَا حَكَمْتَ فَارْحَ عَنَّا رَيْبَ الْإِرْتِيَابِ وَإِدْنَا
 بِبِقِينِ الْمُخْلِصِينَ وَلَا تَسْمُنَا عَجْرَ الْمَعْرِفَةِ عَمَّا نَخْتَرُ
 فَتَغْمِطْ فَدَرْكَ وَنَكَرَهُ مَوْضِعَ رِضَاكَ وَنَجِّنْ
 إِلَى النَّيِّ هِيَ أَبْعَدُ مِنْ حُسْنِ الْعَافِيَةِ وَأَقْرَبُ إِلَى الضِّدِّ
 الْعَافِيَةِ حَبِيبُ الْبِنَا مَا نَكَرَهُ مِنْ فِضَائِكَ وَسَهِّلْ
 عَلَيْنَا مَا نَسْتَصْعِبُ مِنْ حُكْمِكَ وَالْهَمْنَا الْإِنْفِيَاءَ
 لِمَا أوردتْ عَلَيْنَا مِنْ مَشِينِكَ حَتَّى لَا نَجِبَنَّ نَاجِرَ
 مَا عَجَلْتَ وَلَا تَعْجِلْ مَا آخَرْتَ وَلَا نَكَرَهُ مَا
 أَحْبَبْتَ وَلَا تَخْتَرِ مَا كَرِهْتَ وَاحْتِمْنَا لِنَا بِالَّتِي هِيَ

praiseworthy and our return toward Thee most noble. Verily Thou givest noble benefits. Thy gifts are magnificent. Thou dost what Thou wilt and hast power over everything.

(34)

One of his prayers in affliction and on seeing anyone afflicted on account of sins.

O Lord, all praise is due unto Thee for concealing (sins) after Thy Knowledge of them and for giving security (to sinners) after Thy receiving information (of them). For, verily everyone of us has sinned and Thou didst not make him notorious. He did commit glaring errors and Thou didst not disgrace him. He secretly perpetrated wrongs but Thou didst not point him out. How many acts forbidden by Thee have we done. (How many) Commands of which Thou didst inform us have we omitted to perform. (How many) wrongs have we committed and sins have we perpetrated. Thou wast aware -----

أَحْمَدُ عَافِيَةٌ وَأَكْرَمُ مَصِيرًا إِنَّكَ نُفَيْدُ الْكَرِيمَةِ وَتُعْطَى
 الْجِسْمَةَ وَتَفْعَلُ مَا تُرِيدُ وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ عَمَاءِ عَلِيٍّ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ إِذَا ابْتُلِيَ
 أَوْ تَرَى مُبْتَلًى بِفَضِيحَةٍ تَذِنَبَ
 اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَى سِتْرِكَ بَعْدَ عِلْمِكَ وَمُعَافَاةِ
 بَعْدُ جُرْحِكَ فَكُلْنَا فِدَا فَنَزَفْنَا الْعَائِبَةَ فَلَمْ
 تَشْهَرْ وَوَارْتَكَبْنَا الْفَاحِشَةَ فَلَمْ تَفْضَحْهُ وَتَسْتَرَّ
 بِأَلْسَانِي فَلَمْ يَذُلُّ عَلَيَّ كَمَا نَهَيْتَ لَكَ فِدَائِنَاهُ
 وَأَمْرٍ فَذَوَّقْنَا عَلَيْهِ فَعَدَّيْنَاهُ وَسَيِّئَةً
 أَكْتَبْنَاهَا وَخَطِيئَةً أَرْتَكِبْنَاهَا كُنْتَ الْمُطَّلَعُ

of them without the spectators knowing them and hadst power over their publication, above the powerful.

The security (Thou gavest us) was a screen for us before their eyes and an obstruction to their ears.

Therefore, let what Thou hast covered of secret errors and concealed of blemishes be an admonisher to us,

A restrainer from bad conduct and commission of sins.

An inducement to repentance which erases sin and to the course of life approved by Thee.

Be pleased to hasten its time.

Do not visit us with negligence of Thee.

Verily we long for Thee and repent of sins.

Bless, O Lord, Thy chosen ones out of Thy creation, Muhammad and his descendants, the elect from among Thy creatures, the holy.

Let us be _____

عَلَيْهَا دُونَ النَّاطِرِينَ وَالْقَادِرَ عَلَىٰ اَعْلَانِهَا
 فَوْقَ الْقَادِرِينَ كَأَنَّكَ عَافِيُنَا لَنَا جِجَابًا
 دُونَ اَبْصَارِهِمْ وَرَدُّ مَادُونَ اَسْمَاعِهِمْ فَاجْعَلْ
 مَا سَنَرْنَا مِنَ الْعَوْرَةِ وَاخْفَيْتَ مِنَ الدَّخِيلَةِ
 وَاَعْطَا لَنَا وَزَجَّرَ اَعْنَ سَوْءِ الْخُلُوِّ وَاَنْفِرْنَا مِنَ الْخَطِيئَةِ
 وَسَعِيًّا اِلَى التَّوْبَةِ الْمَاجِيَةِ وَالطَّرِيقِ الْمَحْمُودَةِ
 وَتَقَرِّبِ الْوَقْتِ فِيهِ وَلَا تَسْمُنَا الْغَضَّةَ عَنْكَ
 اِنَّا اِلَيْكَ رَاغِبُونَ وَمِنَ الذُّنُوبِ نَابِئُونَ وَصَلِّ
 عَلٰى خَيْرِنِكَ اللَّهُمَّ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَٰلِهِ
 الصِّفْوَةَ مِنْ بَرِّيَّتِكَ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَاجْعَلْنَا

attentive listeners to their teachings and obedient as Thou hast commanded.

(35)

One of his prayers accepting the Divine decree while considering the worldly.

All praise is due to God by way of submission to His Command. I bear witness that the Lord has distributed Nourishment for His servants, has Encompassed all His creatures with Kindness.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Do not tempt (try) me with what Thou hast given them. Do not test them with what Thou hast denied me, lest I envy Thy creatures and with Thy decree be dissatisfied.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Let my soul rejoice at Thy decree. Enlarge my breast at occasions of Thy sentence. Give confidence whereby I may acknowledge That Thy Decree

لَهُمْ سَامِعِينَ وَمُطِيعِينَ كَمَا أَمَرْتُ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ عَائِدَةِ عَلِيٍّ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي الرِّضَا
 إِذَا نَظَرَ إِلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ أَهْلِ الدُّنْيَا

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رِضًا بِحُكْمِ اللَّهِ شَهِدْتُ أَنَّ اللَّهَ
 فَسَمَّ مَعَايِشَ عِبَادِهِ بِالْعَدْلِ وَأَخَذَ عَلَى جَمِيعِ خَلْقِهِ
 بِالْفَضْلِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَلَا تَقْنِئْنِي بِمَا
 أَعْطَيْتَهُمْ وَلَا تَقْنِئْهُمْ بِنِعْمَتِي فَمَا حَسُدَ خَلْقَكَ
 وَأَعْمُطَ حُكْمَكَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَطَيِّبْ بِقَضَائِكَ نَفْسِي وَوَسِّعْ بِمَوَاقِعِ حُكْمِكَ
 صَدْرِي وَهَبْ لِي الثِّقَةَ لِأَقْرَمِعَهَا بِإِنْ قَضَاءِكَ

does not issue, but with benevolence.

Let my gratitude to Thee for what Thou hast withheld from me, be ampler than my thanks unto Thee for what Thou hast conferred on me.

Guard me from imagining any inferiority (meanness) in the poor, or fancying any superiority (nobleness) in the prosperous, for verily the noble man (superior) is he whom service to Thee has ennobled.

Honorable is he whom worship of Thee has exalted.

Therefore bless Muhammad and his descendants. Favor us with a prosperity that shall not perish. Advance us to an honor which shall not vanish. Send us to the Everlasting Kingdom.

Verily, *"Thou art the One, the Unique, the Eternal, who begeteth not and is not begotten and there is none like unto Thee."*⁷⁸

(36)

One of his prayers

لَمْ تَجْرِ إِلَّا بِالْخَيْرِ وَأَجْعَلْ شُكْرِي لَكَ عَلَيَّ مَا
 زَوَيْتَ عَنِّي أَوْ فَرَمْتَهُ شُكْرِي يَا كَعَلَى مَا خَوَّنِي
 وَأَعَصَمَنِي مِنْ أَنْ أَظُنَّ بِدِي عَدِمَ حَسَاسَةً أَوْ أَظُنَّ
 بِصَاحِبِ ثَرْوَةٍ فَضْلًا فَإِنَّ الشَّرِيفَ مِنْ شَرَفَتِهِ
 طَاعَتِكَ وَالْعَزِيزَ مِنْ عَزَّتِهِ عِبَادَتِكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَمَنْعَنَا بِثَرْوَةٍ لَا تَنْفَدُ وَأَيْدِنَا بِعِزِّ
 لَا يُفْقَدُ وَأَسْرِحْنَا فِي مَلِكِ الْأَبَدِ إِنَّكَ
 الْوَاحِدُ الْأَحَدُ الصَّمَدُ الَّذِي لَمْ يَنْلِدْ وَلَمْ
 يُولَدْ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَكَ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ عَائِدَةِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ إِذَا نَظَرَ إِلَيْهِ

on seeing clouds and lightning and hearing the sound of thunder.

O Lord, these two are two of Thy Signs.

Both of these are two of Thy assistants prompt in serving Thee by (diffusing) beneficial grace, or severe punishment. Therefore do not let them shower on us an evil rain. Do not, by them, put on us garments of calamity.⁷⁹

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Send down on us the benefit of these clouds and their blessing. Turn away from us its torment and injury. Do not (through it) visit us with affliction. Do not send down any blight on our means of support.

O Lord, if Thou hast raised it (the cloud) by way of torment and sent it on account of displeasure, then verily we crave Thy Shelter from Thy Wrath and cry unto Thee to beg -----

السحاب والبرق وتسمع صوت الرعد
 اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنِي آيَاتِنَا مِن آيَاتِكَ وَهْدِنِي عَوَانِ
 مِن عَوَانِكَ يَبْدُرَانِ طَاعِنَكَ بِرَحْمَةٍ نَافِعَةٍ
 أَوْ نِقْمَةٍ ضَارَّةٍ فَلَا تُعْطِرْنَا بِهَمَا مَطَرِ السَّوِّءِ وَ
 لَا تُلْبِسُنَا بِهَمَا لِبَاسِ الْبَلَاءِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَاللَّهِ وَإِنزِلْ عَلَيْنَا نَفْعَ هَذِهِ السَّحَابِ وَبَرَكَاتِهَا
 وَاصْرِفْ عَنَّا إِذَا هَا وَمَضَرَّتْهَا وَلَا تُضِبْنَا فِيهَا
 بَافَةً وَلَا تُرْسِلْ عَلَيْنَا عَائِمَةً اللَّهُمَّ وَإِن
 كُنْتَ بَعَثْتَهَا نَفْثَةً وَأَرْسَلْتَهَا سَخِطَةً فَإِنَّا
 نَسْتَجِيرُكَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ وَنَبْتَهِلُ إِلَيْكَ فِي سُؤَالِ

Thy Pardon. Therefore, turn with Wrath towards the (worshippers) of many gods. Set in motion the mill of Thy Chastisement for the unbelievers.

O Lord, remove the dryness of our cities with Thy watering. Remove the suspicion of our breasts by supplying us with nourishment from Thee. Do not remove us from Thee in favor of some other than Thee. ⁸⁰ Do not cut off from all of us the cause of Thy Benevolence, for verily prosperous is he whom Thou makest so. He whom Thou preservest is safe. None has a defender besides Thee and none can restrain Thy Wrath. Thou commandest whatever Thou wilt upon whomsoever Thou chooseth and decreest what Thou resolveth for whomsoever Thou dost determine it. Therefore, all praise is due unto Thee for such affliction as Thou hast defended us from. Thou deservest all gratitude for what Thou hast given us of Thy Blessing — a praise that would surpass the praise of those that praise,

عَفْوِكَ فَمِلْ بِالْغَضَبِ إِلَى الْمَشْرُكِينَ وَادِرْحِمِ
 نَفْسِيكَ عَلَى الْمُجْدِبِينَ اللَّهُمَّ أَذْهِبْ مَحَلَّ بِلَادِنَا
 بِسُقْيَاكَ وَأَخْرِجْ وَحَرِّصْ دُورَنَا بِرِزْقِكَ وَلَا
 تَشْغَلْنَا عَنْكَ بِغَيْرِكَ وَلَا نَقْطَعْ عَنْكَ كَافِنًا
 مَادَّةَ بَرِّكَ فَإِنَّ الْغَنِيَّ مِنْ أَعْيُنِ وَأَنَّ السَّالِمَ
 مِنْ وَقَيْتِ مَا عِنْدَ أَحَدٍ وَنَكَ دِفَاعٌ وَلَا بِأَحَدٍ
 عَنْ سَطْوَتِكَ امْنِعْ تَحْكُمِ بِمَا شِئْتَ عَلَى مَنْ
 شِئْتَ وَنَفِضِي بِمَا أَرَدْتَ فِيمَنْ أَرَدْتَ فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ
 عَلَى مَا وَقَيْتَنَا مِنَ الْبَلَاءِ وَلَكَ الشُّكْرُ عَلَى مَا
 خَوْلْتَنَا مِنَ النِّعْمَاءِ حَمْدًا يُخْلِفُ حَمْدَ الْحَامِدِينَ

a praise that would fill earth and heaven.

Verily, Thou art the Giver of magnificent gifts, the Bestower of great favors, the Acceptor of the smallest praise, the Rewarder for the least gratitude, the Benevolent Patron, the Master of Generosity, there being no god besides Thee and unto Thee is our return.

(37)

One of his prayers acknowledging his deficiency in thanking God.

O Lord, verily none comes to an end of thanking Thee before (there) accrues to him, from Thy Benevolence, that which requires of him more thanks.

None reaches a goal in Thy service, even though he tries his best but he turns out to be deficient by the side of Thy (claim), due to Thy Excellence.

Therefore, the most thankful -----

وَرَأَاهُ حَمْدًا يَمْلَأُ أَرْضَهُ وَسَمَاءَهُ إِنَّكَ
 الْمَنَّانُ نُجَسِّمُ الْمَنِّنَ الْوَهَّابُ لِعَظِيمِ النِّعَمِ
 الْفَائِلُ بِسِرِّ الْحَمْدِ الشَّاكِرُ قَلِيلُ الشُّكْرِ الْمُحْسِنُ
 الْمُجَلُّ ذُو الطُّولِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ إِلَيْكَ الْمَصِيرُ

وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي الْإِعْتِرَافِ
 بِالنَّقْصِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ بِتَرْتِيلِ الشُّكْرِ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ أَحَدًا لَا يَبْلُغُ مِنْ شُكْرِكَ غَايَةَ إِلَّا
 حَصَلَ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ إِحْسَانِكَ مَا يَلْزِمُهُ شُكْرًا
 لَا يَبْلُغُ مَبْلَغًا مِنْ طَاعَتِكَ وَإِنْ أَجْتَهَدَ إِلَّا كَانَ
 مُقْصِرًا دُونَ اسْتِحْفَافِكَ بِفَضْلِكَ فَاشْكُرْ

of Thy servants is he who is (conscious that he is)unable to thank Thee. The most devout of them is he who is sensible of the insufficiency of his adoration of Thee. Neither is any one entitled that Thou shouldst forgive him for his merit, nor that Thou shouldst be pleased with him on account of his worth.

Therefore, whomsoever Thou forgivest, it is from Thy Generosity. Whomsoever Thou approvest, it is because of Thy Kindness. Thou awardest for the least of what Thou art thanked with and requiteth for the smallest of what Thou art obeyed in. So much so (as if) the thanksgiving of Thy servants for which Thou didst entitle them to reward and on account of which Thou didst magnify their recompense were an affair from which they could abstain (in spite of) Thee and therefore Thou didst reward them. Or (as if) its cause were not in Thy Hand and therefore Thou didst requite them. Nay, Thou hadst power over their affair before they were able to adore Thee -----

عِبَادِكَ عَاجِزٌ عَنِ شُكْرِكَ وَأَعْبَدُهُمْ مُقَصِّرٌ
 عَرَطًا عِنْدَكَ لَا يَجِبُ لِأَحَدٍ أَنْ يُغْفِرَ لَهُ بِإِسْخَافِهِ
 وَلَا أَنْ تُرَضِيَ عَنْهُ بِإِسْتِجَابِهِ فَمَنْ غَفَرْتَ لَهُ
 فَطَوْلِكَ وَمَنْ رَضَيْتَ عَنْهُ فَفَضْلِكَ تَشْكُرُ
 سِيرِمًا تَشْكُرُ شُكْرًا نَهْ وَتُنْتَبِ عَلَى فَلَإِ مَا
 نَطَاعٍ فِيهِ حَتَّى كَانَ شُكْرَ عِبَادِكَ الَّذِي أُجِبَتْ
 عَلَيْهِ ثَوَابُهُمْ وَأَعْظَمْتَ عَنْهُ جَزَاءَهُمْ أَمْرٌ
 مَلَكَو السَّنِطَاعَةَ الْإِمْنَاعِ مِنْهُ دُونَكَ
 فَكَافَتْهُمْ أَوْ لَمْ يَكُنْ سَبَبُهُ بِيَدِكَ بِنِجَارَتِهِمْ
 بَلْ مَلَكَتْ يَا إِلَهِي أَمْرَهُمْ قَبْلَ أَنْ يَمْلِكُوا عِبَادَتَكَ

and didst provide their reward before they began to serve Thee.

This because it is Thy custom to be Benevolent and Thy Way is to Forgive. Hence, the whole creation acknowledges that Thou art not unjust to him whom Thou punishest; bears witness that verily Thou art gracious to him whom Thou givest security. Everyone admits against himself his failure to do (for Thee) what Thou deservest so if it were not for Satan's leading them away from obedience to Thee, no sinner would have disobeyed Thee. If it were not for his shaping wrong for them into the likeness of right, no erring (soul) would have gone astray from Thy path.

Therefore, Holiness to Thee! How evident is Thy Grace in the case of those who obey Thee or disobey Thee. Thou rewardest the obedient with that over which Thou hast authority for him and bearest long with the sinner and allowest time to the sinner -----

وَأَعَدَدَتْ ثَوَابَهُمْ قَبْلَ أَنْ يُفِيضُوا فِي طَاعَتِكَ وَ
 ذَلِكَ أَنْ سَنَّكَ الْإِفْضَالَ وَعَادَتَكَ الْإِحْسَانَ
 وَسَبِيلَكَ الْعَفْوَ فَكُلُّ الْبِرِّ بِرِيَّةٌ مُعْرِفَةٌ بِأَنَّكَ غَيْرُ
 ظَالِمٍ لِمَنْ عَاقَبْتَ وَشَاهِدَةٌ بِأَنَّكَ مُنْفَضِلٌ عَلَى مَنْ
 عَاقَبْتَ وَكُلُّ مُقَرَّرٍ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ بِالْتَّقْصِيرِ عَمَّا اسْتَوْجَبَتْ
 فَلَوْلَا أَنَّ الشَّيْطَانَ يَجْنِدُ عَنْهُمْ عِرْطَ عَيْنِكَ مَا
 عَصَاكَ عَاصٍ وَلَا أَنَّهُ صَوَّرَهُمْ الْبَاطِلَ فِي
 مِثَالِ الْحَقِّ مَا ضَلَّ عِرْطَ رَيْفِكَ ضَالٌّ فَسَبْحُكَ مَا
 مَا أَيْزَكَ رَمَكَ فِي مُعَامَلَةٍ مِنْ أَطَاعِكَ أَوْ عَصَاكَ
 تَشْكُرُ لِلطَّيْعِ مَا أَنْتَ تَوْلِيْتَهُ لَهُ وَتُمْلِي لِلْعَاصِي

when Thou hast power to hasten his punishment.

Thou givest each of them what he does not deserve and graciously conferrest on each of the two what his actions fall short of winning.

And were Thou to requite the obedient, according to that over which Thou hast power, verily he should have been very near losing Thy Reward and been deprived of Thy Bounty.

But Thou with Thy Grace rewardest him for a short mortal term (of service) with an eternally long duration (of happiness) and for a close, transitory (goal) with a lasting, (permanent) one.

Moreover Thou didst not hold him under obligation for what he ate of Thy sustenance, wherewith he acquired the strength to serve Thee and does not dispute with him (about) his organs, by using which he contrived -----

فِيمَا تَمْلِكُ مُعَاجَلَتَهُ فِيهِ أَعْطَيْتَ كَلَامِنِهُمَا
 مَا لَمْ يَجِبْ لَهُ وَتَفَضَّلْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ مِنْهُمَا بِمَا
 يَفْضُرُ عَمَلَهُ عَنْهُ وَلَوْ كَأَنَّ الْمُطِيعَ مَا أَنْتَ
 تَوَلَّيْتَهُ لِأَوْشَكَ أَنْ يَفْقِدَ ثَوَابَكَ وَأَنْ تَزُولَ
 عَنْهُ نِعْمَتُكَ وَلِكِنَّكَ بِكَرَمِكَ جَازِيْتَهُ عَلَى
 الْمُدْرَةِ الْفَصِيرَةِ الْفَانِيَةِ بِالْمُدَّةِ الطَّوِيلَةِ الْخَالِدَةِ
 وَعَلَى الْغَايَةِ الْفَرِيحَةِ الزَّائِلَةِ بِالْغَايَةِ الْمَدِيدَةِ
 الْبَاقِيَةِ ثُمَّ لَمْ تَسْمَهُ الْفِصَاصَ فِيمَا أَكَلَتْ مِنْ
 رِزْقِكَ الَّذِي يَقْوَى بِهِ عَلَى طَاعَتِكَ وَلَمْ تَحْمِلْهُ
 عَلَى الْمُنَافَسَاتِ فِي الْأَلْبَانِ الَّتِي تَسْبَبُ بِسُنْعِهَا

to win Thy Forgiveness. Were Thou to deal with him thusly, verily he should lose all that he toiled for and the whole of that in which he exerted himself, in return for the least of Thy Gifts and Blessings and must remain under obligation to Thee for all Thy (other) Favors.

Then how could he have been entitled to anything of Thy Reward? Never! Never!

Such is the case, O God, of him who obeys Thee, the career of one who adores Thee.

But as regards him who disobeys Thy Command and commits things prohibited by Thee, Thou dost not hasten him to Thy Chastisement, in order that he may change his rebellious attitude into one of return to Thy obedience.

Verily he deserves for what he resolved in disobedience to Thee, the whole of what Thou hast provided for all Thy creatures of Thy Chastisement. Therefore, all that Thou didst delay from him of Thy punishment and keep away ———

إِلَى مَغْفِرَتِكَ وَلَوْ فَعَلْتَ ذَلِكَ بِهِ لَذَهَبَ بِجَمِيعِ
 مَا كَدَحَ لَهُ وَجُمْلَةَ مَا سَعَى فِيهِ جِزَاءً لِلصُّغْرَى مِنْ
 أَيَادِيكَ وَمِنَّكَ وَلَبِقْرَى هَيَّا بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ سَائِرِ
 فِعْلِكَ فَمَنْ كَانَ يَسْتَحْوِجُ شَيْئًا مِنْ نَوْابِكَ لَأَمْتِطُ
 هَذَا يَا لَهْمُ حَالٍ مِنْ اطَاعِكَ وَسَبِيلٍ مِنْ تَعَبُّدِكَ فَأَمَّا
 الْعَاصِي أَمْرَكَ وَالْمُؤَافِعُ نَهْيَكَ فَلَمْ تُعَاجِلْهُ بِنِقْمَتِكَ
 لَكِي لَيْسَ بِتَدْبِيرِكَ حَالٌ فِي مَعْصِيَتِكَ حَالٌ إِلَّا نَابَةٌ
 إِلَى اطَاعَتِكَ وَلَقَدْ كَانَ يَسْتَحْوِجُ فِي أَوَّلِ مَا هَمَّ
 بِعِصْيَانِكَ كُلَّ مَا أَعَدَدْتَ لِجَمِيعِ خَلْقِكَ مِنْ عُقُوبَتِكَ
 فَجَمِعَ مَا آخَرَتْ عَنْهُ مِنْ وَقْتِ الْعَذَابِ وَأَبْطَأَتْ

from him of Thy torment and torture was a relinquishment of Thy right and acceptance of what was not meet for Thee.

So who is more gracious than Thee, O Lord, and who is more unlucky than he who perishes against (Thy wish)? No one!

Hence, Thou art too great to be praised except with beneficence, too generous to be feared for anything save justice. There is no apprehension of Thy oppression over one who disobeys Thee, nor is there fear of Thy neglecting to reward him who pleases Thee.

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Grant me my wish. Increase for me of Thy Guidance whereby I may earn Thy Favor in performing my work.

Verily, Thou art most Benevolent and Generous.

(38)

One of his prayers expressing regret

بِهِ عَلَيْهِ مِنْ سَطَوَاتِ النِّقْمَةِ وَالْعِقَابِ
 نَزَّكَ مِنْ حِفْظِكَ وَرِضَابِدُونٍ وَاجِبِكَ
 فَمَنْ أَكْرَمُ مِنْكَ يَا إِلَهِي
 وَمَنْ أَسْقَى مِنْ هَلَاكِكَ عَلَيَّ لَا مِنْ تَبَارَكَ كُنَّ
 تَوْصَفَ إِلَّا بِالْإِحْسَانِ وَكَرُمْتَ أَنْ يُخَافَ مِنْكَ
 إِلَّا الْعَدْلُ لَا يُخْشَى حَوْرُكَ عَلَى مَنْ عَصَاكَ وَلَا يُخَافُ
 إِغْفَاكَ ثَوَابَ مَنْ أَرْضَاكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَآلِهِ وَهَبْ لِي أَمَلِي وَزِدْ نِي مِنْ هَذَا مَا أَصِلُ
 بِهِ إِلَى التُّوفِيقِ فِي عَمَلِي إِنَّكَ مَنَّانٌ كَرِيمٌ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَايَا سَائِلِي عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامِ

for any wrong done to any creature or failure in the discharge of their dues and for deliverance from the fire.

O Lord, I apologize unto Thee for the wrong done to one oppressed in my presence whom I did not help; for a good done to me for which I did not return thanks; for not accepting the excuse of a wrong doer who apologized unto me, for not relieving a man in need who begged of me (relief); for failing to satisfy the claim of a worthy true believer which was binding upon me; for a true believer's blemish revealed to me, which I did not conceal and for every sin which occurred to me and I did not avoid it.

I make apology unto Thee, O Lord, for them and the like of them, a regretful apology, which may warn me to avoid similar things which are before me. Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants .

إِذِ الْإِعْتِ كَلَامٍ مِنْ عِبَادِكُمْ
الْتَفْصِيرِ فِي حَقِّهِمْ وَفِي كَالِ تَرْفِيقِ النَّاسِ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْتَدُ رَأْيَكَ مِنْ مَظْلُومٍ ظَلَمَ بِحَضْرَتِي
فَلَمْ أَنْصُرْهُ وَمِنْ مَعْرُوفٍ أَسَدِي إِلَيَّ فَلَمْ أَشْكُرْهُ
وَمِنْ مَسِيءٍ أَعْتَدَ رَأْيِي فَلَمْ أَعِذْهُ وَمِنْ ذِي فَاقَةٍ
سَأَلَنِي فَلَمْ أَوْثِرْهُ وَمِنْ حَقِّ ذِي جَوْلِزٍ مَنِي فَلَمْ أَوْفِرْهُ
وَمِنْ عَيْبٍ مُؤْمِنٍ ظَهَرَ لِي فَلَمْ أَسْتُرْهُ وَمِنْ كَلِّ
إِثْمٍ عَرَضَ لِي فَلَمْ أَهْجُرْهُ أَعْتَدُ رَأْيَكَ يَا اللَّهُمَّ مِنْ
وَمِنْ نَظَائِرِهِمْ أَعْتَدُ رَدَامَةً يَكُونُ وَعَظْمًا
بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ مِنْ أَشْبَاهِهِمْ فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلِهِ

Let my contrition over errors which I fell into and my determination to avoid what may come before me of evil, be a repentance which may entitle me to Thy Love, O Lover of those that repent.

(39)

One of his prayers wherein he prays for mercy and forgiveness.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Break away my desire from everything forbidden. Keep off my longing from every sin. Restrain me from injuring any true believer, male or female.

O Lord, and whatever creature slanders me — (an act) which Thou hast made unlawful for him and insults me — which Thou has forbidden him to do, and then dies and passes away with my complaint against him or I have a cause of complaint against him while he lives, then be pleased to forgive him that which he would suffer on my account and pardon him -----

وَأَجْعَلْ دَامِنِي عَلَى مَا وَقَعْتُ فِيهِ مِنَ الزَّلَّاتِ
وَعَزِّمِي عَلَى تَرْكِ مَا يَعْزِضُكَ مِنَ السَّيِّئَاتِ
تَوْبَةً تَوْجِبُ لِي مَحَبَّتَكَ يَا حُبَّ التَّوَابِينَ

وَكَانَ مِنْ عَائِدَاتِ رَسُولِي فِي طَلَبِ الْعَفْوِ وَالرَّحْمَةِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاكْسِرْ شَهْوَتِي عَنْ كُلِّ
مَحْرَمٍ وَازْجِرْ صِي عَزْ كُلِّ مَا تَمُّ وَأَمْنَعْنِي عَزْ أَدَى
كُلِّ مَوْزٍ وَمَوْءٍ مِنْهُ وَمُسْلِمٍ وَمُسْلِمَةٍ اللَّهُمَّ
وَإِيْمَا عِبْدِنَا لِمَنِّي مَا حَظَرْتَ عَلَيْهِ وَأَنْتَهَكْتِ مِنِّي
مَا حَجَرْتِ عَلَيْهِ فَضَيِّ بَطْلًا مِنِّي مَيْتًا أَوْ حَصَلَتْ
لِي قَبْلَهُ حَيًّا فَاعْفِرْ لَهُ مَا أَلَمَّ بِهِ مِنِّي وَاعْفُ لَهُ

the guilt which he bore by injuring me. Do not inform him of what he committed against me. Do not reveal to him the evil he did to me.

Let my magnanimity in forgiving him and my voluntary charity to him be the purest charity of the charitable and the highest of favors of those nigh unto Thee.

Recompense me for my forgiving them with Thy Pardon and for my prayer on their behalf with Thy Grace till everyone of us achieves salvation through Thy Favor.

O Lord and whatever creature of Thy creatures there may be whom any hurt has overtaken from me or any injury has touched because of me or any wrong adhered to through me or on my account and I have failed (to satisfy) his claim or overlooked his complaint, then bless Muhammad and his descendants. Reconcile him _____

عَمَّا أَدْبَرَ بِهِ عَنِّي وَلَا تَفْفَهُ عَلَيَّ مَا أُرْتَكَبُ فِيهِ
 وَلَا تَكْشِفُهُ عَمَّا الْكُتِبَ بِي وَأَجْعَلْ مَا سَمَّحْتُ
 بِهِ مِنَ الْعَفْوِ عَنْهُمْ وَتَبَرَّعْتُ بِهِ مِنَ الصَّدَقَاتِ عَلَيْهِمْ
 أَرْكَى صَدَقَاتِ الْمُتَصَدِّقِينَ وَاعْلَى صَلَاتِ الْمُتَقَرِّبِينَ
 وَعَوِّضْنِي مِنْ عَفْوِي عَنْهُمْ عَفْوَكَ وَمِنْ دُعَائِي
 لَهُمْ رَحْمَتَكَ حَتَّى يَسْعُدَكَ كُلُّ وَاحِدٍ مِنَّا بِفَضْلِكَ
 وَيَجُوكَ كُلُّ مِنَّا بِمَنِّكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَإِنَّمَا عَبُدُ مِنْ
 عِبْدِكَ أَدْرَكَهُ مَتِي دَرَكٌ أَوْ مَسَّهُ مِنْ نَاجِيَتِي
 أَذَى أَوْ حَافَهُ بِي أَوْ لِسَبِي ظُلْمٌ فَفْتَهُ بِحَقِّهِ أَوْ
 سَبَقْتَهُ بِمُظْلِمَتِهِ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَارْضِهِ

to me with Thy Bounty. Satisfy his claim Thyself and thereafter guard me from what would necessitate Thy Decree (against me). Deliver me from what Thy Justice would dictate for verily my strength cannot endure Thy Chastisement and my power cannot bear Thy Wrath.

Certainly if Thou dost repay me justly, Thou would destroy me. Thou dost not shelter me with Thy Mercy, Thou wouldst ruin me.

O Lord, verily I beg of Thee, O my Lord, that thing the expenditure of which will not diminish Thy wealth. (I) request Thee to bear that the bearing of which will not overburden Thee. I request Thee to forgive my soul which Thou didst not create to avoid therewith some evil for Thyself or to find a way thereby towards some benefit.

But Thou didst create it to prove Thy Power over the like of it and to use it as an argument in the case of similar creations.⁸¹

I entreat Thee -----

عَنِّي زُجْدِكَ وَأَوْفِهِ حَقَّهُ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ ثُمَّ قَرَيْمًا
 يُوَجِبُ لَهُ حُكْمَكَ وَخَلِّصْنِي مِمَّا أَحْكُمُ بِهِ عَدْلَكَ
 فَإِنَّ قُوَّتِي لَا تَسْتَقِيلُ بِنِعْمَتِكَ وَإِنْ طَافَتِي لَا تَهْتَضِرُ
 بِسُخْطِكَ فَإِنَّكَ إِنْ كَفَرْتَنِي بِالْحَقِّ تَهْلِكُنِي وَإِلَّا
 نَعَمَدَنِي بِرَحْمَتِكَ تُوَقِّئُنِي اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَوْهَبُكَ
 يَا إِلَهِي مَا لَا يَنْقُصُكَ بَدَلُهُ وَأَسْتَجِمُّكَ مَا لَا
 يَبْهَظُّكَ حَمْلُهُ أَسْتَوْهَبُكَ يَا إِلَهِي نَفْسِي الَّتِي
 لَمْ تَخْلُقْهَا لِتَمْنَعَنَّ بِهَا مِنْ سُوءٍ أَوْ لِتَنْظُرَ فِيهَا إِلَى
 نَفْعٍ وَلَكِنْ أَنْشَأْتَهَا أَشْيَاءًا لِقُدْرَتِكَ عَلَى
 مِثْلِهَا وَأَحْجَابًا بِهَا عَلَى شَكْلِهَا وَأَسْتَجِمُّكَ

to bear such of my sins as are (too) heavy for me to bear and crave Thy help in removing the weight of that which has crushed me.

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Pardon my soul despite its having worked to its own hurt. Commission Thy Mercy to lift my heavy burden; for, verily, many a time has Thy Grace adhered to the wrong doers. Many times has Thy Pardon helped the unrighteous.

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Let me be the foremost of those whom Thou hast raised with Thy Forgiveness from the stumbling blocks of the erring and whom Thou hast delivered with Thy Grace from the whirlpools of the guilty so that I may become by Thy Pardon an emancipated (slave) from the bondage of Thy Wrath and a slave freed by Thy Goodness from the fetters of Thy Justice. Verily if Thou do so, O Lord, Thou wilt do it to one who does not deny the justice of -----

مِنْ ذُنُوبِي مَا قَدْ بَهَضَنِي حَمَلُهُ وَأَسْتَعِزُّ بِكَ عَلَيَّ مَا
 قَدْ فَدَحَنِي ثِقَلُهُ فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَهَبْ لِنَفْسِي
 عَلَى ظُلْمِهَا نَفْسِي وَوَكِّلْ رَحْمَتَكَ بِأَحْنَمِهَا
 أَصْرِي فَكَمْ قَدْ لَحِقْتُ رَحْمَتَكَ بِالْمُسَيَّبِينَ وَكَمْ
 قَدْ شِمِلَ عَفْوُكَ الظَّالِمِينَ فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَ
 اجْعَلْنِي أُسْوَةً مَنْ قَدْ انْهَضْنَاهُ بِتَجَاوُزِكَ عَنْ مَصَارِعِ
 الْخَاطِئِينَ وَخَلَّصْنَاهُ بِتَوْفِيقِكَ مِنْ وَرَطَاتِ
 الْحُرْمِيِّينَ فَاصْبِحْ طَلِيقَ عَفْوِكَ مِنْ إِسَارِ سُخْطِكَ
 وَعَيْنِي صُنْعِكَ مِنْ وَبَاقِ عَذَابِكَ إِنَّكَ أَنْ تَفْعَلَ
 ذَلِكَ يَا اللَّهُ تَفَعَّلَهُ بِمَنْ لَا يَجِدُ اسْتِحْفَاقَ

Thy Chastisement and does not consider himself as being undeserving of Thy punishment.

Thou wilt do this, O Lord, to him, whose dread of Thee is more abundant than his expectations from Thee; to him whose despair of salvation is stronger than his hope of deliverance, not because his despair amounts to total desperation or that his hope proceeds from delusion, but because of the scarcity of his virtues amidst his vices and the weakness of his excuses for all his crimes.

But Thou, O Lord, deservest that the truthful should not be vain with Thee and sinners should not despair from Thee. For verily Thou art the Great Patron, Who does not deny anyone His grace and does not demand from any one His dues to the full.

Far exalted is Thy remembrance above those that are remembered. More sacred are Thy Names -----

عُقُوبَتِكَ وَلَا يُبْرِئُ نَفْسَهُ مِنْ اسْتِجَابِ نَفْسِكَ
 تَفَعَّلَ ذَلِكَ يَا إِلَهِي مِنْ خَوْفِهِ مِنْكَ أَكْثَرَ مِنْ طَمَعِهِ
 فِيكَ وَتَمَنَّى بِأَسْئَلِهِ مِنَ النَّجَاةِ أَوْ كَدَمِ رَجَائِهِ
 لِلْخَالِصِ لَا أَنْ يَكُونَ بِأَسْئَلِهِ فُتُورًا أَوْ أَنْ يَكُونَ
 طَمَعُهُ اغْتِرَارًا أَوْ لِقَلَّةِ حَسَنَاتِهِ بِزَيْسِيَّاتِهِ وَ
 ضَعْفِ حُجَّتِهِ فِي جَمِيعِ نِعَائِهِ فَأَمَّا أَنْتَ يَا إِلَهِي
 فَأَهْلُ أَنْ لَا يَغْتَرِّبَكَ الصِّدِّيقُونَ وَلَا يَأْسِرُ مِنْكَ
 الْجُرْمُونَ لِأَنَّكَ الرَّبُّ الْعَظِيمُ الَّذِي لَا يَمْنَعُ
 أَحَدًا فَضْلَهُ وَلَا يَسْتَفْضِي مِنْ أَحَدٍ حَقَّهُ تَعَالَى
 ذِكْرُكَ عَنِ الْمَذْكُورِينَ وَتَقَدَّسَتْ أَسْمَاؤُكَ

than all those whose attributes are proclaimed. Thy Blessings are scattered amidst all creatures. For this Thou deservest all praise, O Sustainer of the worlds.

(40)

One of his prayers whenever he heard of anyone's death or whenever death was mentioned.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Save us from extended hopes.

Shorten ⁸² them for us because of our good deeds done sincerely so that we may not expect (even) the completion of one hour after another, nor the accomplishment of one day after another, nor the connection of one breath with another, nor the succession of one step to another.

Save us from their delusion. Give us security from their mischief. Fix death before our eyes, permanently (as a fixture). Let not our remembrance of it be intermittent. Let -----

عَنِ الْمَنْسُوبِينَ وَفَشَتْ نِعْمَتُكَ فِي جَمِيعِ
الْمَخْلُوقِينَ فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَلَى ذَلِكَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

وَكَاذِبُ دُعَائِكَ عَلَيَّ يَا رَبَّ الْأُمَمِ إِذْ
الْتَمَيْتُ أَوْ ذَكَرْتُ الْمَوْتَ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَكْفِنَا طُولَ الْأَمَلِ
وَقَصِّرْ عَنَّا بِصِدْقِ الْعَمَلِ حَتَّى لَا نُؤَمِّلَ سُنْمَامَ
سَاعَةٍ بَعْدَ سَاعَةٍ وَلَا سِتِيْفَاءَ يَوْمٍ بَعْدَ يَوْمٍ
وَلَا إِضْطَالَ نَفْسٍ بِنَفْسٍ وَلَا حَوْقَ قَدَمٍ بِقَدَمٍ وَسَلْمَنَا
مِنْ غُرُورِهِ وَأَمْنًا مِنْ شُرُورِهِ وَأَنْصِبِ الْمَوْتَ
بَيْنَ أَيْدِيْنَا أَنْصَابًا وَلَا تَجْعَلْ ذِكْرَنَا لَهُ غِيْبًا وَاجْعَلْ

our service consist of good actions whereby we may desire to return unto Thee sooner and because of which we may long to join Thee quickly.

So much so that death may become our associate ⁸³, from whom we may derive comfort, our favorite whom we may long for and our next of kin to whom we may love to be nigh.

When thou sendest it down upon us and bringest it to us, then let us be fortunate with it as a visitor and familiar with it as a sojourner.

Do not render us unfortunate in entertaining it.

Do not disgrace us with its visit.

Let it be one of the gates to Thy Forgiveness and one of the keys to Thy Mercy.

Let us die guided (righteous) , not misled; obedient, not unwilling; repentant, not sinning and not persisting in sin, O Surety for the reward of -----

لَنَا مِنْ صَالِحِ الْأَعْمَالِ عَمَلًا نَسْتَبِطُ مَعَهُ
الْمَصِيرَ إِلَيْكَ وَنَحْرُصُ لَهُ عَلَى وَشِكِّ الْخَافِيكَ
حَتَّى يَكُونَ الْمَوْتُ مَا نَسْنَا الَّذِي نَأْتُرِبُهُ وَ
مَا لَفْنَا الَّذِي نَشْتَأِقُ إِلَيْهِ وَحَامَتْنَا الَّتِي
نُحِبُّ الدُّنُومِنَهَا فَإِذَا أَوْرَدَنَاهُ عَلَيْنَا وَأَنْزَلَنَاهُ
بِنَا فَاسْعُدْنَا بِهِ زَائِرًا أَوْ أُنْسَابَهُ فَإِدْمًا وَلَا
تُشْفِنَا بِضِيَاغَتِهِ وَلَا تُخْزِنَا بِزِيَارَتِهِ وَاجْعَلْهُ أَبَا
مِنْ أَبْوَابِ مَغْفِرَتِكَ وَمَفْضَحًا مِنْ مَفَائِحِ رَحْمَتِكَ
أَمِنْنَا مَهْدِينَ غَيْرِ ضَالِّينَ طَائِعِينَ غَيْرِ مُسْتَكْرَهِينَ
نَائِبِينَ غَيْرِ عَاصِينَ وَلَا مُصِرِّينَ يَا ضَامِنَ جَزَاءِ

the righteous, O Reformer of the actions of the corrupt.

(41)

One of his prayers for cover and protection.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Spread for me a bed of Thy Grace.
Lead me to the watering place of Thy Mercy and take me into the midst of Thy Paradise.

Do not distress me with refusal from Thee.

Do not disappoint me with misfortune from Thee.

Do not punish ⁸⁴ me for what I have committed.

Do not dispute with me (about) what I have earned.⁸⁵

Do not uncover my secret. Do not divulge my hidden (act). Do not weigh my actions in the balance of equity. Do not expose my reputation before the eyes of the crowd and hide from them that thing, -----

الْحُسَيْنِزِ وَمُسْتَصَلِحِ عَمَلِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ

وَكُلِّمْنِي بِعِلْمِكَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ

إِنِّي طَلِبُ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَالْوَفَايَاتِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَفْرِشْنِي مَهَادِرَ امْنِكَ

وَأوردني مَشَارِعَ رَحْمَتِكَ وَأَحِلِّني مُجُوحَةَ

جَنَّتِكَ وَلَا تَسْمِنِي بِالرَّدِّ عَنْكَ وَلَا تَحْرِمْنِي بِالْحَبِئَةِ

مِنْكَ وَلَا تَقْصِصْنِي مِمَّا اجْرَحَتْ وَلَا تُنَافِسْنِي

بِمَا اكْتَسَبْتُ وَلَا تُبْرِزْ مَكْرُومِي وَلَا تَكْشِفْ

مَسْتُورِي وَلَا تَحْمِلْ عَلَيَّ مِيزَانَ الْأَضَافِ عَلَيَّ وَلَا

تُعَلِّنْ عَلَيَّ عِيُونََ الْمَلَأَ خَبْرِي أَخْفِ عَنْهُمْ مَا يَكُونُ

the revelation of which would be a disgrace to me and conceal from them what would bring me to ignominy in Thy Sight.

Exalt my rank with Thy Approbation. Perfect my dignity with Thy Pardon. Place me among the companions of Thy Right Hand. Direct me into the ways of the saved. Let me be of the legion of the absolved. Make me a member of the assemblies of the righteous. Amen, Lord of the Worlds.

(42)

One of his prayers when he finished a recitation of the Quran.

O Lord, verily Thou aidst us to finish Thy Book which Thou didst cause to descend as a light; instituted as a testimony to the value of every book which Thou didst send down; gavest it excellence over every tradition ⁸⁶ Thou didst narrate and a distinction wherewith Thou didst distinguish between the lawful and the unlawful. A Quran -----

نَشْرُهُ عَلَى عَارٍ وَأَطِوعَهُمْ مَا يَلْحَقُنِي عِنْدَكَ
 سَنَاءً أَسْرَفُ دَرَجَتِي بِرِضْوَانِكَ وَأَكْمَلُ
 كَرَامَتِي بِغُضْرَانِكَ وَأَنْظِمِي فِي أَصْحَابِ الْيَمِينِ
 وَوَجْهِي فِي مَسَالِكِ الْأُمْنِينِ وَاجْعَلْنِي فِي فَوْجِ
 الْفَائِزِينَ وَاعْمُرْ لِي مَجَالِسَ الصَّالِحِينَ أَمِيرَ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

وَكَانَ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ عِنْدَ خَيْرِ الْفَرَّانِ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ أَعْتَنِي عَلَى خَيْرِ كِتَابِكَ الَّذِي
 أَنْزَلْتَهُ نُورًا وَجَعَلْتَهُ مُهَيِّمًا عَلَى كُلِّ كِتَابٍ
 أَنْزَلْتَهُ وَفَضَّلْتَهُ عَلَى كُلِّ حَدِيثٍ قَصَصْتَهُ
 وَفَرَفَانَا فَرَقْتَ بِهِ بَيْنَ حِلَالِكَ وَحَرَامِكَ وَقُرْآنَا

whereby Thou didst express the ways of Thy Commandments; a Book in which Thou didst describe everything in proper detail for Thy servants and a revelation which Thou didst cause to descend on Thy Apostle Muhammad – Thy blessings on him and his descendants – as it deserves (to descend). Thou ordained it a light by the following of which we may guide ourselves through the darkness of error and ignorance; a healing to one who gives ear with sincerity of understanding upon listening to it; a just balance, the language of which does not incline away from truth; a guiding light which is not withheld from the spectators; a banner of salvation which does not mislead him who aims at its straight path and the hands of perdition do not overtake him who takes hold of its protecting handle.

O Lord, since Thou hast favored us with help in reading it and hast adapted the roughness of our tongues -----

أَعْرَبَتْ بِهِ عَنْ شَرَائِعِ أَحْكَامِكَ وَكِتَابًا
 فَصَّلْتَهُ لِعِبَادِكَ تَفْصِيلًا وَوَحْيًا أَنْزَلْتَهُ عَلَى
 نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ نَزِيلًا وَجَعَلْتَهُ
 نُورًا نَهَدَى مِنْ ظُلْمِ الضَّلَالَةِ وَالْجَهَالَةِ بِإِتِّبَاعِهِ
 وَشِفَاءً لِمَنْ أَضَلَّ بِفَهْمِ التَّصَدُّقِ إِلَى اسْتِمَاعِهِ
 وَمِيزَانَ قِسْطٍ لَا يَجْفُ عَنْ لِسَانِهِ وَنُورٌ هَدَى
 لَا يَطْفَأُ عَنْ الشَّاهِدِينَ رُهَانَهُ وَعِلْمٌ نَجَاةٌ لَا يَبْضُلُ
 مَنْ أَمَّ قَصْدَ سُنَّتِهِ وَلَا نَالَ أَيْدِيَ الْهَالِكِينَ
 مَنْ تَعَلَّقَ بِعُرْوَةِ عِصْمَتِهِ اللَّهُمَّ فَإِذَا أَفْذَنْتَ
 الْمَعُونَةَ عَلَى نِيْلَاوَنِهِ وَسَهَلْتَ جَوَاسِي السِّنِّينَا

to the beauty of its style, then let us be of those who observe its precepts with due observance, adore Thee with submissive faith in its firm verses and seek Thy shelter by acknowledging its ambiguous verses and the meaning of its clear ones.

O Lord, Thou didst cause it to descend on Thy Apostle Muhammad, Thy Favors on him and his descendants in detail. (Thou) didst inspire him with the knowledge of its wonders in detail. (Thou) didst make us heirs to his excellence over those ignorant of its knowledge. (Thou) gavest us power over it in order to exalt us above those unable to understand ⁸⁷ it.

O Lord, therefore, as Thou hast made our hearts to understand it and hast graciously taught us its excellence, be pleased to bless Muhammad the preacher of it, and his descendants, its preservers and let us be of those who _____

بِحُسْنِ عِبَارَتِهِ فَاجْعَلْنَا مِمَّنْ يَرْعَاهُ حَوْرَ عَابَتِهِ
 وَيَدِيرُ لَكَ بِاعْتِقَادِ التَّسْلِيمِ لِحُكْمِ آيَاتِهِ وَ
 يَفْرَعُ إِلَى الْأَقْرَارِ بِمِثْلِ شَابِهِهِ وَمَوْضِحَاتِ بَيِّنَاتِهِ
 اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ أَنْزَلْتَهُ عَلَى نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَّى اللَّهُ
 عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ مُحَمَّدًا وَمَحْمَدًا وَالْهَمْنَةَ عِلْمَ عَجَائِبِهِ مُكْمَلًا
 وَوَرِثَتَنَا عِلْمَهُ مُفَسِّرًا وَفَضَّلْتَنَا عَلَى مَنْ جَهَلَ
 عِلْمَهُ وَقَوَّيْتَنَا عَلَيْهِ لِنَرْفَعَنَا فَوْقَ مَنْ لَمْ يُطِيقْ
 حَمْلَهُ اللَّهُمَّ فَكَمَا جَعَلْتَ قُلُوبَنَا لَهُ حَمَلَةً وَ
 عَرَّفْتَنَا بِرَحْمَتِكَ شَرَفَهُ وَفَضَّلَهُ فَضَّلْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 الْخَطِيبِ بِهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ الْخِزَّانِ لَهُ وَاجْعَلْنَا مِمَّنْ

acknowledge that verily it is from Thee, till there may be no doubt in our minds when affirming its truth and no uncertainty may lead us away from its straight path.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Make us of those who take hold of its covenant (rope), take refuge from its ambiguities in the protection of its stronghold⁸⁸, find peace under the shelter of its wings, obtain guidance from the brightness of its light, follow the lustre of its brilliancy, acquire illumination from its lamp and do not seek direction from any other than it.

O Lord, as Thou didst through it make Muhammad a standard of guidance towards Thee and manifested through his descendants, the paths which lead towards Thy approval, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Let the Quran be a means for us to reach the most exalted stages of -----

يَعْتَرِفُ بِأَنَّهُ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ حَتَّى لَا يُعَارِضَنَا الشَّكُّ
فِي نَصْدِيقِهِ وَلَا يَخْتَلِفُنَا الزَّيْغُ عَنْ قَصْدِ طَرِيقِهِ
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلْنَا مِمَّنْ يَعْنِصُمُ
مُحِبِّلَهُ وَيَأْوِي مِنَ الْمُتَشَابِهَاتِ إِلَى حِرْزِ مَعْقِلِهِ
وَيَسْكُنُ فِي ظِلِّ جَنَاحِهِ وَيَهْتَدِي بِضَوْءِ صَبَاحِهِ
وَيَقِينْدِي بِتَبْلُجِ إِسْفَارِهِ وَتَسْتَبِيحِ مِصْبَاحِهِ
وَلَا يَلْتَمِسُ الْمُهْدَى فِي غَيْرِهِ اللَّهُمَّ وَكَمَا
نَصَبْتَ بِهِ مُحَمَّدًا عَمَلًا لِلدَّلَالَةِ عَلَيْكَ وَأَنْهَجْتَ
بِآلِهِ سُبُلَ الرِّضَا إِلَيْكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَ
أَجْعَلِ الْقُرْآنَ وَسِيلَةً لَنَا إِلَى أَشْرَفِ مَنَازِلِ

honor; a ladder whereby we may climb towards the abode of peace; a cause whereby we may be rewarded with salvation in the field of resurrection and a means whereby we may advance to the delights of the everlasting abode.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Let the burden of sin fall away from us on account of the Quran. Give us the beautiful habits of the righteous. Make us follow the tracks of those who recited it to please Thee in the hours of the night and the extremities of the day till Thou purgest us from every taint, with its purification, causest us to pursue the path of those who obtained light from its illumination and whom hope did not lure away from action⁸⁹ so as to cut them off (from work) with delusions.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Let the Quran be -----

الْكَرَامَةِ وَسَلَّمَ أَنْفَرُجُ فِيهِ إِلَى الْمَحَلِّ السَّلَامَةِ
 وَسَبَبًا يُجْزِي بِهِ الْجَنَّةَ فِي عَرَصَةِ الْفِيَامَةِ وَ
 ذَرِيعَةَ نَفْدَمُ بِهَا عَلَى نَعِيمٍ دَارِ الْمُقَامَةِ اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاحْطُطْ بِالْقُرْآنِ عَنَّا نَقْدِلِ
 الْأَوْزَارَ وَهَبْ لَنَا حَسَنَ شِمَائِلِ الْأَبْرَارِ وَافْقُ
 بِنَا آثَارَ الَّذِينَ فَا مَوْلَاكَ بِهِ أَنَا اللَّيْلُ وَالطَّرَافُ
 النَّهَارِ حَتَّى نُنْظِرَ نَا مِنْ كُلِّ دَنَسٍ نُنْظِرُهُ
 وَنَقْفُوبِنَا آثَارَ الَّذِينَ اسْتَضَاءُوا نُورَهُ وَلمْ يُلْهِمِ
 الْأَمَلَ عَنِ الْعَمَلِ فَيَقْطَعَهُمْ بِجُدْعِ غُرُوبِهِ اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلِ الْقُرْآنَ لَنَا فِي

a companion to us in the darkness of the night.

A guard against the corruptions of Satan and the presence of evil thoughts.

A restraint to our steps from moving towards sin.

A check to our tongues from plunging into wrong, without becoming dumb.

A preventive to our limbs from committing sin.

An opener of the pages of warning which our negligence has kept shut till Thou bringest (home) to our hearts the understanding of its wonders and the prohibitions of its commandments (parables) which the firmly rooted mountains were too weak to bear, despite their firmness.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

With the Quran, keep our outward conduct reformed forever.

Keep off with it the occurrences of evil thoughts from the health of -----

ظَلِمَ اللَّيَالِي مُونِسًا وَمِنْ نَزَعَاتِ الشَّيْطَانِ
 وَخَطَرَاتِ الْوَسَاوِسِ حَارِسًا وَلَا فُؤَادًا مِنْعًا
 نَقَلَهَا إِلَى الْمَعَاصِي حَاسِبًا وَلَا لِسِنِنًا غَرِيحًا
 فِي الْبَاطِلِ مُزْغِيًا مَا أَفِيضُ مَحْرَسًا وَجَوَارِحًا عَنِ
 أَفْرَافِ الْأَثَامِ زَاجِرًا وَمَلِاطُوتِ الْغَفْلَةِ عَنَّا
 مِنْ تَصَفُّحِ الْأَعْيَابِ نَاشِرًا حَتَّى تُوصَلَ إِلَى فُلُوبِنَا
 فَهَمْ عَجَائِبِهِ وَزَوَاجِرِ أَمْثَالِهِ الَّتِي ضَعُفَتْ لِحَالُ
 الرُّوَاسِي عَلَى صَلَابَتِهَا عَنِ احْتِمَالِهِ اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَادِّمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ صَلَاحَ
 ظَاهِرِنَا وَاجْبُبْ بِهِ خَطَرَاتِ الْوَسَاوِسِ عَنْ صِحَّةِ

our consciences.

Wash off with it the dirt of our hearts
and the stains of our sins.

With it set right the disorder in our
affairs.

Quench with it our noonday ⁹⁰
thirst when we are presented to Thee.

Put on us garments of safety on the
most terrible day of our Resurrection.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his
descendants.

Make our poverty good with the
Quran by annihilating need.

Direct thereby, excellence of happi-
ness ⁹¹ and abundance of prosperity
towards us.

Restrain us therewith from blame-
worthy habits and low morals.

Save us with it from the pits of
infidelity and the occasions of hypocrisy
till on the Day of Judgment it may be-
come our guide to Thy Approbation and
Thy Paradise and, in the world, a check
to us from provoking Thy Wrath -----

صَمَائِرِنَا وَاغْسِلْ بِهِ دَرَنَ فُلُوبِنَا وَعَلَايُونَ
 أَوْزَارِنَا وَاجْمَعْ بِهِ مُنْتَشَرَ أُمُورِنَا وَأَرْوِيهِ فِي
 مَوْفِقِ الْعَرْضِ عَلَيْكَ ظَمًا هَوَاجِرِنَا وَاكْسِنَا
 بِهِ حُلَلَ الْأَمَانِ يَوْمَ الْفَرَجِ الْأَكْبَرِ فِي نُشُورِنَا
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْرِبْ بِالْفُرَّانِ خَلْسَنَا
 مِنْ عَدَمِ الْأَمَلِ فِي وَسْوَةِ النَّيَابِ رَغْدًا لِعَيْشٍ وَخَصْبًا
 سَعَةً الْأَرْزَاقِ وَجَنِّبْنَا بِهِ الضَّرَائِبَ الْمَدْمُومَةَ
 وَمَدَانِي الْأَخْلَافِ وَأَعِصْمْنَا بِهِ مِنْ هَوَجِ الْكُفْرِ وَ
 دَوَاعِي النِّفَاقِ حَتَّى يَكُونَ لَنَا فِي الْفِيَاةِ إِلَى
 رِضْوَانِكَ وَجَنَانِكَ فَايْدًا وَلَنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا غَرْسُ خَطِّكَ

and trespassing Thy limits and a testimony unto Thee of (our) having observed its commandment and prohibitions.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. At the time of death, by means of the Quran, make easy for us the agony of separation of soul from body, the toil of moaning and the succession of gurgles when the souls ⁹² shall reach the collar bones.

And there ⁹³ shall be a cry, "*Who hath a charm to restore him?*" And the Angel of Death shall appear from behind the curtains of mystery (invisibility) to seize it and shoot at it horrible darts of separation from the bow of death and mix for it, out of the venom of mortality, a cup of poisonous taste.

Our setting out and departure for the next world shall approach.

Our actions shall become necklaces round our necks. The graves shall be our resting place till the Day of Judgment.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

وَتَعَدِّي حُدُودِكَ ذَائِدًا وَمَا عِنْدَكَ بِتَحْلِيلِ
 حَلَالِهِ وَتَحْرِيمِ حَرَامِهِ شَاهِدًا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَهَوِّنْ بِالْقُرْآنِ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ عَلَى نَفْسِنَا
 كَرَبِّ السِّبَاوِ وَجَهْدِ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَتَرَادِفِ الْحَشَارِجِ
 إِذَا بَلَغَتْ النَّفُوسُ التَّرَاقِي وَقِيلَ مَنْ رَأَوْ وَتَجَلَّى
 مَلَكُ الْمَوْتِ لِفَبْضِهَا مِنْ حُجْبِ الْغُيُوبِ وَرَمَاهَا
 عَرْقُوسِ الْمَنَابِي بِأَسْمِهِمْ وَحَشَّةِ الْفِرَاقِ وَدَنَامِنَا
 إِلَى الْأَخْرِفِ رَحِيلٌ وَأَنْطِلَافٌ وَصَارِنَا الْأَعْمَالُ
 فَلَا يَدِي فِي الْأَعْنَافِ وَكَانَتْ الْفُبُورُ هِيَ الْمَاوِي
 إِلَى مِيقَاتِ يَوْمِ التَّلَاقِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

Bless us in entering the abode of decay and the long stay between the layers of the earth.

After leaving the world, let the graves be our best abode.

With Thy Grace enlarge for us the narrowness of our graves.

Do not disgrace us with our fatal sins among those present at Doomsday.

Pity, for the sake of the Quran, our ignominious position when we are presented unto Thee.

Make firm thereby our unsteady footsteps at the trembling of the bridge of hell, on the day of passing over it.

Deliver us from every grief on the Day of Judgment and the intensities of terror on the Day of Resurrection.

(Brighten) our faces at the day on which the countenance of the wicked shall grow dark in the day of regret and shame.

Ordain in the breasts of the true believers -----

وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِي حُلُولِ دَارِ الْبَلَى وَطُولِ الْمَقَامَةِ
 بَيْنَ أَطْبَاقِ الثَّرَى وَاجْعَلِ الْقُبُورَ بَعْدَ فِرَاوَالِ الدُّنْيَا
 خَيْرَ مَنَازِلِنَا وَافْتَحْ لَنَا رَحْمَتَكَ فِي ضَيْقِ مَوَاجِدِنَا
 وَلَا تَفْضَحْنَا فِي حَاضِرِ الْفِيَامَةِ بِمُوتِقَاتِ آثَامِنَا
 وَارْحَمْ بِالْقُرْآنِ فِي مَوْقِفِ الْعَرْضِ عَلَيْكَ ذُلَّ
 مَقَامِنَا وَثَبَّتْ بِهِ عِنْدَ اضْطِرَابِ جِسْرِ جَهَنَّمَ
 يَوْمَ الْمَجَازِ عَلَيْهَا زَلَلْنَا وَنَجَّيْنَا بِهِ مِنْ كُلِّ
 كَرْبٍ يَوْمَ الْفِيَامَةِ وَشَدَّ يَدِ أَهْوَالِ يَوْمِ الطَّامَةِ
 وَبَيَّضَ وَجُوهَنَا يَوْمَ تَسْوَدُّ وَجُوهُ الظَّلَمَةِ فِي يَوْمِ
 الْحَسْرَةِ وَالنَّدَامَةِ وَاجْعَلْ لَنَا فِي صُدُورِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

a love for us.

Do not ordain life (to be) miserable to us.

O Lord, bless Muhammad, Thy servant and Thy Apostle as he delivered Thy Message, proclaimed Thy Commands and advised Thy creatures.

O Lord, let our Prophet — Thy Favors on him and on his descendants — on the Day of Judgment, his position is nearest of all the Prophets to Thee — be the most effective with Thee, with respect to intercession, the most exalted of them nigh Thee with regard to honor and the most respectable of them in Thy Sight as regards dignity.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Exalt his foundation (the religion of Islam). Magnify his proof (the Holy Quran). Make heavy his balance⁹⁴. Accept his intercession and make nigh to Thee his relation. Illuminate his countenance. Perfect his light. Advance his rank. Cause us to live according to his Traditions. Let us die in his creed. Keep

وَدَّ أَوْلَا أَنْجَعَلِ الْحَيَوَةَ عَلَيْنَا نَكَدًا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
 عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ كَمَا بَلَغَ رِسَالَتَكَ وَصَدِّعْ
 بِأَمْرِكَ وَنَصَحِ لِعِبَادِكَ اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ بَيْنَنَا صَلَواتَكَ
 عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى إِلِهِ يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ أَقْرَبَ النَّبِيِّينَ
 مِنْكَ مَجْلِسًا وَأَمَكْنَهُمْ مِنْكَ شَفَاعَةً وَأَجْلَهُمْ
 عِنْدَكَ فَدَّرًا وَأَوَجَّهُهُمْ عِنْدَكَ جَاهًا اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَالْمُحَمَّدِيِّينَ وَشَرِّفْ بَيْتَهُ وَعَظِّمْ
 بُرْهَانَهُ وَثَقِّلْ مِيزَانَهُ وَتَقَبَّلْ شَفَاعَتَهُ وَقَرِّبْ
 وَسِيلَتَهُ وَبَيِّضْ وَجْهَهُ وَأَتِمِّمْ نُورَهُ وَارْفَعْ دَرَجَتَهُ
 وَأَجِنَّا عَلَى سُنَّتِهِ وَتَوَفَّنَا عَلَى مِلَّتِهِ وَخُذِنَا

us on his path.

Make us walk his way.

Let us be of those who are obedient to him.

Resurrect us among his congregation.

Bring us to his reservoir.⁹⁵

Cause us to drink of his cup.

Favor, O Lord, Muhammad and his descendants with a blessing whereby Thou mayest confer on him the best of what he could expect from Thy Goodness, Grace and Bounty.

Verily Thou art possessor of ample mercy and generous grace.

O Lord, reward him for what he delivered of Thy Messages, dictated of Thy(verses), advised Thy creatures and toiled in Thy Path, with the best of that with which Thou didst ever reward any of Thy angels nigh to Thee and Thy Prophets sent and chosen (by Thee).

Peace be on him and on his descendants, the pure, the holy, and the Mercy of God and His Blessings!

مِنْهَا جَهْدٌ وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِنَاسِيبِهِ وَأَجْعَلُنَا مِنْ أَهْلِ
 طَاعَتِهِ وَأَحْسِنَا فِي زُمْرَتِهِ وَأَوْرِدْنَا حَوْضَهُ
 وَأَسْقِنَا بِكَاسِهِ وَصَلِّ اللَّهُمَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 صَلَوةً تُبَلِّغُهُ بِهَا أَفْضَلَ مَا يَأْمُرُ بِخَيْرِكَ وَ
 فَضْلِكَ وَكَرَامَتِكَ إِنَّكَ ذُو رَحْمَةٍ وَاسِعَةٍ وَ
 فَضْلٍ كَرِيمٍ اللَّهُمَّ اجْزِهِ بِمَا بَلَغَ مِنْ رِسَالَتِكَ وَ
 أَدَّى مِنْ آيَاتِكَ وَنَفَّحَ لِعِبَادِكَ وَجَاهَدَ فِي سَبِيلِكَ
 أَفْضَلَ مَا جَزَيْتَ أَحَدًا مِنْ مَلَائِكَتِكَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ
 وَأَنْبِيَاءِكَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ الْمُصْطَفِينَ وَالسَّلَامَ عَلَيْهِ وَ
 عَلَى آلِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَرَحْمَةَ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتَهُ

(43)

One of his prayers when he looked at the new moon.

O thou, the obedient, toiling, quick creature who passed through the fixed⁹⁶ stages and moves in the appointed⁹⁷ orbit.

I believe in He Who illuminated with thee the darknesses,

Enlightened by thee the ambiguities,
Instituted thee one of the signs of His sovereignty and one of the emblems of His Authority.

And employed thee with increase and decrease, rising and setting, brightness and eclipse.

In all this, thou art obedient to Him and ready observer of His Will.

Holiness to Him! How wonderful what He has arranged in thy affair.

(How) benevolent whatsoever He has devised in thy case!

He has instituted thee, -----

وكان في عابئ عليا السلام
 اذا نظرت الى الهلال

ابها الخلق المطيع الدائب السريع المتردد في
 منازل التقدير المتصرف في فلك التدبير امننت
 بمنور بك الظلم واوضح بك البهيم وجعلك
 آية من آيات ملكه وعلامة من علامات سلطانه
 وامننتك بالزيادة والنقصان والطلوع و
 الافول والانارة والكسوف في كل ذلك انت
 له مطيع والى ارادته سريع سبحانه ما اعجب ما
 دبر في امرك والطف ما صنع في شأنك جعلك

key of the month, newly arrived for new affairs.⁹⁸

Therefore I pray unto God, my Sustainer and thine, my Creator and thine, my Predestinator and thine, my Maker and thine, to shower blessings on Muhammad and his descendants.

To ordain thee – crescent of prosperity ⁹⁹ – which the days may not obliterate; of purity which the sins may not taint;

Crescent of security from calamities and safety from wrong;¹⁰⁰

Crescent of auspiciousness having no misfortune in it, of blessing unaccompanied by sorrow, prosperity unmixed with distress and good unvitiated by evil.

Crescent of security, faith, blessing, benevolence, safety¹⁰¹ and Islam.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Let us be the most happy of those over whom it rose, the purest of those who looked at it, and the most lucky

مِفْصَاحُ شَهْرٍ حَادِثٍ لِأَمْرٍ فَاسْأَلُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَرَبَّكَ
 وَخَالَفِي وَخَالَفَكَ وَمُقَدِّرِي وَمُقَدِّرَكَ وَمُصَوِّرِي
 وَمُصَوِّرَكَ أَنْ يُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَاللَّهِ وَإِنْ يَجْعَلْكَ
 هِلَالَ بَرَكَةٍ لَا تَحْقُقُهَا الْأَيَّامُ وَطَهَارَةَ لِأَنْدَسِهَا
 الْأَثَامُ هِلَالِ أَمْنٍ مِنَ الْآفَاتِ وَسَلَامَةٍ مِنَ
 السَّيِّئَاتِ هِلَالِ سَعْدٍ لَا تَحْزِنُ فِيهِ وَبُخَيْرٍ لَا تَكْذِبُ
 مَعَهُ وَيُسِّرُ لِي مَآزِجَهُ عَسْرًا وَخَيْرًا لَا يَشُوبُهُ شَرٌّ
 هِلَالِ أَمْنٍ وَأَيْمَانٍ وَنِعْمَةٍ وَإِحْسَانٍ وَسَلَامَةٍ
 وَأَسْلَامٍ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَاللَّهِ وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنْ
 أَرْضِي مَنْ طَلَعَ عَلَيْهِ وَأَزْكَى مَنْ نَظَرَ إِلَيْهِ وَأَسْعَدَ

of those who worshipped Thee in it.¹⁰²

Give us grace therein to repent. Guard us therein from sin. Protect us in it from committing disobedience to Thee. Inspire us in it with gratitude for Thy Bounty. Clothe us in it with (armor) of safety. Complete for us Thy Goodness therein by perfecting (our) obedience unto Thee. Verily Thou art the most Benevolent, the Praiseworthy.

May God bless Muhammad and his descendants, the pure, the holy.

(44)

One of his prayers at the beginning of Ramadhan, the month of fasting.

All praise is due to God Who guided us to praise Him, made us worthy of it, in order that we may be grateful for His Goodness and that He may, thereupon, confer on us the reward of the righteous.

All praise be to God who conferred on us His religion, distinguished us -----

مِنْ تَعَبَدَ لَكَ فِيهِ وَوَفَّقْنَا فِيهِ لِلتَّوْبَةِ وَأَعَصَمْنَا
 فِيهِ مِنَ الْحَوْبَةِ وَأَحْفَظْنَا مِنْ مُبَاشَرَةِ مَعْصِيَتِكَ
 وَأَوْزَعْنَا فِيهِ شُكْرَ نِعْمَتِكَ وَالْبَسْنَافَةَ جُنْحَنَ
 الْعَافِيَةِ وَأَتَمَّمَّ عَلَيْنَا بِاسْتِحْمَالِ طَاعَتِكَ فِيهِ
 الْمِنَّةَ إِنَّكَ الْمَنَّانُ الْحَمِيدُ وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ رُغَائِبِ عَائِدَةِ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي تَالِبٍ إِذَا دَخَلَ شَهْرَ رَمَضَانَ
 الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي هَدَانَا لِحُدُودِهِ وَجَعَلَنَا مِنْ أَهْلِهِ لِنَتَكُونَ
 لِأِحْسَانِهِ مِنَ الشَّاكِرِينَ وَلِيَجْزِيَنَا عَلَى ذَلِكَ جَزَاءَ
 الْمُحْسِنِينَ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَبَانَا بِدِينِهِ وَأَخْضَعَنَا

with His Creed and conducted us into the paths of His Goodness in order that, through His Grace, we may walk along them towards his approbation – a praise which He may accept from us on account of which He may be pleased with us.

Praise be to God who ordained His month, the month of Ramadhan ¹⁰³, the month of fasting, the month of Islam, the month of purity, the month of purification ¹⁰⁴ and the month of standing up (for prayers) ¹⁰⁵ in which the Quran was made to descend, which is a guidance for mankind and contains clear instruction and distinction (between right and wrong).

He manifested its superiority to all the other months by allotting it abundant honors and celebrated excellences.

Therefore, He prohibited in it what He had allowed in other months, in order to exalt it and forbade in it food and drink ¹⁰⁶ in order to honor it.

بِمِلْنِهِ وَسَبَّلْنَا فِي سُبُلِ إِحْسَانِهِ لِنَسْلُكَهَا
 بِمِنِّهِ إِلَى رِضْوَانِهِ حَمْدًا يَنْقَبِلُهُ مِنَّا وَيَرْضَى بِهِ
 عَنَا وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي جَعَلَ مِنْ نِكَاحِ السُّبُلِ شَهْرَهُ
 شَهْرَ رَمَضَانَ شَهْرَ الصِّيَامِ وَشَهْرَ الْأَسْلَامِ
 وَشَهْرَ الظُّهُورِ وَشَهْرَ التَّجَمُّصِ وَشَهْرَ الْفِيَامِ الَّذِي
 أَنْزَلَ فِيهِ الْقُرْآنَ هُدًى لِلنَّاسِ وَبَيِّنَاتٍ مِنَ
 الْهُدَى وَالْفُرْقَانِ فَأَبَانَ فَضِيلَتَهُ عَلَى سَائِرِ
 الشُّهُورِ بِمَا جَعَلَ لَهُ مِنَ الْحُرْمَاتِ الْمَوْفُورَةِ وَ
 الْفَضَائِلِ الْمَشْهُورَةِ فَحَرَّمَ فِيهِ مَا أَحَلَّ فِي غَيْرِهِ
 أَعْظَمًا وَحَزَفَ فِيهِ الْمَطَاعِمَ وَالْمَشَارِبَ إِكْرَامًا

(He) appointed for it a definite time which the High and Glorious doth not permit to be anticipated before it and would not accept if delayed after it.¹⁰⁷

Then He gave excellence to one of its nights over a thousand months and named it the night of Qadr ¹⁰⁸, wherein descend the angels and the spirit by permission of their Lord, for every matter, peace of everlasting blessing till the dawn of the morning to whomsoever of His servants He Will, according to the decree confirmed by Him.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Inspire us to know its excellence.
Honor its dignity.

Abstain from whatever Thou hast forbidden in it.

Help us to observe its fasts by restraining our limbs from disobeying Thee and by employing them in that which would please Thee.

So that we may not _____

وَجَعَلَهُ وَقْفًا بَيْنَنَا لَا يُجْزِلُ وَلَا وَعَزَّانُ يُقَدِّمُ
 قَبْلَهُ وَلَا يَقْبَلُ أَنْ يُوَءَرَ عَنْهُ ثُمَّ فَضَّلَ لَيْلَةَ
 وَاحِدَةً مِنْ لَيَالِيهِ عَلَى لَيَالِي الْفِ شَهْرٍ وَسَمَّاها
 لَيْلَةَ الْقَدْرِ نَزَلَ الْمَلَائِكَةُ وَالرُّوحُ فِيهَا
 بِإِذْنِ رَبِّهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ سَلَامٌ دَائِمٌ الْبَرَكَاتِ إِلَى
 طُلُوعِ الْفَجْرِ عَلَى مَنْ يَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِهِ بِمَا أَحْكَمَ مِنْ
 فَضَائِهِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاهْمُنَا مَعْرِفَةَ
 فَضْلِهِ وَاجْلَالِ حُرْمَتِهِ وَالتَّحْفُظِ مِمَّا حَظَرْتَ
 فِيهِ وَاعْتِنَا عَلَى صِيَامِهِ بِكَيْفِ الْجَوَارِحِ عَنْ
 مَعَاصِيكَ وَاسْتِعْمَالِهَا فِيهِ بِمَا يُرْضِيكَ حَتَّى لَا

lend our ears to any vain (speech), may not direct our eyes towards any amusement, so that we may not stretch our hands towards anything forbidden, may not step with our feet towards anything prohibited and so that nothing may fill our bellies but what Thou hast made lawful and our tongues may not utter anything save what Thou hast permitted, and we may cease to exert ourselves except in that which would bring us nearer to Thy Reward and stop doing everything save that which would protect us from Thy torment.

Then purify all this from showiness loved by the ostentatious¹⁰⁹ and notoriety desired by seekers of fame¹¹⁰, (so that) we may not, in our worship of Thee, join anyone besides Thee and may not, therein, desire any other object except Thee. O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Give us grace to perform punctually the five ritual prayers with due regard to their limits which Thou hast defined, -----

نُصِغِي بِأَسْمَاعِنَا إِلَى الْغَوِّ وَلَا نُسْرِعَ بِأَبْصَارِنَا إِلَى
 لَهْوٍ وَحَتَّى لَا نَبْسُطَ أَيْدِينَا إِلَى مَحْظُورٍ وَلَا نَخْطُوَ
 بِأَقْدَامِنَا إِلَى مَحْجُورٍ وَحَتَّى لَا نَعْبِي طُؤُنَنَا إِلَّا مَا
 أَحَلَّتْ وَلَا نَنْطُفِ السَّنَنُنَا إِلَّا بِمَا مَثَلَتْ وَلَا
 نَنْكَفُ إِلَّا مَا يُدِينُ مِنْ تَوَابِكَ وَلَا نَسْتَغَاطِي
 إِلَّا الَّذِي مَرَّ عِفَابِكَ ثُمَّ خَلَصَ ذَلِكَ كُلَّهُ مِنْ
 رِبَايَ الْمُرَائِبِزِ وَسَمْعَةَ الْمُسْمِعِينَ لِأَنْشُرِكَ فِيهِ
 أَحْدَادُونَكَ وَلَا نَبْتَغِي بِهِ مَرَادَ إِسْوَاكَ اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَفِنَانِيهِ عَلَى مَوَافِيَتِ
 الصَّلَوَاتِ الْخَيْرِ بِحُدُودِهَا الَّتِي حَدَّدْتَ وَ

duties which Thou hast enjoined, ceremonies which Thou hast prescribed and times which Thou hast fixed. In this respect, raise us to the rank of those who performed them ¹¹¹ with success, who duly observed their essential points, who always performed them at their (proper) time, in most perfect and complete purity and most evident and touching ¹¹² humility, according to the times laid down by Thy servant and Thy Apostle, Thy Favors on him and his descendants concerning their bows and prostrations and all the other excellent (rites) with the fullest and most perfect purity and the clearest and most acceptable humility.

O Lord, give us grace in this month to show favor to our relations and do good to them ¹¹³, to take care of our neighbors with kindness and benevolence, to purge our property of obligations, to purify it by giving the legal alms, to call back he who -----

فَرُوضُهَا الَّتِي فَرَضَتْ وَوَضَائِفُهَا الَّتِي وَظَّفَتْ
 وَأَوْفَانِهَا الَّتِي وَقَّتْ وَأَنْزَلْنَا فِيهَا مَنَزِلَةَ الْمُصِيبِينَ
 لِمَنَازِلِهَا الْحَافِظِينَ لِأَرْكَانِهَا الْمُؤَدِّبِينَ لَهَا فِي
 أَوْفَانِهَا عَلَى مَا سَنَّهُ عَبْدُكَ وَرَسُولُكَ صَلَوَاتُكَ
 عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ فِي رُكُوعِهَا وَسُجُودِهَا وَجَمِيعِ
 فَوَاضِلِهَا عَلَى أَيْتَمِّ الطُّهُورِ وَأَسْبَغِهِ وَأَيْبِنِ
 الْخُشُوعِ وَأَبْلَغِهِ وَوَقْفِنَا فِيهِ لِأَنَّ نَصَلَ رَحْمَانَا
 بِالْبِرِّ وَالصَّلَاةِ وَأَنَّ نَعَاهُ دَجِيرَانِنَا بِالْإِفْتِخَالِ
 وَالْعَطِيَّةِ وَأَنَّ خُلِصَّ أَمْوَالِنَا مِنَ الشَّبَعَاتِ وَ
 أَنَّ نَظَهَرَهَا بِإِخْرَاجِ الزَّكَاةِ وَأَنَّ نُرَاجِعَ مَنْ

deserted us, be just to him who was unjust to us and make peace with him who was hostile to us — far be it from us to reconcile him who is abhorred on account of Thee and for Thy sake, for, verily, he is an enemy whom we will never befriend and belongs to the class with which we will never be on good terms.¹¹⁴

Give us grace, therein ¹¹⁵, to approach Thee by means of pure deeds, whereby Thou mayest purify us of sins. Guard us, therein, from relapsing into blemishes so that none of Thy angels may have occasion to report unto Thee anything but such of our conduct as would (necessarily) fall under the heads of obedience to Thee and means of approaching Thee. O Lord, I beg Thee for the sake of this month and for the sake of him who adored Thee in it, from its beginning to the time of its closing, whether he belonged to the class of angels whom Thou didst advance to nearness¹¹⁶ or of Prophets whom Thou didst send, or of pious servants -----

هَاجَرْنَا وَأَنْ نُنْصِفَ مَرَّ ظَلَمْنَا وَأَنْ نُسَالِمَ مَرَّ عَادَانَا
حَاشَى مَنْ عُوْدِي فِيكَ وَلَكَ فَانَّهُ الْعَدُوُّ الَّذِي
لَا نُؤَالِيهِ وَالْحَرْبُ الَّذِي لَا نُصَافِيهِ وَأَنْ
نَتَقَرَّبَ إِلَيْكَ فِيهِ مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ الزَّائِكَةِ بِمَا
نُظْهِرُ بَابَهُ مِنَ الذُّنُوبِ وَتَعَصُّمُنَا فِيهِ مِمَّا سَنَأْفُ
مِنَ الْعِيُوبِ حَتَّى لَا يُوْرِدَ عَلَيْكَ أَحَدٌ مِمَّا يَمْلِكُكَ
الْأَدْوَانَ مَا نُورِدُ مِنْ أَبْوَابِ الطَّاعَةِ لَكَ وَأَنْوَاعِ
الْقُرْبَةِ إِلَيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِحَوْضِ هَذَا
الشَّهْرِ وَبِحَوْضِ مَنْ تَعَبَّدَ لَكَ فِيهِ مِنْ أَسْبَابِهِ إِلَى وَقْتِ
فَنَائِهِ مِنْ مَمْلَكِ قَرَّبِنَهُ وَأَوْبِيَّ أَرْسَلْتَهُ أَوْ عَبْدِ

whom Thou didst distinguish, to bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Make us, in this month, worthy of that which Thou hast promised to Thy friends out of Thy Bounty.

Entitle us that to which Thou hast entitled those who are most diligent in Thy Service.

Place us in the class of those who deserve high and exalted (rank) by Thy Mercy.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Restrain us from unbelief in Thy Unity, deficiency in glorifying Thee, entertaining doubt in Thy religion, being blind to Thy Path, neglecting to honor Thee and being deceived by Satan, Thy enemy, the stoned one.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Since, in every night of the nights of this our month there are men ¹¹⁷ whom Thy Pardon liberates or whom Thy Forbearance forgives, there—

صَلَاحِ اخْتَصَّصَهُ أَنْ نُضَلِّيَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَإِلَيْهِ وَاهْلُنَا
 فِيهِ لِمَا وَعَدْتَ أَوْلِيَاءَكَ مِنْ كَرَامَتِكَ وَ
 أَوْجِبْ لَنَا فِيهِ مَا أَوْجِبْتَ لِأَهْلِ الْمُبَالِغَةِ فِي
 طَاعَتِكَ وَاجْعَلْنَا فِي نِظْمٍ مِنْ اسْتِحْقَاقِ الرَّفِيعِ
 الْأَعْلَى بِرَحْمَتِكَ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَإِلَيْهِ وَجَنِّبْنَا
 الْإِلْحَادَ فِي تَوْحِيدِكَ وَالتَّفْصِيرَ فِي تَعْبُدِكَ وَالشَّكَّ
 فِي دِينِكَ وَالْعَمَى عَنِ سَبِيلِكَ وَالْإِغْفَالَ لِحُرْمَتِكَ
 وَالْإِنْخِدَاعَ لِعَدُوِّكَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
 عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَإِلَيْهِ وَإِذَا كَانَ لَكَ فِي كُلِّ لَيْلَةٍ مِنْ
 لَيْلِي شَهْرًا نَاهَا هَذَا رِفَابٌ يُغْنِقُهَا عَفْوُكَ أَوْ

fore, let us ¹¹⁸ be of these men. Let us be to our month the best of people and companions.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Obliterate our sins along with the disappearance of its crescent.

Remove from us our penalties ¹¹⁹ with the expiration of its days so that the month may pass away from us whilst Thou hast cleansed us within it of guilt and purified us of sins.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

If we deviate in it ¹²⁰ then set us right.

If we hesitate, make us firm.

If Satan, Thy enemy, overwhelm us, then deliver us from him.

O Lord, fill this month with our worship of Thee Alone.

Adorn its moments with our service to Thee.

Help us in the day time to observe the fast -----

بِهَبْهَا صَفْحَكَ فَاجْعَلْ رِقَابَنَا مِنْ نِتْلِكَ الرَّقَابِ
 وَاجْعَلْنَا الشَّهْرَ نَا مِنْ خَيْرِ أَهْلِ وَأَصْحَابِ اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَمْحُذُ نُونَنَا مَعَ أَحْبَابِ
 هِلَالِهِ وَأَسْلِحْ عَنَّا بُعَاثَنَا مَعَ أَسْلَاحِ أَيَّامِهِ حَتَّى
 يَنْقُضِيَ عَنَّا وَقَدْ صَفَّيْنَا فِيهِ مِنَ الْخَطِيئَاتِ وَأَخْلَصْنَا
 فِيهِ مِنَ الشَّيْثَانِ اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَ
 إِنْ مِلْنَا فِيهِ فَعَدِّ لَنَا وَأِنْ زُغْنَا فِيهِ فَفَوِّمْنَا وَإِنْ
 اشْتَمَلْنَا عَلَيْكَ الشَّيْطَانُ فَاسْتَنْفِذْنَا
 مِنْهُ اللَّهُمَّ اشْحَنَّهُ بِعِبَادَتِنَا يَا كَوْزِينَ
 أَوْفَانَهُ بِطَاعِنَا لَكَ وَأَعِنَا فِي نَهَارِهِ عَلَى صَابِمِهِ

and at night to pray, to beseech Thee.
To humble (ourselves) unto Thee.
To abase (ourselves) in Thy Presence
so that neither its day may bear witness
against us of negligence nor its night of
default.

O Lord, let us be like this in all the
months and days as long as Thou keepest
us alive.

Let us be of Thy righteous servants
who will inherit the Paradise wherein
they shall live forever, who do give what
they give with a fearing heart for, verily,
they shall return to their Lord.

Let us be of those who are prompt
in charity and excel therein.

O Lord, confer blessings on Muham-
mad and his descendants every time,
every moment and in every condition,
equal in number to the blessings Thou
didst confer on whomsoever Thou didst
bless -----

وَفِي لَيْلِهِ عَلَى الصَّلَوةِ وَالنَّضْرِ إِلَى الْيَكِّ وَالْخُشُوعِ
 لَكَ وَالذَّلَّةَ بِرَيْدِكَ حَتَّى لَا يَشْهَدَ نَهَارُهُ عَلَيْنَا
 بِعَفْوَكَ وَلَا لَيْلُهُ بِنَفْطِ اللَّهْمِ وَاجْعَلْنَا فِي
 سَائِرِ الشُّهُورِ وَالْأَيَّامِ كَذَلِكَ مَا عَمَّرْنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا
 مِنْ عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ الَّذِينَ يَرْتُونَ الْفِرْدَوْسَ
 هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ وَالَّذِينَ يُؤْتُونَ مَا آتَوْا فُلُوبُهُمْ
 وَجِلَّةٌ أَنَّهُمْ إِلَى رَبِّهِمْ رَاجِعُونَ وَمِنَ الَّذِينَ
 يُسَارِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَهُمْ لَهَا سَابِقُونَ اللَّهُمَّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ فِي كُلِّ وَقْتٍ وَكُلِّ أَوَانٍ
 وَعَلَى كُلِّ حَالٍ عَدَدَ مَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى مَنْ صَلَّيْتَ

and many times more than all these — which no one may exhaustively count except Thee. Verily Thou art the best doer of what Thou resolvest.

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One of his prayers when bidding adieu to the month of Ramadhan.

God, O Thou Who dost not desire recompense (for Thy Favors) and dost not regret the gift Thou makest.

O Thou Who dost not requite Thy servant upon equal terms. ¹²¹

Thy Benevolence is a beginning ¹²² (of favors we do not deserve).

Thy Pardon, gracious, Thy Chastisement, just and Thy Decree, benevolent.

If Thou gavest, Thy gift was not tainted with reproach.

If Thou denied, Thy denial was not due to injustice.

Thou rewardest he who thanks Thee, whilst Thou Thyself hast inspired him with gratitude to Thee, Thou repaid him

عَلَيْهِ وَأَضْعَافَ ذَلِكَ بِالأَضْعَافِ الَّتِي لَا
يُحْصِيهَا غَيْرُكَ إِنَّكَ فَعَّالٌ لِمَا تُرِيدُ

وَكَانَ مِنْ دَعَايِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي
وَدَاعِ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ

اللَّهُمَّ يَا مَنْ لَا يَرُغِبُ فِي الْجَزَاءِ وَلَا يَنْدَمُ عَلَى
الْعَطَاءِ وَيَا مَنْ لَا يَكْفِي عِبْدَهُ عَلَى السَّوَاءِ
مِنْكَ ابْتِدَاءً وَعَفْوُكَ تَفْضُلٌ وَعُقُوبَتُكَ عَذَابٌ
وَقَضَاؤُكَ خَيْرٌ إِنْ أَعْطَيْتَ لَمْ تَنْسِبْ عَطَاءَكَ
بِمَنْ وَإِنْ مَنَعْتَ لَمْ يَكُنْ مَنُوعًا تَعْدِيًّا تَشْكُرُهُ
مَنْ شَكَرَكَ وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُمَّ شُكْرُكَ وَتَكَافِيَةٌ

who praises Thee, whilst Thou Thyself hast taught him to praise Thee! Thou drawest a curtain over him whom Thou couldst disgrace hadst Thou so desired; conferest favor on him whom Thou couldst refuse, hadst Thou so resolved — while both of them deserve disgrace and denial from Thee. But Thou hast based Thy Actions on kindness, makest Thy Power work according to forgiveness, dealest mildly with him who disobeyed Thee and allowest he who resolved to injure his own soul time (to reform). With Thy Forbearance, Thou waitest for them to return, gavest up hastening them to punishment to make them repent, in order that such of them as deserve ruin may not be ruined against Thy Will, that the unlucky of them may not be deprived of Thy Favor without a long time so as to leave him no excuse. After repeated warnings, O Kind and Forbearing Master, as a favor out of Thy Forgiveness and out of kindness proceeding from Thy Mercy, it is Thou -----

مِنْ حَمْدِكَ وَأَنْتَ عَلَّمْتَهُ حَمْدَكَ تَسْرِعُ عَلَى مَنْ لَوْ شِئْتَ
 فَضَحْتَهُ وَتَجُودُ عَلَى مَنْ لَوْ شِئْتَ مَنَعْتَهُ وَكَلَاهُمَا
 أَهْلُ مَنِيكَ لِلْفَيْصِحَةِ وَالْمَنَعِ غَيْرَ أَنَّكَ بَنَيْتَ أَفْعَالَكَ
 عَلَى النَّفْضِ وَأَجْرِيْتُ فُذْرَنَكَ عَلَى النَّجَّازِ وَ
 نَلَقَيْتَ مَرْعَاكَ بِالْحِلْمِ وَأَمَهَلْتَ مَنْ فَضَلْتَنَفْسَهُ
 بِالظُّلْمِ تَسْتَنْظِرُهُمْ يَا نَانِكَ إِلَى الْإِنَابَةِ وَتَتْرُكُ
 مُعَاجِلَتَهُمْ إِلَى التَّوْبَةِ لِكَيْ لَا يَهْلِكَ عَلَيْكَ
 هَالِكُهُمْ وَلَا يَشْقَى بِنِعْمَتِكَ شَقِيهِمْ الْإِعْرَبُ
 طُولُ الْأَعْدَارِ وَبَعْدُ زَادُفِ الْحُجَّةِ عَلَيْهِ كَرَمًا مِنْ
 عَفْوِكَ يَا كَرِيمُ وَعَائِدَةٌ مِنْ عَطْفِكَ يَا حَلِيمُ أَنْتَ

who hast opened a gate for Thy servants to Thy Pardon and named it repentance.

(Thou) hast made one of Thy revelations ¹²³ a guide to this gate, that they may not go astray from it.

Thou hast said — may Thy Name be Blessed — *‘Turn to God with the turning of true penitence; perhaps your Lord will forgive your evil deeds and will bring you into the gardens’* beneath which the rivers flow on the day when God will not shame the Prophet ¹²⁴, nor those who have shared his faith.

‘Their light shall run before them and on their right hands!’

‘They shall say, ‘Lord, perfect our light and pardon us for Thou hast power over all things.’ ’’¹²⁵

Therefore, what is the excuse of him who neglected to enter this abode, after the opening of the gate and appointment of the guide?

الَّذِي فَتَحَ لِعِبَادِكَ بَابًا إِلَى عَفْوِكَ وَسَمَّيْتَهُ
 التَّوْبَةَ وَجَعَلْتَ عَلَى ذَلِكَ الْبَابِ دَلِيلًا مِنْ
 وَحْيِكَ لِئَلَّا يَضِلُّوا عَنْهُ فَقُلْتَ نَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ
 نُوبُوا إِلَى اللَّهِ تَوْبَةً نَصُوحًا عَسَى رَبُّكُمْ أَنْ يُكَفِّرَ
 عَنْكُمْ سُيِّئَاتِكُمْ وَيُدْخِلَكُمْ جَنَّاتٍ تَجْرِي مِنْ
 تَحْتِهَا الْأَنْهَارُ يَوْمَ لَا يُخْزِي اللَّهُ النَّبِيَّ وَالَّذِينَ
 آمَنُوا مَعَهُ نُورُهُمْ يَسْعَى بِيَدَيْهِمْ وَبِأَيْمَانِهِمْ
 يَقُولُونَ رَبَّنَا أَنْتُمْ لَنَا نُورٌ نَاوَرْنَا وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا إِنَّكَ
 عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ فَمَا عُدْرُ مَنْ أَعْفَلَ دُخُولَ
 ذَلِكَ الْمَثَلِ بَعْدَ فَتْحِ الْبَابِ وَإِقَامَةِ الدَّلِيلِ

And it is Thou Who hast raised the price against Thyself to the advantage of Thy servants, desiring their benefit in their commerce with Thee, their success in waiting upon Thee and obtaining increase from Thee.

For Thou hast said — may Thy Name be Blessed and Exalted — *“He who shall present himself with good works shall receive a tenfold reward, but he who shall present himself with evil works shall receive none other than a like punishment.”*¹²⁶

And Thou hast said, *“The likeness of those who expend their wealth for the cause of God is that of a grain of corn which produces seven ears and in each ear a hundred grains; and God will multiply to whom He pleases.”*¹²⁷

And Thou hast said, *“Who is he that will lend to God a goodly loan? He will double it to him again and again.”*¹²⁸

And other verses in the Quran similar to these hast Thou caused to descend concerning the -----

وَأَنْتَ الَّذِي زِدْتَنِي فِي السُّؤْمِ عَلَى نَفْسِكَ لِعِبَادِكَ
 تَزِيدُ رِزْحَهُمْ فِي مُنَاجَرَتِهِمْ لَكَ وَفَوْزَهُمْ
 بِالْوَفَادَةِ عَلَيْكَ وَالزِّيَادَةَ مِنْكَ فَفُطِنْتَ بَارَكَ
 اسْمُكَ وَتَعَالَيْتَ مَزْجَاءً بِالْحَسَنَةِ فَلَهُ عَشْرُ امْثَالِهَا
 وَمَنْ جَاءَ بِالسَّيِّئَةِ فَلَا يُجْزِيهِ امْثَالُهَا وَقُلْتَ
 مَثَلُ الَّذِينَ يُنْفِقُونَ أَمْوَالَهُمْ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ
 كَمَثَلِ حَبَّةٍ أَنْبَتَتْ سَبْعَ سَنَابِلٍ فِي كُلِّ سَبِيلَةٍ مِائَةٌ
 حَبَّةٍ وَاللَّهُ يُضَاعِفُ لِمَنْ يَشَاءُ وَقُلْتَ مَثَلُ الَّذِي
 يُقْرِضُ اللَّهَ قَرْضًا حَسَنًا فَيُضَاعِفَهُ لَهُ أَضْعَافًا
 كَثِيرَةً وَمَا أَنْزَلْتُ مِنْ نَظَائِرِهِمْ فِي الْقُرْآنِ مِنْ

manifold increase of (the fruit of) virtue.

And it is Thou Who hast, with thy Word proceeding from Thy hidden Knowledge, ¹²⁹ and with Thy inducement, wherein lies the gain of servants, guided them to that which their eyes would never have perceived, hadst Thou concealed it from them; their ears would never have heard and their imaginations would never have reached.

So Thou hast said, "*Remember Me. I will remember you and give Me thanks and be not ungrateful.*" ¹³⁰

And Thou hast added, "If you render thanks, then will I render more and more. But if you be thankless...verily right terrible is My Chastisement." ¹³¹

And Thou hast further added, '*Call upon Me – I will hearken unto you but they who turn in disdain from My service shall enter hell with shame.*' ¹³²

So Thou hast named praying unto Thee an act of adoration, the omission thereof hast Thou named obstinacy; and in the case of abandoning it, -----

نَضَاعِيفِ الْحَسَنَاتِ وَأَنْتَ الَّذِي دَلَلْتَهُمْ
 بِقَوْلِكَ مِنْ غَيْبِكَ وَرَغِيبِكَ الَّذِي فِيهِ خُطْمٌ
 عَلَى مَا لَوْ سَرَّ نَهْ عَنْهُمْ لَمْ تُذَرِكُهُ أَبْصَارُهُمْ
 وَلَمْ تَعِهِ أَسْمَاعُهُمْ وَلَمْ تَلْحَقْهُ أَوْهَامُهُمْ فُفْكَ
 أَذْكَرُونِي أَذْكَرُكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا لِي وَلَا تَكْفُرُونِ
 وَقُلْتَ لِمَنْ شَكَرْتُمْ لَا زَيْدٌ نَكُرُكُمْ وَلَئِنْ
 كَفَرْتُمْ إِنَّ عَذَابِي لَشَدِيدٌ وَقُلْتُ ادْعُونِي
 اسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي
 سَيَدْخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ فَسَمِيتُ دُعَاءَكَ
 عِبَادَةً وَرَكَعَهُ اسْتِكَبَارًا وَتَوَعَّدْتِ عَلَى

hast Thou threatened with a shameful entry into hell. Therefore, they remembered Thee for Thy Goodness, thanked Thee for Thy Graciousness, invoked Thee in compliance with Thy Command, gave alms for Thy sake to obtain increase from Thee and therein was their deliverance from Thy Wrath, and therein success in winning Thy Approbation. Were a creature to guide another by himself ¹³³ to anything like that to which Thou hast guided Thy servants, concerning Thyself, he would be praised by every tongue and applauded. Therefore, all praise be to Thee as long as there exists any way to praise Thee, as long as any term of praise is available with which Thou couldst be praised or any expression that would serve the purpose. O Thou Who hast favored Thy creatures with benevolence and kindness, lavished on them goodness and bounty. How manifest, amongst us, are Thy Blessings; and how perfect upon us is Thy Favor; and to what extent hast Thou particularly favored us with ---

تَرَكِهِ دُخُولَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِينَ فَذَكَرُوكَ بِمَنِّكَ وَ
 شَكَرُوكَ بِفَضْلِكَ وَدَعَاكَ بِأَمْرِكَ وَتَصَدَّقُوا
 لَكَ طَلَبًا لِمُرِيدِكَ وَفِيهَا كَانَتْ نِجَاتُهُمْ مِنْ
 غَضَبِكَ وَفُوزُهُمْ بِرِضَاكَ وَلَوْ دَلَّ مَخْلُوقٌ مَخْلُوقًا
 مِنْ نَفْسِهِ عَلَى مِثْلِ الَّذِي دَلَّكَ عَلَيْهِ عِبَادَكَ
 مِنْكَ كَانَتْ مَجْمُودًا فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ مَا وَجِدَ فِي حَمْدِكَ
 مَذْهَبٌ وَمَا بَقِيَ لِلْحَمْدِ لَفْظٌ تُحْمَدُ بِهِ وَمَعْنَى
 يَنْصَرِفُ إِلَيْهِ يَا مَنْ تَحْمَدُ إِلَى عِبَادِهِ بِالْإِحْسَانِ
 وَالْفَضْلِ وَغَمَرُهُمْ بِالْمِنَّةِ وَالطَّوْلِ مَا
 أَفْتِي فِينَا نِعْمَتَكَ وَأَسْبَغَ عَلَيْنَا مِنْكَ وَالْحَصْنَا

Thy Goodness.

Thou hast guided us to Thy religion which Thou hast chosen.

To Thy creed which Thou hast approved.

To Thy Path which Thou hast made easy.

Thou hast shown us the way of approaching Thee and the means of attaining Thy Grace.

O Lord, Thou hast ordained Ramadhan^{1 34} to be one of the most chosen of these duties and one of the most essential of these observances.

Thou hast distinguished it from all the other months, chosen it out of all the other seasons and periods, given it preference to all the times of the year, by having made the Quran and the light (of guidance) to descend in it, by having increased the faith, by having enjoined in it the observance of fasting, by encouraging us to stand up for prayer (at night) and by placing in it -----

بِبِرِّكَ هَدَيْتَنَا لِدِينِكَ الَّذِي اصْطَفَيْتَ وَ
 مِلَّةِكَ الَّتِي ارْتَضَيْتَ وَسَبِيلِكَ الَّتِي هَمَّمْتَ
 وَبَصَرْنَا الرُّفَّةَ لَدَيْكَ وَالْوُصُولَ إِلَى كَرَامَتِكَ
 اللَّهُمَّ وَأَنْتَ جَعَلْتَ مِنْ صَفَائِنَا لَطَائِفَ
 وَخَصَائِرِنَا الْفُرُوضِ شَهْرَ رَمَضَانَ الَّذِي
 اخْتَصَصْتَهُ مِنْ سَائِرِ الشُّهُورِ وَتَخَيَّرْتَهُ مِنْ جَمِيعِ
 الْأَزْمِنَةِ وَالذُّهُورِ وَأَثَرْتَهُ عَلَيَّ كُلِّ أَوْفَانِ
 السَّنَةِ بِمَا أَنْزَلْتَ فِيهِ مِنَ الْقُرْآنِ وَالنُّورِ وَ
 ضَاعَفْتَ فِيهِ مِنَ الْإِيمَانِ وَفَرَضْتَ فِيهِ مِنَ
 الصِّيَامِ وَرَغَّبْتَ فِيهِ مِنَ الْقِيَامِ وَأَجَلَلْتَ فِيهِ

the glorious night of Qadr ¹³⁵ which is better than a thousand months.

Moreover, by means of this month, Thou hast given us superiority to all the other nations. With its excellence, hast Thou distinguished us in preference to the people of other creeds. Therefore, in compliance with Thy Command, we kept the fast in its day and, with Thy Help, stood up to pray in its night, presenting ourselves by means of its fasts and prayers for that which Thou didst offer to us out of Thy Mercy and for such of Thy Reward as we found means to win. Thou hast power over that for which desire is expressed unto Thee. Thou art the generous Giver of that which is begged of Thy Bounty. Thou art nigh to him who desires to approach Thee! Verily, this month stayed amongst us a praiseworthy stay, bore us righteous company and gave us the most excellent benefits of the universe, then, verily, it departed from us at the completion of its time, expiry of its duration —————

مِنْ لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ الَّتِي هِيَ خَيْرٌ مِنَ أَلْفِ شَهْرٍ ثُمَّ
 أَثَرْنَا بِهِ عَلَى سَائِرِ الْأُمَمِ وَأَصْطَفَيْتَنَا بِفَضْلِهِ
 دُونَ أَهْلِ الْمَلَلِ فَصُنْنَا بِأَمْرِكَ نَهَارَهُ وَقُنْنَا
 بِعَوْنِكَ لَيْلَهُ مُتَعَرِّضِينَ بِصِيَامِهِ وَقِيَامِهِ لِمَا
 عَرَّضْتَنَا لَهُ مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ وَتَسَبَّبْنَا إِلَيْهِ مِنْ مَثُوبَتِكَ
 وَأَنْتَ الْمَلِيُّ بِمَا رُغِبَ فِيهِ إِلَيْكَ الْجَوَادِ بِمَا
 سُئِلْتَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْفَرِيبِ إِلَى مَنْ جَاوَلَ قُرْبَكَ
 وَفَدَا فَامَ فِينَا هَذَا الشَّهْرُ مَقَامُ حَمْدٍ وَصِحْبَانَا
 صُحْبَةٌ مَبْرُورَةٌ وَأَرْحَمْنَا أَفْضَلَ أَرْبَاحِ الْعَالَمِينَ
 ثُمَّ فَدَا فَرْنَا عِنْدَ تَمَامِ وَقْتِهِ وَأَنْقَطَعَ مُدَّتُهُ

and fulfillment of its number.¹³⁶

Therefore we bid it farewell as we bid good-by to one whose departure is hard upon us and makes us sad;

Whose going away from us makes us feel lonely; whom we owe a responsibility which ought to be observed and a claim which should be satisfied.

Therefore we say: Peace be upon,
O great month of God.

O grand festival of His friends.

Peace be on thee, O most respectable
of times with which we associated.

O best of months as regards days and
hours.

Peace be on thee, O month in which
attaining hopes neared and in which good
deeds increased.

Peace be on thee who was a highly
respected companion when present and
whose absence was lamented when gone.

Peace be on thee, O object of hope,
whose separation caused grief.

Peace be on thee -----

وَوَفَاءَ عَدَدِهِ فَخَنُّهُ مَوَدِّعُوهُ وَدَاعِ مَرَّعِ زَفْرَاهُ
 عَلَيْنَا وَغَمَّانَا وَأَوْحَشَنَا أَنْصَافَهُ عَنَّا وَلَوْ مَنَا
 لَهُ الدِّمَامُ الْمَحْفُوظُ وَالْحُرْمَةُ الْمَرْعِيَّةُ وَالْحَقُّ
 الْمَقْضِيُّ فَخَنُّ فَيَأْتِلُونَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا شَهْرَ اللَّهِ
 الْأَكْبَرُ وَيَأْعِدُّونَ لِيَابِهِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا
 أَكْرَمَ مَصْحُوبٍ مِنَ الْأَوْفَاتِ وَيَأْخِرَ شَهْرٍ فِي
 الْأَيَّامِ وَالسَّاعَاتِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ
 فِيهِ الْأُمَالُ وَنُشِرَتْ فِيهِ الْأَعْمَالُ السَّلَامُ
 عَلَيْكَ مِنْ قَرْنِ جَلِّ قَدْرُهُ مَوْجُودًا وَاجْتَمَعَ فَفْدُكَ
 مَفْقُودًا وَمَرَجُؤُكَ الْمَفْرَاهُ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ

O friend who became familiar on arrival and, therefore, delighted us; made us feel solitary at departure and thus grieved us.

Peace be on thee, O neighbor wherein hearts grew tender and wherein sins diminished.

Peace be on thee, O helper, who helped against the Satan.

O companion who made easy the paths to goodness.

Peace be on thee. How numerous were the freedmen of God in Thee.

How lucky he who observed the respect due to thee.

Peace be on thee. What a great eraser wast thou of sins.

How great a cover wast thou to various sorts of blemishes.

Peace be on thee. How tedious were thou to the sinful.

How full of wonder to the hearts of the believers! Peace be on thee, O month with which the other days cannot compete. Peace be on thee, O month which

أَلَيْفِ الْفَرُوقِ مَقْبِلًا

فَسَرُّهُ وَأَوْحَشُ مَنْقُضِيًّا فَضَّرَّ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ مِنْ مَجَاوِرِ
رَقَّتْ فِيهِ الْقُلُوبُ وَفَلَّتْ فِيهِ الذُّنُوبُ السَّلَامُ
عَلَيْكَ مِنْ بَاصِرِ أَعَانَ عَلَى الشَّيْطَانِ وَصَاحِبِ سَهْلِ
سَبِيلِ الْأَحْسَانِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ مَا أَكْثَرَ عُتْقَاءَ
اللَّهِ فِيكَ وَمَا أَسْعَدَ مَرْزُوقِ حُرْمَتِكَ بِكَ السَّلَامُ
عَلَيْكَ مَا كَانَ مُحَاكًا لِلذُّنُوبِ وَأَسْتَرْكَ لِأَنْوَاعِ
الْعُيُوبِ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ مَا كَانَ أَطْوَلَكَ عَلَى
الْمَجْرِمِينَ وَأَهْيَبَكَ فِي صُدُورِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ السَّلَامُ
عَلَيْكَ مِنْ شَهْرِ لَانْفِاسِهِ الْيَوْمِ مِنْ شَهْرِ هُوِ

held peace in every matter.

Peace be on thee whose company was agreeable and whose association praiseworthy!

Peace be on thee as thou didst come to us with blessings and didst wash away from us the dirt of guilt.

Peace be on thee who wast not dismissed on account of satiety and whose fasts were not abandoned on account of tediousness.

Peace be on thee who art desired (to come) before thy time and art mourned over before thy departure.

Peace be on thee. How many evils were turned away from us owing to thee.

How many blessings were showered upon us on thy account.

Peace be on thee and on the night of Qadr which is better than a thousand months.

Peace be on thee. How much did we long for thee yesterday. How intense -----

مِنْ كُلِّ أَمْرٍ سَلَامٌ أَلَسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ غَيْرَ كَرِيهِ
 الْمُصَاحَبَةِ وَلَا ذَمِيمٍ الْمُلَابَسَةِ أَلَسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ
 كَمَا وَفَدَتْ عَلَيْنَا بِالْبَرَكَاتِ وَغَسَلَتْ
 عَنَّا دَنَسَ الْخَطِيئَاتِ أَلَسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ غَيْرُ مَوْدِعٍ
 بَرَمًا وَلَا مَشْرُوكٍ صِيَامُهُ سَامًا أَلَسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ
 مِنْ مَطْلُوبٍ قَبْلَ وَقْتِهِ وَمَحْزُونٍ عَلَيْهِ قَبْلَ فَوْنِهِ
 أَلَسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ كَمْ مِنْ سُوءٍ صُرِفَ بِكَ عَنْهُ وَكَمْ
 مِنْ خَيْرٍ أُفِضَ بِكَ عَلَيْنَا أَلَسَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَى
 لَيْلَةِ الْقَدْرِ الَّتِي هِيَ خَيْرٌ مِنْ أَلْفِ شَهْرِ أَلَسَّلَامُ
 عَلَيْكَ مَا كَانَ أَحْرَصَنَا بِالْأَمْرِ عَلَيْكَ وَأَشَدُّ

will be our eagerness for thee tomorrow.

Peace be on thee and thy excellence of which we have been deprived and Thy past blessings of which we have lost.

O Lord, we are the people of this month with which Thou didst honor us and for which Thou gavest us grace.¹³⁷ With Thy Goodness when the unlucky ignored its time and were deprived of its excellence owing to their ill luck.

Thou hast full power of preferably favoring us by giving us its ¹³⁸ knowledge and guiding us to observe its practice.

And verily, by Thy Grace, we have achieved its fast and its prayers ¹³⁹ though imperfectly and discharged, therein, (only) a little out of a great (obligation).

Therefore we praise Thee, O Lord, by way of acknowledging our misdeeds and admitting our wastefulness. To Thee is due, from our hearts, strict repentance. From our tongues sincere apology ----

شَوْقَنَا غَدًا إِلَيْكَ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ وَعَلَى فَضْلِكَ
 الَّذِي حُرْمَنَاهُ وَعَلَى مَا ضُرِرْنَا بِكَ مِنْكَ سَلْبِنَاهُ
 اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا أَهْلُ هَذَا الشَّهْرِ الَّذِي شَرَّفْنَا بِهِ وَ
 وَفَّقْنَا بِمَنِّكَ لَهُ حِرْجَ جَهْلِ الْأَشْقِيَاءِ وَقْتَهُ وَ
 حُرْمَ الشَّقَائِمِ فَضْلَهُ أَنْتَ وَلِيٌّ مَا أَثَرْنَا بِهِ مِنْ
 مَعْرِفَتِهِ وَهَدَيْتَنَا لَهُ مِرْسِنَتِهِ وَقَدْ تَوَلَّيْنَا
 بِتَوْفِيقِكَ صِيَامَهُ وَقِيَامَهُ عَلَى نَقْصِيرِ وَادِّيْنَا
 فِيهِ فَلِيلاً مِنْ كَثِيرِ اللَّهُمَّ فَالْحَمْدُ إِفْرَارًا
 بِالْإِسَاءَةِ وَأَعْرَافًا بِالْأَضَاعَةِ وَلَكَ مِنْ فُلُوبِنَا
 عَقْدُ النَّدَمِ وَمِنْ السَّنِينَا صِدْقُ الْإِعْتِدَارِ

Therefore, reward us for what we have suffered therein on account of default with a reward whereby we may obtain the desired excellence and whereby we may be recompensed out of the various coveted stores (of Thy Blessings).

Entitle us to Thy Pardon for our failure in (the discharge of) Thy due.

Extend the part of life we have before us so as to overtake the future Ramadhan.

When Thou hast caused us to reach it, then help us to achieve (the performance of) that adoration which Thou deservest and cause us to render that obedience to which Thou art entitled.

Cause for us a flow of good actions which may be a satisfaction of Thy dues in the two ¹⁴⁰ months out of the months of time.

O Lord, whatever sin, great or small, we may have committed, or whatever

فَاجْرُنَا عَلَى مَا أَصَابَنَا فِيهِ مِنَ التَّقْرِيبِ إِجْرًا
 نَسْتَدْرِكُ بِهِ الْفَضْلَ الْمَرْغُوبَ فِيهِ وَنَعْنَأُ
 بِهِ مِنْ أَنْوَاعِ الذُّخْرِ الْحَرِّ وَصِرَعَيْلِهِ وَأَوْجِبُ
 لَنَا عُدْرَكَ عَلَى مَا قَصَّرْنَا فِيهِ مِنْ حَقِّكَ وَأَبْلُغُ
 بِأَعْمَارِنَا مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِينَا مِنْ شَهْرِ رَمَضَانَ الْمُقْبِلِ
 فَإِذَا بَلَّغْنَاكَ فَأَعِنَّا عَلَى تَنَاوُلِ مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ
 مِنَ الْعِبَادَةِ وَادِّنَا إِلَى الْفِيَامِ بِمَا يَسْتَحِقُّهُ مِنَ
 الطَّاعَةِ وَاجْرِنَا مِنْ صَالِحِ الْعَمَلِ مَا يَكُونُ دَرَكًا
 لِحَقِّكَ فِي الشَّهْرِ مِنْ شَهْرِ الدَّهْرِ اللَّهُمَّ وَمَا
 الْمُنَابَهِ فِي شَهْرِنَا هَذَا مِنْ لَمٍّ أَوْائِمٍّ أَوْ وَقَعْنَا

guilt we fell into and whatever wrong we did in this our month, either with deliberation on our part or inadvertently, and thereby we injured our own soul or insulted the honor of others than ourselves, then bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Cover us with Thy Covering.

Forgive us with Thy Pardon.

Do not, thereby, expose us to the eyes of reproachers.

Do not let loose against us the tongues of insolent slanderers.

Employ us in that which would remove and atone for what Thou didst disapprove from us therein with Thy inexhaustible Kindness and unfailing Generosity. O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Redress our suffering by means of this, our month. Bless us in the day of our festival and our breakfast.¹⁴¹

Let it be the best day that passed over us, the greatest attractor of pardon and the greatest eraser of sin, -----

فِيهِ مِنْ ذَنْبٍ وَكَسْبِنَا فِيهِ مِنْ خَطِيئَةٍ عَلَى
 تَعَمُّدِنَا ^{وَقَدْ تَعَمُّدْنَا نَفْسًا} وَإِنَّهُمْ كُنَابِهِ حُرْمَةً مِنْ غَيْرِنَا
 فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاسْتُرْنَا بِسِتْرِكَ وَأَعْفُ
 عَنَّا بِعَفْوِكَ وَلَا تَنْصِبْنَا فِيهِ لِأَعْيُنِ الشَّامِئِينَ
 وَلَا تَبْسُطْ عَلَيْنَا فِيهِ أَسْرَ الطَّاغِيْرِ وَاسْتَعْمَلْنَا
 بِمَا يَكُونُ حِطَّةً وَكَفَّارَةً لِمَا أَنْكَرْتَ مِنَّا فِيهِ
 بِرَأْفَتِكَ الَّتِي لَا تَنْفَدُ وَفَضْلِكَ الَّذِي لَا يَنْقُصُ
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْعَلْ مَصِيبَتَنَا بِشَهْرِنَا
 وَبَارِكْ فِي يَوْمِ عِيدِنَا وَفِطْرِنَا وَاجْعَلْهُ مِنْ خَيْرِ
 يَوْمٍ مَرَّ عَلَيْنَا أَجْلِيهِ لِعَفْوِ وَأَحْمَاهُ لِلذَّنْبِ

Forgive us our sins known and unknown.
O Lord, purify us of our errors by
the close of this month.

Extract us out of our evil deeds by
its expiry.

Make us most lucky of its people on
account of it ¹⁴², the most prosperous
of them as regards dividend (of spiritual
profits) in it and the richest of them as
regards share from its blessings.

O Lord, whosoever observed this
month ¹⁴³ as it ought to be observed,
preserved its honor as it deserved to be
preserved, obeyed its laws ¹⁴⁴ as they
ought to be obeyed and avoided sins as
they should be avoided or approached
Thee by proper (means of) approach,
Thou didst entitle him to Thy Appro-
bation and didst turn Thy Mercy upon
him.

Therefore, grant us a similar reward
out of Thy wealth. Confer on us the
multiple of it out of Thy Bounty. For,
verily Thy Bounty does not diminish.

وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا مَا خَفِيَ مِن ذُنُوبِنَا وَمَاعَلَنَ اللَّهُمَّ
 اسْلَخْنَا بِأَسْلَاحِ هَذَا الشَّهْرِ مِنْ خَطَايَانَا وَأَخْرِجْنَا
 بِخُرُوجِهِ مِنْ سَيِّئَاتِنَا وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنْ أَسْعَدِ أَهْلِهِ
 بِهِ وَأَجْزَلِهِمْ فِيمَا فِيهِ وَأَوْفَرِهِمْ حَطَّامِنُهُ
 اللَّهُمَّ وَمَنْ رَعَى حَقَّ هَذَا الشَّهْرِ حَقَّ رِعَايَتِهِ وَ
 حَفِظَ حُرْمَتَهُ حَقَّ حِفْظِهَا وَفَامَ بِحُدُودِهِ حَقَّ
 فِئَامِهَا وَأَتَى ذُنُوبَهُ حَقَّ تَقَاتُلِهَا أَوْ تَقَرَّبَ إِلَيْكَ
 بِقُرْبَةٍ أَوْجَبَتْ رِضَاكَ لَهُ وَعَطَفَتْ رَحْمَتَكَ
 عَلَيْهِ فَهَبْ لَنَا مِثْلَهُ مِنْ وَجْدِكَ وَأَعْطِنَا
 أضعافَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ فَإِنَّ فَضْلَكَ لَا يَغِيضُ وَإِنَّ

Thy stores suffer no loss — nay they continue to bless.

Verily the mines of Thy Benevolence do not exhaust.

Certainly Thy gifts are the most agreeable gifts.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Write down for us rewards of those who observed the fasts of Ramadhan and adored Thee in it, till the Day of Resurrection.

O Lord, verily we repent unto Thee — on the day of our breakfast which Thou hast ordained to be a festival and joy for the true believers.

A (day of) gathering and congregation for the people of Thy creed — of every sin we committed or wrong we did in the past.

Of evil notions we entertained, the repentance of him who doth not secretly wish to sin, who will not, thereafter, revert to any guilt — a sincere repentance free from doubt and uncertainty. Therefore, accept it —————

خَزَائِنِكَ لَا تَنْفُضُ بَلْ تَفِيضُ وَإِنَّ مَعَادِرَ إِحْسَانِكَ
 لَا تَنْفِي وَإِنَّ عَطَائِكَ لِلْعَطَاءِ الْمُهْنَا اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ
 عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاكْتُبْ لَنَا مِثْلَ أَجْرِ مِرْصَامِهِ
 أَوْ تَعَبَدَكَ فِيهِ إِلَى يَوْمِ الْقِيَامَةِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا
 نَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ فِي يَوْمِ فِطْرِنَا الَّذِي جَعَلْتَهُ
 لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ عِيدًا وَسُرُورًا وَأَهْلًا مَلَائِكَتِكَ جَمْعًا وَ
 مُحْتَشِدًا مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ أَذْنَبْنَاهُ أَوْ سَأَلْنَا
 أَوْ خَاطَبْنَا شَرًّا أَضْمَرْنَاهُ تَوْبَةً مَنْ لَا يَنْطَوِي عَلَى رُجُوعٍ
 إِلَى الذَّنْبِ وَلَا يَعُودُ بَعْدَهَا فِي خَطِيئَةٍ تَوْبَةً
 نَصُوحًا خَلَصَتْ مِنَ الشَّكِّ وَالْإِشْيَابِ فَتَقَبَّلَهَا

from us, be pleased with us and confirm us in it.

O Lord, give us the dread of the threatened punishment, the longing for the promised reward, till we get a foretaste of that (happiness) which we beg of Thee and of that pain from which we seek Thy Shelter.

Let us be in Thy Sight of those that repent whom Thou hast entitled to Thy Love and whose return to Thy Service Thou hast accepted – O Most Equitable.

O Lord, forgive our fathers and our mothers and all the people of our creed such of them as have passed away and such as are to come till the Day of Resurrection.

O Lord, bless Muhammad, our Prophet and his descendants as Thou didst bless the angels, nigh unto Thee.

Bless him and his descendants as Thou didst bless Thy Prophets whom Thou didst send.

Bless him -----

مِنَّا وَارْضَعْنَا وَثَبِّنَا عَلَيْهَا اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنَا
 خَوْفَ عِقَابِ الْوَعِيدِ وَشَوْقَ ثَوَابِ الْمَوْعُودِ حَتَّى
 نَجِدَ لَكَ مَا نَدْعُوكَ بِهِ وَكَأَبَةَ مَا نَسْتَجِيرُكَ مِنْهُ
 وَاجْعَلْنَا عِنْدَكَ مِنَ التَّوَابِينَ الَّذِينَ أُوجِبَتْ
 لَهُمْ مَحَبَّتُكَ وَقِيلَتْ مِنْهُمْ مُرَاجَعَةُ طَاعَتِكَ
 يَا أَعْدَدَ الْعَادِلِينَ اللَّهُمَّ تَجَاوَزْ عَنَّا وَإِنَّا وَأُمَّنَا
 وَأَهْلَ دِينِنَا جَمِيعًا مِنْ سَلَفِ مَنْهُمْ وَمَنْ غَمَرَ الْيَوْمَ
 الْفِيَامَةَ اللَّهُمَّ ضَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيِّنَا وَإِلَيْهِ كَمَا
 صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى مَلَائِكَتِكَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ
 وَإِلَيْهِ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى أَنْبِيَائِكَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ

and his descendants as Thou didst bless Thy righteous servants. (Bless him) more than this, O Lord of the universe (with) a blessing, the auspiciousness of which may reach us, the benefits of which may be attained by us and on account of which our prayers may be accepted. Verily, Thou art the Most Generous of those to whom requests are made, the most sufficient of those on whom reliance is placed, the most bountiful of those whose bounty is applied for and Thou hast Power over all things.

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One of his prayers he used to offer standing and facing the *qiblah* on the day of the Festival of *fitr* after finishing the regular service and on Fridays.

O Thou Who dost pity him whom the creatures do not pity. O Thou Who acceptest him whom the cities ¹⁴⁵ do not accept. O Thou Who dost not scorn those having need ¹⁴⁶ towards Thee. O Thou Who dost not disappoint those who cry unto Thee. O Thou Who dost not reject

وَالِلهِ كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَى عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ وَأَفْضَلٍ مِنْ
 ذَلِكَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ صَلَاةً نَبُلُّغُنَا بِرَكَتِهَا وَ
 يَنَالُنَا نَفْعُهَا وَيُسْتَجَابُ لَهَا دُعَاؤُنَا إِنَّكَ أَكْرَمُ
 مَنْ رُغِبَ إِلَيْهِ وَأَكْفَى مَنْ تَوَكَّلَ عَلَيْهِ وَأَعْطَى
 مَنْ سَأَلَ مِنْ فَضْلِهِ وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

وَكَانَ مِنْ دُعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي الْفُطْرَانِ إِذَا انْصَرَفَ
 مِنْ صَلَاتِهِ فَأَمَّا ثَمَّ اسْتَنْفِئْ لِي يَا رَبِّ الْجَمْعَةَ

يَا مَنْ يَرْحَمُ مَنْ لَا يَرْحَمُهُ الْعِبَادُ وَيَا مَنْ يَقْبَلُ مَنْ لَا
 يَقْبَلُهُ الْبِلَادُ وَيَا مَنْ لَا يَخْفِرُ أَهْلَ الْحَاجَةِ إِلَيْهِ
 وَيَا مَنْ لَا يَخْتِيبُ الْمُحْتَمِلِينَ عَلَيْهِ وَيَا مَنْ لَا يَجِبُهُ بِالرَّدِّ

those who rely on Thee.¹⁴⁷

O Thou Who acceptest even a small offering made to Thee, rewardest even the smallest service that is done for Thee.

O Thou Who art grateful even for the least obedience and givest great rewards in return.

O Thou Who drawest nigh toward him who approaches Thee.

O Thou Who callest back to Thyself him who turns away from Thee.

O Thou Who dost not alter Thy Blessings and dost not make haste to punish. O Thou Who causest virtue to bear fruit so as to make it grow and dost overlook vice so as to forgive it.

The hopes return fulfilled from the reservoir of Thy Generosity.

The vessels of requests get filled up with the profusion of Thy Liberality.

And the attributes fail to express Thy Praise.

Therefore unto Thee belongs the most exalted rank, far above every height. The most majestic glory -----

أَهْلَ الدَّالَةِ عَلَيْهِ وَيَأْمَنُ مَخْبِي صَغِيرًا يُتَخَفُ
 بِهِ وَيَشْكُرُ لَيْسَ بِرَمَا يُعْمَلُ لَهُ وَيَأْمَنُ بِشُكْرٍ
 عَلَى الْقَلِيلِ وَمَجَازِي بِالْجَلِيلِ وَيَأْمَنُ يَدْنُو إِلَى مَنْ
 دَنَا مِنْهُ وَيَأْمَنُ يَدْعُو إِلَى نَفْسِهِ مِنْ أَدْبَرِ عُنُقِهِ وَيَأْمَنُ
 مَنْ لَا يُغَيِّرُ النِّعْمَةَ وَلَا يَبَادِرُ بِالنِّعْمَةِ وَيَأْمَنُ بِمَمْرٍ
 الْحَسَنَةِ حَتَّى يَنْبِمَ بِهَا وَتَجَاوَزُ عَنِ السَّيِّئَةِ حَتَّى يُعْفِيَهَا
 أَنْصَرَفَتِ الْأُمَالُ دُونَ مَدَى كَرَمِكَ بِالْحَاجَاتِ
 وَأَمْثَلَاتٍ يَفِيضُ جُودُكَ أَوْعِيَةَ الطُّلُبَاتِ
 وَتَفَسَّخَتْ دُونَ بُلُوغِ نِعْمَتِكَ الصِّفَاتُ فَلَاكَ
 الْعُلُوُّ الْأَعْلَى فَوْقَ كُلِّ عَالٍ وَالْجَلَالُ الْأَمَجَّدُ

far above every glory. Every great one is small beside Thee. Every possessor of dignity is insignificant by the side of Thy dignity. Disappointed were those that waited upon others than Thee. Those who suffered loss, presented themselves to anyone, save those that presented themselves unto Thee. Lost were all visitors except Thine. Famine-stricken were the seekers after gain except those that sought profit from Thy Bounty. Thy Gate is (always) open for the willing. Thy Bounty is not withheld from those that beg. Thy Redress is nigh to those that ask for redress. The hopeful are not disappointed by Thee. Those who present themselves (unto Thee) do not despair of Thy Bounty. Those that beg for pardon are not rendered unlucky by Thy vengeance. Thy gift ¹⁴⁸ extends (even) to him who disobeyed Thee. Thy forbearance is ready for him who was inimical to Thee. It is Thy custom to do good to the wrongdoers.

It is Thy practice -----

فَوَكَّلْ جَلِيلِ كُلِّ جَلِيلٍ عِنْدَكَ صَغِيرٌ وَكُلُّ
 شَرِيفٍ فِي جَنْبِ شَرَفِكَ حَفِيرٌ خَابَ الْوَافِدُونَ
 عَلَى غَيْرِكَ وَخَسِرَ الْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ إِلَّا لَكَ وَضَاعُ
 الْمُلْمُونِ إِلَّا بِكَ وَأَجْدَبَ الْمُتَجِّعُونَ إِلَّا مِنْ أَنْجَعٍ
 فَضْلَكَ بِأَبِكَ مَفْنُوحٌ لِلرَّاعِبِينَ وَجُودَكَ مَبَاحٌ
 لِلسَّائِلِينَ وَإِغَاثَتَكَ قَرِيبَةٌ مِنَ الْمُتَغِيثِينَ
 لَا يَجِبُ مِنْكَ الْأَمْلُونَ وَلَا يَأْسُ مِنْ عَطَائِكَ
 الْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ وَلَا يَشْقَى بِنِقْمَتِكَ الْمُتَسْتَغْفِرُونَ
 رِزْقُكَ مَبْسُوطٌ لِمَنْ عَصَاكَ وَحِلْمُكَ مُعْضَرٌ لِمَنْ
 نَاوَاكَ عَادُنُكَ الْإِحْسَانُ إِلَى الْمُسِيئِينَ وَسَنُّكَ

to tolerate the transgressors so much so that Thy Forbearance has lured them away from repentance and Thy Toleration has kept them back from abandoning (sin). Verily, Thou didst bear with them that they may return to Thy Service and gavest them time (to reform) relying on Thy eternal Sovereignty.

Therefore, those that were worthy of good luck ¹⁴⁹ were confirmed in it by Thee. Those that deserved ill-luck ¹⁵⁰ were disgraced by Thee for that reason. All of them are moving towards Thy Judgment. Their affairs are bound to return to Thy Decree. Thy Authority was not weakened by length of their duration.

Thy Argument was not made ineffectual by delaying their punishment. Thy Proof is too strong ¹⁵¹ to become futile. Thy Authority too firm to suffer decay. Therefore, everlasting woe to him who turned away from Thee. Disgracing failure to him who was refused by Thee.

الْإِبْقَاءُ عَلَى الْمُعْتَدِينَ حَتَّى الْفَدَعِ عَنْهُمْ أَنَا نَكَ
 عَنِ الرَّجُوعِ وَصَدَّهُمْ أَمَهُالِكُ عَنِ النَّزُوعِ وَإِنَّمَا
 نَأْتَيْتَ بِهِمْ لِيَفِيؤُا إِلَى أَمْرِكَ وَأَمَهْلَنَهُمْ نَفْتَةً
 بِدَوَامِ مُلْكِكَ فَمَنْ كَانَ مِنْ أَهْلِ السَّعَادَةِ
 خَتَمْتَ لَهُ فِيهَا وَمَنْ كَانَ مِنْ أَهْلِ الشَّقَاوَةِ خَدَلْتَهُ
 لَهَا كُلُّهُمْ صَارُوا إِلَى حُكْمِكَ وَأُمُورُهُمْ
 آيِلَةٌ إِلَى أَمْرِكَ لَمْ يَهْنِ عَلَى طَوْلِ مُدَّتِهِمْ سُلْطَانُكَ
 وَلَمْ يَدَخْضْ لِنَزْكِ مُعَاجِلَتِهِمْ بِرَهَانِكَ جَحْنُكَ
 فَائِمَةٌ ^{وَيُنزِلُ} وَسُلْطَانُكَ ثَابِتٌ لَا يَزُولُ فَالْوَيْلُ لِلدَّائِمِ
 لِمَنْ جَحَّخَ عَنْكَ وَالْحَيْبَةُ الْخَازِلَةُ لِمَنْ خَابَ مِنْكَ

Worst of luck to him who behaved proudly with Thee.

How protracted his suffering ¹⁵² in Thy Torment. How long his continuance in Thy Chastisement.

How distant his term (of punishment) from deliverance.

How hopeless be the facility of escape.

All this being the result of the justice of Thy Decree wherein Thou dost not oppress, of the equity of Thy Sentence wherein Thou dost not tyrannize. For surely Thou hast clearly set forth Thy Arguments and hast rendered excuses unavailable. Verily, Thou hast given warning before hand, hast been kind in encouraging and hast propounded parables and prolonged respite. Thou didst delay (punishment) whilst Thou hadst power to hasten it. Thou didst tarry whilst Thou hadst power to be quick. The delay was not due to inability nor was Thy Toleration ¹⁵³ due to weakness, nor was Thy Forbearance -----

وَالشِّفَاءُ الْأَشْقَى لِمَنْ اغْتَرَبَكَ مَا أَكْثَرَ نَصْرِي فِي
 عَذَابِكَ وَمَا أَطْوَلَ نَزْدُ دَهْهُ فِي عَفَايِكَ وَمَا
 أَبْعَدَ غَايَتَهُ مِنْ الْفَرَجِ وَمَا أَفْظَهُ مِنْ سَهْوَلَةٍ
 الْمَخْرَجِ عَدَلًا مِنْ قَضَائِكَ لَا تَجُورُ فِيهِ وَإِنَّمَا
 مِنْ حُكْمِكَ لَا تَخِيفُ عَلَيْهِ فَقَدْ ظَاهَرَتْ الْحُجُجُ
 وَأَبْلَيْتِ الْأَعْدَارُ وَقَدْ تَقَدَّمَتْ بِالْوَعِيدِ وَتَلَطَّفَتْ
 فِي الزَّرْغِيبِ وَضَرَبْتَ الْأَمْثَالَ وَأَطَلْتَ
 الْإِمْهَالَ وَأَخَرْتَ وَأَنْتَ مُسْتَطِيعٌ لِلْعَاجِلَةِ وَ
 تَأْتِيَّتِ وَأَنْتَ مَلِيٌّ بِالْمُبَادَرَةِ وَلَوْ تَكُنْ أَنَا نَكَ
 عَجْزًا وَلَا إِمْهَالَكَ وَهَنَا وَلَا إِمْسَاكَ

due to negligence, nor was Thy Patience due to complaisance.

Nay, it was with a view that Thy Argument may become more conclusive, Thy Generosity more perfect, Thy Goodness more abundant and Thy Favor more complete. All this was and it never ceased. It shall ever continue and shall never cease.

Thy Argument is too glorious to be completely described. Thy Majesty too sublime to be intrinsically defined. Thy Blessings too many to be exhaustively reckoned. Thy Benevolence so abundant that even this least of it cannot be thanked for sufficiently.

Verily silence has rendered me unable to praise Thee. Lack of effort ¹⁵⁴ has made me ¹⁵⁵ unfit to glorify Thee. The utmost I can do is to acknowledge my helplessness and my humility – not willingly, O Lord, but owing to inability. Therefore, behold me now that resolve to approach Thee and beg of Thee handsome _____

غَفَلَةً وَلَا أَنْظَارُكَ مُدَارَاةً بَلْ لِيَتَكُونُ حُجَّتُكَ
 أَبْلَغَ وَكَرْمِكَ أَكْمَلَ وَإِحْسَانِكَ أَوْفَى وَ
 نِعْمَتِكَ أَتَمَّ كُلُّ ذَلِكَ كَانَ وَلَمْ يَنْزَلْ وَهُوَ
 كَائِنٌ وَلَا يَنْزَالُ حُجَّتُكَ أَجْلُ مِنْ أَنْ تُوصَفَ
 بِكُلِّهَا وَمَجْدُكَ أَرْفَعُ مِنْ أَنْ يُحَدِّثَ بِكُنْهِهِ
 وَنِعْمَتِكَ أَكْثَرُ مِنْ أَنْ تُحْصِيَ بِأَسْرِهِا وَإِحْسَانِكَ
 أَكْثَرُ مِنْ أَنْ تُشْكِرَ عَلَى أَفْلِهِ وَفَدَقَصْرِي السُّكُونُ
 عَنْ تَعْجِيدِكَ وَفَهَمَنِي الْإِمْسَاكُ عَنْ تَعْجِيدِكَ وَ
 فُصَارَايَ الْإِفْرَارُ بِالْحُسُورِ لَارَغْبَةَ بِاللَّهِ بِلَعْجَرًا
 فَهَا أَنَا ذَا أَوْمَتِكَ بِالْوَفَادَةِ وَأَسْأَلُكَ حُسْنَ

assistance.

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Listen to my secret (request) and accept my supplication.

Do not let my day end in my disappointment.

Do not smite me on the brow by rejecting my petition.

Let my return from Thee and my coming back to Thee be honorable.

Verily, Thou dost not stint that which Thou resolvest, nor art Thou powerless to grant what is begged of Thee and Thou hast Power over all things.

There is no power and no strength except from God, the High, the Great.

(47)

One of his prayers on the day of Arafa ¹⁵⁶.

Praise be to God, the Lord of the worlds. Praise be to Thee, O Creator of the heavens and the earth, Possessor of Glory and Honor, Lord -----

الرِّفَادَةَ فَضِلَّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاسْمِعْ نَجْوَايَ وَ
 اسْتَجِبْ دُعَائِي وَلَا تُخَيِّمْ بَوْمِي بِخَيْبَتِي وَلَا
 تُجَهِّئْ بِالرَّدِّ فِي مَسْأَلَتِي وَأَكْرِمْ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ
 مُصْرَفِي وَإِلَيْكَ مُنْقَلِبِي إِنَّكَ غَيْرُ ضَائِعٍ بِنِزَائِدِي
 لَا عَاجِزٍ عَمَّا تَسْأَلُ وَأَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
 وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ

وَكَانَ مِنْ دَعْوَى سَأَلَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ
 فِي يَوْمِ عَرَفَاتٍ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ بَدِيعِ
 السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ رَبِّ

that is worshipped ¹⁵⁷ of lords. God of everything, the Creator of every creature and heir ¹⁵⁸ to everything.

There is nothing like unto Him.

The knowledge of nothing is hidden from Him.

He surrounds everything ¹⁵⁹ and keeps watch over all things.

Thou ¹⁶⁰ art God, there is no god but Thee, the One, the Lone, the Single, the Unique.

Thou art God, there is no god except Thee, the Gracious, the Bountiful, the Glorious, the Honorable, the Great, the Exalted.

Thou art God, there is no god but Thee, the High, the Exalted, the Master of mighty torment. ¹⁶¹

Thou art God, there is no god but Thee, the Compassionate, the Merciful, the Knowing, the Wise.

Thou art God. There is no god but Thee, the Hearing, the Seeing -----

الْأَرْيَابِ وَاللَّهُ كُلُّ مَا لَوْهٍ وَخَالِ لَوْكِدِ
 مَخْلُوقٍ وَوَارِثِ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ لَيْسَ كَمِثْلِهِ شَيْءٌ وَ
 لَا يَغْرُبُ عَنْهُ عِلْمُ شَيْءٍ وَهُوَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ مُخِيطٌ وَ
 هُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ رَقِيبٌ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
 أَنْتَ الْأَحَدُ الْمُنْجِدُ الْفَرْدُ الْمُنْفَرِدُ وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ
 لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ الْكَرِيمُ الْمُتَكَبِّرُ الْعَظِيمُ
 الْمُنْعَظَمُ الْكَبِيرُ الْمُتَكَبِّرُ وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ
 إِلَّا أَنْتَ الْعَلِيُّ الْمُنْعَالُ الشَّدِيدُ الْحَالُ وَأَنْتَ
 اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ الْعَلِيمُ الْحَكِيمُ
 وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ السَّمِيعُ الْبَصِيرُ

the Eternal, the Well-Aware.

Thou art God. There is no god but Thee, the Respected, the Most Honorable, the Everlasting, the Most Eternal.

Thou art God. There is no god but Thee, the First before every unit and the Last after every number.

Thou art God. There is no god but Thee, the High in Thy Sublimity and Sublime in Thy Nearness. Thou art God. There is no god but Thee, the Possessor of all Goodness, Glory and Majesty and worthy of all Praise.

Thou art God. There is no god but Thee who didst create things without origin, didst shape whatever Thou didst shape without any model and didst invent the things invented without following any example.

It is Thou who didst measure everything by proper measure, didst make everything easy -----

الْفَدِيمُ الْخَبِيرُ وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ
 الْكَرِيمُ الْأَكْرَمُ الدَّائِمُ الْأَدْوَمُ وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ
 لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ الْأَوَّلُ قَبْلَ كُلِّ أَحَدٍ وَالْآخِرُ
 بَعْدَ كُلِّ عَدَدٍ وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ الدَّائِمُ
 فِي عُلُوِّهِ وَالْعَالِي فِي دُنُوهِ وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا
 أَنْتَ ذُو الْبَهَاءِ وَالْمَجْدِ وَالْكِبْرِيَاءِ وَالْحَمْدِ
 وَأَنْتَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ الَّذِي أَنْشَأْتَ
 الْأَشْيَاءَ مِنْ غَيْرِ سَنَخٍ وَصَوَّرْتَ مَا صَوَّرْتَ مِنْ غَيْرِ
 مِثَالٍ وَأَبْنَدَعْتَ الْمُبْتَدَعَاتِ بِلا أَحْذَاءِ أَنْتَ
 الَّذِي فَدَرْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ نَفْدِيرًا وَأَسَرْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ

as it deserved and didst manage everything, beside Thyself, as it required to be managed.

It is Thou Whom no participant helped in creating or did any assistant assist in Thy affairs, nor was there any eyewitness with Thee, nor peer.

It is Thou Who didst resolve . What ever Thou didst resolve was firm.

(Thou) didst Decree. Whatever Thou didst decree was just.

(Thou) didst Command. Whatever Thou didst command was equitable.

It is Thou whom space doth not contain.

No sovereign ever rose to dispute Thy sovereignty, neither did any argument or explanation ever defeat Thee.

It is Thou who hast exhaustively counted all things, hast fixed a duration for everything and hast measured everything by proper measure.

It is Thou whose Divine Essence imagination fails to reach -----

نَيْسِرًا وَدَبَّرْتَ مَا دُونَكَ نَدِيرًا أَنْتَ الَّذِي
 لَمْ يُعْنِكَ عَلَى خَلْفِكَ شَرِيكٌ وَلَمْ يُؤَازِرْكَ فِي
 أَمْرِكَ وَزَيْرٌ وَلَمْ يُكُنْ لَكَ مُشَاهِدًا وَلَا نَظِيرًا
 أَنْتَ الَّذِي أَرَدْتَ فَكَانَ جَنَمًا مَا أَرَدْتَ وَقَضَيْتَ
 فَكَانَ عَدْلًا مَا قَضَيْتَ وَحَكَمْتَ فَكَانَ
 نِصْفًا مَا حَكَمْتَ أَنْتَ الَّذِي لَا يَحْوِيكَ مَكَانٌ
 وَلَمْ يَقُمْ لِسُلْطَانِكَ سُلْطَانٌ وَلَمْ يُعِيكَ بُرْهَانٌ
 وَلَا بَيَانَ أَنْتَ الَّذِي أَحْصَيْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ عَدَدًا
 وَجَعَلْتَ لِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ أَمَدًا وَفَدَّرْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ
 تَقْدِيرًا أَنْتَ الَّذِي قَصَّرْتَ الْأَوْهَامَ غُرْدًا بِإِنْبِكَ

reason failed to judge Thy quality and eyes never perceived Thy whereabouts.

It is Thou Who canst not be defined for then Thou wouldst have been finite. Thou wast never compared for then Thou wouldst have been perceptible. Thou didst never beget for then Thou wouldst have been (a thing) begotten. ¹⁶²

It is Thou Who hast no opposite that may contend with Thee. Thou hast no equal that may prevail over Thee and no peer that may vie with Thee.

It is Thou Who didst originate, invent, create, bring into being and didst make handsomely whatever Thou didst make.

Holiness to thee. How sublime is Thy dignity. How high among places is Thy Place. What a manifestation of truth is Thy Discernment. ¹⁶³ Holiness to Thee, O Gracious. How gracious Thou art. O Kind, how kind Thou art. O Wise, how knowing Thou art. Holiness to Thee, O Monarch .-----

وَعَجَزَتْ الْأَفْهَامُ عُزَّ كَيْفِيَّتِكَ وَلَمْ تُدْرِكِ
 الْأَبْصَارُ مَوْضِعَ ابْتِنَانِكَ أَنْتَ الَّذِي لَا تُخَدُّ
 فَتَكُونُ مَحْدُودًا وَلَمْ تُنْشَأْ فَتَكُونِ مَوْجُودًا وَ
 لَمْ تُلِدْ فَتَكُونِ مَوْلُودًا أَنْتَ الَّذِي لَا ضِدَّ مَعَكَ
 فَيُعَايِدُكَ وَلَا عِدْلَ فَيُكَاثِرُكَ وَلَا نِدْلَكَ فَيُعَايِزُكَ
 أَنْتَ الَّذِي بِنَدَاؤِهِ أَخْرَجَ وَأَسْتَحْدَثَ وَأَبْدَعَ
 وَأَحْسَنَ صُنْعَ مَا صَنَعَ سُبْحَانَكَ مَا أَجَلَّ شَأْنَكَ
 وَأَسْنَى فِي الْأَمَاكِينِ مَكَانَكَ وَأَصْدَعَ بِالْحَقِّ
 فُرْقَانَكَ سُبْحَانَكَ مِنْ لَطِيفِ مَا أَلْطَفَكَ وَرَوْفِ
 مَا أَرَأَيْتَ فَكْ وَحَكِيمِ مَا أَعْرَفَكَ سُبْحَانَكَ مِنْ مَيْلِكَ

How powerful Thou art. O Bountiful, how liberal Thou art. O Glorious, how exalted Thou art — the possessor of all Beauty, Greatness, Majesty and Praise.

Holiness to Thee. Thou hast stretched forth Thy Hand to do benevolence. Guidance is obtained from Thee. Therefore whosoever besought ¹⁶⁴ Thee for any matter sacred or secular obtained Thy Hearing.¹⁶⁵

Holiness to Thee. Whoever existed in Thy Knowledge, bowed himself unto Thee.¹⁶⁶ Whatever was beneath Thy Throne humbled itself before Thy Glory. All Thy creatures surrendered themselves to Thy obedience.

Holiness to Thee. Thou art not perceived, nor searched, ¹⁶⁷ nor touched, nor brought near, nor removed, nor distanced, nor disputed with, nor oppressed, nor fought with, nor imposed upon, nor deceived.

Holiness to Thee. Thy path is straight. Thy Command, righteous. Thou art Living and Wantless.

مَا أَمْنَعَكَ وَجَوَادٍ مَا أَوْسَعَكَ وَرَفِيعَ مَا أَرْفَعَكَ
 ذُو الْبَهَاءِ وَالْمَجْدِ وَالْكِبْرِيَاءِ وَالْحَمْدِ سُبْحَانَكَ
 بَسَطْتَ بِالْخَيْرَاتِ يَدَكَ وَعُرِفَتْ الْهَدَايَةُ مِنْ
 عِنْدِكَ فَغَمَزَ النَّفْسَ لِدِينِ أَوْدُنِيَا وَجَدَكَ
 سُبْحَانَكَ خَضَعَ لَكَ مِنْ جَرِي فِي عَمَلِكَ وَخَشَعَ
 لِعَظَمَتِكَ مَا دُونَ عَرْشِكَ وَأَنْقَادَ لِلتَّسْلِيمِ لَكَ
 كُلُّ خَلْقِكَ سُبْحَانَكَ لَا نُحْسُ وَلَا نُجْسُ وَلَا نُجَارِي
 ثُمَّ وَلَا نُنْكَادُ وَلَا نُمَاطُ وَلَا نُنَازِعُ وَلَا نُجَارِي
 وَلَا نُمَارِي وَلَا نُنَادِعُ وَلَا نُمَاكِرُ سُبْحَانَكَ
 سَبِيلُكَ جَدُّ وَأَمْرُكَ رَشْدٌ وَأَنْتَ حَيُّ صَمَدٌ

Holiness to Thee. Thy Word is Wisdom.

Thy Decree inevitable and Thy Resolution decisive.

Holiness to Thee.

There is none to reject Thy Will, none to alter Thy Words.

Holiness to Thee. O possessor of manifest signs, Creator of the heavens and of life. ¹⁶⁸

Praise be to Thee, a praise as lasting as Thy Existence. Praise be to Thee, a praise as enduring as Thy Blessings. Praise be to Thee, a praise to match Thy Workmanship. Praise be to Thee. A praise that would increase Thy Satisfaction. Praise be to Thee, a praise that would compete with the praise of every praiser, a gratitude that would surpass the gratitude of every thanksgiver, a praise that would become none but Thee, wherewith none is approached except Thee, a praise which may secure the continuance of former (blessings) and whereby permanence of the future (rewards) may be requested,

سُبْحَانَكَ قَوْلَكَ حُكْمٌ وَقَضَاؤُكَ حُكْمٌ وَوَارَادُنُكَ
 عَزْمٌ وَسُبْحَانَكَ لَا رَادَ لِمَشِيئَتِكَ وَلَا مُبَدِّلَ لِكَلِمَاتِكَ
 سُبْحَانَكَ فَاهِرُ الْأَرْبَابِ بَاهِرُ الْأَيَّاتِ فَاطِرُ
 السَّمَوَاتِ بَارِئُ السَّمَانِ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ حَمْدًا يَدُومُ
 بِدِوَامِكَ وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ حَمْدًا خَالِدًا ابْنِعْمَتِكَ وَوَلَكَ
 الْحَمْدُ حَمْدًا يُوَارِي صُنْعَكَ وَوَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ حَمْدًا يَزِيدُ
 عَلَى رِضَاكَ وَوَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ حَمْدًا مَعَ حَمْدِ كُلِّ حَامِدٍ
 وَشُكْرًا يَقْضِرُ عَنْهُ شُكْرُ كُلِّ شَاكِرٍ حَمْدًا لَا
 يَنْبَغِي إِلَّا لَكَ وَلَا يَنْقَرُبُ بِهِ إِلَّا إِلَيْكَ حَمْدًا
 يُسْتَدَامُ بِهِ الْأَوَّلُ وَيُسْتَدْعَى بِهِ دَوَامُ الْآخِرِ

a praise that would go on multiplying with revolutions of the times and would go on increasing by successive additions; a praise which the keepers of accounts would fail to count and which would exceed the record kept by the writers¹⁶⁹ in Thy Book¹⁷⁰; a praise that would suit Thy Supreme Throne, and would become Thy exalted Footstool; a praise whose recompense from Thee would be perfect and whose reward would submerge every other reward; a praise whose outward form would accord with its inward spirit and whose inward substance would harmonize with sincerity of the motive underlying it; a praise with the life of which no creature ever praised Thee and whose excellence is known to none other besides Thee.

Such a praise that he who endeavors to count it would be helped and he who tires his best to reckon it exhaustively would be assisted; a praise that would comprise whatever Thou hast created of the praise and would string together

حَمْدًا يَنْضَاعُ عَلَى كُرُورِ الْأَرْزَمِيَّةِ وَتَنْزِيدُ
 أَضْعَافًا مُتَرَادِفَةً حَمْدًا بِعَجْرِ غُرِّ أَحْصَائِهِ
 الْحَفْظَةُ وَتَنْزِيدُ عَلَى مَا أَحْصَاهُ فِي كِتَابِكَ الْكُتُبَةُ
 حَمْدًا يُوَازِنُ عَرْشَكَ الْمَجِيدَ وَيُعَادِلُ كُرْسِيَّكَ
 الرَّفِيعَ حَمْدًا يَكْمُلُ لَدَيْكَ ثَوَابُهُ وَيَسْتَعْرِقُ
 كُلَّ جَزَاءٍ جَزَاؤُهُ حَمْدًا ظَاهِرُهُ وَفَوْقُ بَاطِنِهِ
 وَبَاطِنُهُ وَفَوْقُ صِدْقِ النِّيَّةِ فِيهِ حَمْدًا لَمْ يَحْمَدَكَ
 خَلْقٌ مِثْلَهُ وَلَا يَعْرِفُ أَحَدٌ سِوَاكَ فَضْلَهُ يُعَانُ
 مَنْ اجْتَهَدَ فِي تَعْدِيدِهِ وَيُوَيْدُ مَنْ اغْرَقَ نَزْعًا فِي
 تَوْفِيئِهِ حَمْدًا يَجْمَعُ مَا خَلَقْتَ مِنَ الْحَمْدِ وَيَنْتِظِمُ

what Thou wilt create afterwards; a praise nearer to Thy Word than any other praise ¹⁷¹, and no praiser greater than him who praises Thee with it; a praise the abundance of which would entitle the praiser to further reward from Thy Bounty and to which Thou wouldst add increment from Thy Liberality; a praise that would become the Honor of Thy Countenance and suit the Glory of Thy Majesty.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and the descendants of Muhammad, the elect, the chosen, the honored who enjoy Thy Nearness, with the most excellent of Thy Blessings. Confer on him the most perfect of Thy Favors. Favor him with the most auspicious of Thy Mercies.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants with a holy blessing, that which no blessing would be more holy.

Confer on him and his descendants a growing favor, that which no favor would be more prolific.

Bestow on him and his descendants

مَا أَنْتَ خَالِفُهُ مُرَبِّعًا حَمْدًا لِأَحْمَدَ أَقْرَبُ إِلَى
 قَوْلِكَ مِنْهُ وَلَا أَحْمَدٌ مِمَّنْ يُحْمَدُ بِهِ حَمْدًا يُوْجِبُ
 بِكَرَمِكَ الْمَزِيدَ بِوُفُورِهِ وَتَصِلُهُ بِمَزِيدٍ بَعْدَ
 مَزِيدٍ طَوْلًا مِنْكَ حَمْدًا يَجِبُ لِكْرَمِ وَجْهِكَ وَ
 يُقَابِلُ عِزَّ جَلَالِكَ رَبِّ صَلَّى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
 الْمُنْتَجِبِ الْمُصْطَفَى الْمُكْرَمِ الْمُقْرَبِ أَفْضَلَ صَلَوَاتِكَ
 وَبَارِكْ عَلَيْهِ أُمَّ بَرَكَاتِكَ وَتَرَحَّمْ عَلَيْهِ أَمْتَع
 رَحْمَاتِكَ رَبِّ صَلَّى عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ صَلَاةٌ زَاكِيَةٌ
 لَا تَكُونُ صَلَاةً أَنْزَلْنَا مِنْهَا وَصَلَّ عَلَيْهِ صَلَاةً
 نَامِيَةً لِأَنْ تَكُونَ صَلَوَةً أَنْمَى مِنْهَا وَصَلَّ عَلَيْهِ

an agreeable blessing, to which no other blessing would be superior.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants with a favor that would please him and add to his satisfaction. Confer on him a favor that would please Thee and increase Thy Approbation of him.

Bestow on him a favor except which Thou wouldst approve for none other than him and of which no other than him would be worthy in Thy Sight.

O Lord, confer on Muhammad and his descendants a blessing that would surpass Thy Approbation, the continuance of which would depend on Thy infinite Existence and which would never die just as Thy Words shall never die.

O Lord, confer on Muhammad and his descendants a blessing that would include the blessings of Thy angels, Thy Prophets, Thy Apostles and of those that obey Thee ; that would comprise the blessings of Thy servants belonging to the order of jinn and men and those worthy of Thy Answer, that would comprehend ---

صَلَوةٌ رَاضِيَةٌ لَانَكُونُ صَلَوةً فَوْفَهَا رَبِّ صَلِّ
 عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَاللَّهِ صَلَوةٌ تُرْضِيهِ وَتُرِيدُ عَلَيَّ رِضَاهُ
 وَصَلَّ عَلَيَّ صَلَوةً تُرْضِيكَ وَتُرِيدُ عَلَيَّ رِضَاكَ لَهُ
 وَصَلَّ عَلَيَّ صَلَوةً لَا تُرْضِي لَهُ الْإِبْهَامُ وَلَا تُرِي
 غَيْرُهُ لَهَا أَهْلًا رَبِّ صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَاللَّهِ صَلَوةً تُرْضِي
 رِضْوَانَكَ وَتُصَلِّ نِصَالَهُمَا بَقَائِكَ وَلَا يَفُودُ^{تَمْلَأُ}
 كَلِمَاتُكَ رَبِّ صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَاللَّهِ صَلَوةً
 تَنْظُمُ صَلَوَاتِ مَلَائِكَتِكَ وَأَنْبِيَاءِكَ وَرُسُلِكَ
 وَأَهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ وَتَشْتَمِلُ عَلَيَّ صَلَوَاتِ
 عِبَادِكَ مُرْجِحِينَ وَأَنْسِكَ وَأَهْلَ جَانِبِكَ وَتُجْمَعُ

the blessings of all the species of Thy creatures whom Thou hast created and brought into being.

O Lord, bless him and his descendants with a blessing that would compass every blessing past and future.

Confer on him and his descendants a blessing agreeable to Thee and others besides Thee.

Moreover, create favors with which to multiply these blessings at the same time and with the passage of days, increase them by growing increments which no one would be able to count except Thee.

O Lord, confer favor on the holy members of his descendants whom Thou hast chosen for Thy mission, whom Thou hast made treasures of Thy Knowledge, guardians of Thy religion, Thy vicegerents in Thy earth and Thy arguments to Thy creatures, to whom Thou hast, of Thy Will, cleaned of impurity and pollution with a thorough purification and whom Thou hast made to be -----

عَلَى صَلَاةٍ كُلِّ مَرَدٍّ رَأَتْ وَبَرَأَتْ مِنْ أَصَافٍ
 خَلَقَكَ رَبِّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ صَلَاةٌ تَخْتِطُ بِكُلِّ
 صَلَاةٍ سَالِفَةٍ وَمُسْتَأْنَفَةٍ وَصَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آلِهِ ^{مِنْهُ وَرَبِّهِ}
 لَكَ وَلِمَنْ دُونِكَ وَنُشِئُ مَعَ ذَلِكَ صَلَوَاتٍ تَصَا ^{وَعَفْوُ}
 مَعَهَا نِلَكَ الصَّلَوَاتِ عِنْدَهَا وَتَزِيدُهَا عَلَى كُرْوَرِ
 الْأَيَّامِ زِيَادَةً فِي نِضَائِهَا تَلَايَعُهَا غَيْرُكَ رَبِّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى أَطْيَبِ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ الَّذِينَ آخَرْتَهُمْ لِأَمْرِكَ
 وَجَعَلْتَهُمْ خَزَنَةَ عَمَلِكَ وَحَفَظَةَ دِينِكَ وَخُلَفَاءَكَ
 فِي أَرْضِكَ وَحُجَّكَ عَلَى عِبَادِكَ وَطَهَّرْتَهُمْ مِنْ
 الرَّجْسِ وَاللَّئْسَ نَطَهَّرَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِكَ وَجَعَلْتَهُمْ

the medium of approaching Thee and the guides ¹⁷² to Thy Paradise.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants with a blessing whereby Thou mayest magnify for them Thy Bounty and Thy Grace. Accomplish for them all things out of Thy Gifts and additional favors.

Increase for them the share of Thy Reward and Benefits.

O Lord, confer on him and them a favor having no limit to its beginning, no bound to its duration and no termination to its continuance.

O Lord, confer on them a blessing equal to the worth ¹⁷³ of Thy Throne and whatever is under it equal to the fullness of Thy heavens and whatever is above them equal to the number of Thy lands and whatever is beneath and among them — a blessing that would bring them closer to Thee and would be to Thee and them a satisfaction and would always be linked to similar blessings.

O Lord, _____

الْوَسِيلَةَ إِلَيْكَ وَأَمْسَكَ إِلَى جَنَّتِكَ رَبِّ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ صَلَوَةٌ تُجْزِلُ لَهُمْ بِهَا مِنْ خُفْيِكَ
 وَكَرَامَتِكَ وَتُكْمِلُ لَهُمُ الْأَشْيَاءَ مِنْ عَطَايَاكَ
 وَنَوَافِلِكَ وَتُوَفِّرُ عَلَيْهِمُ الْحَطَّ مِنْ عَوَائِدِكَ وَفَوَائِدِكَ
 رَبِّ صَلِّ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَيْهِمْ صَلَاةً لَا أَمَدَ فِيهَا
 وَلَا غَايَةَ لِأَمَدِهَا وَلَا نِهَايَةَ لِأَخْرِهَا رَبِّ صَلِّ
 عَلَيْهِمْ زِينَةَ عَرْشِكَ وَمَادُونَهُ وَمِلَأْ سَمَوَاتِكَ
 وَمَا فَوْقَهُنَّ وَعَدَدِ أَرْضِيكَ وَمَا تَحْتَهُنَّ وَمَا
 بَيْنَهُنَّ صَلَاةً تُقَرِّبُهُمْ مِنْكَ زُلْفَى وَتَكُونُ لَكَ
 وَهُمْ رِضًا وَمُتَّصِلَةً بِنِطَائِرِهِزَابِدًا اللَّهُمَّ

verily Thou didst, in every age, support Thy religion with an Imam whom Thou didst establish as a sign for Thy servants and a pillar of light in Thy cities, after having joined his covenant to Thine.

Thou didst make him to be the means to Thy Approbation, didst enjoin obedience to him. Thou didst dissuade men by threat from disobeying him.

(Thou) didst command to obey his order and to refrain at his prohibition and that no competitor should take precedence over him and no pursuer should lag behind him.

Therefore, he is the asylum of those who seek shelter, the defender of the true believers, support ¹⁷⁴ to the adherents and light to the inhabitants of the universe.

O Lord, therefore, inspire Thy vicegerent with gratitude for the favors Thou hast conferred on us through him. Inspire us with similar gratitude for (having) him (for our guide). Give him from nigh Thee well supported authority.

إِنَّكَ أَيْدَتْ دِينَكَ فِي كُلِّ أَوَانٍ بِأَمَامِ
 أَقْمَنُهُ عِلْمًا لِعِبَادِكَ وَمَنَارًا فِي بِلَادِكَ بَعْدَ
 أَنْ وَصَلْتَ جَبَلَهُ بِجَبَلِكَ وَجَعَلْتَهُ الذَّرِيعَةَ
 إِلَى رِضْوَانِكَ وَأَفْرَضْتَ طَاعَتَهُ وَحَدَرْتَ
 مَعْصِيَتَهُ وَأَمَرْتَ بِأَمْثَالِ أَمْرِهِ وَالْإِنْهَاءَ عِنْدَ
 نَهْيِهِ وَالْإِبْتِقَادَ مِمَّا مَنَقَدَّمُ وَلَا يَنْأَخِرُ عَنْهُ
 مُتَأَخِّرٌ فَهُوَ عَصْمَةٌ اللَّائِيذِزُ وَكَهْفُ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
 وَعُرْوَةُ الْمُتَمَسِّكِينَ وَبِهَاءُ الْعَالَمِينَ اللَّهُمَّ فَارْزُقْ
 لَوْلِيكَ شُكْرًا أَنْعَمْتَ بِهِ عَلَيْهِ وَأَوْزِعْنَا
 مِثْلَهُ فِيهِ وَإِنَّهُ مِنْ لَدُنْكَ سُلْطَانًا نَاصِرًا وَأَوْفِخْ

Let him have an easy victory.
Assist him with Thy most honorable
Support.

Strengthen his back.

Add power to his arm.

Watch him with Thy Eye.

Guard him with Thy Protection.

Aid him with Thy angels.

Succour him with Thy most victorious
Host.

Establish, through him Thy Book,
Thy Bounds ¹⁷⁵, Thy Laws and the
practices of Thy Prophet – Thy Favors on
him and his descendants.

Revive by means of him the signs of
Thy religion which the tyrants have an-
nulled. Scour off through him the rust of
tyranny from Thy Path. Remove by him
the hardship from thy Way. Banish those
who go astray from Thy Path. Destroy
through him those who wrongfully rebel
against Thy Straight Way.

Soften his ¹⁷⁶ heart for Thy friends.
Cause his hand to stretch forth against
Thy enemies -----

لَهُ فَخَائِسِيرًا وَأَعِنَهُ بِرُكْنِكَ الْأَعْوَزِ وَأَشُدُّ
 أَرْزَهُ وَقَوِّعُضُدَّهُ وَرَاعِهِ بِعَيْنِكَ وَأَحْمِهِ
 بِحِفْظِكَ وَأَنْصُرُهُ بِمِلَائِكِكَ وَامُدَّهُ
 بِجُنْدِكَ الْأَغْلَبِ وَأَقِمْ بِهِ كَيْبَانَكَ وَحُدُودَكَ
 وَشَرَائِعَكَ وَسُنَنَ رَسُولِكَ صَلَوَاتِكَ اللَّهُمَّ
 عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهُ وَآحِي بِهِ مَا أَمَانَهُ الظَّالِمُونَ مِنْ
 مَعَالِمِ دِينِكَ وَأَجْلِبْ بِهِ صَدَاءَ الْجُورِ عَنْ طَرْفِيكَ
 وَأَبْرِزْ بِهِ الضَّرَّاءَ مِنْ سَبِيلِكَ وَأَزِلْ بِهِ التَّائِبِينَ
 عَنْ صِرَاطِكَ وَأَمْحُضْ بِهِ بُغَاةَ قُصْدِكَ عِوَجًا وَالرِّبَّ
 جَانِبَهُ لِأَوْلِيَائِكَ وَأَبْطُطِ بِهِ عَلَى أَعْدَائِكَ

and grant us his kindness, his leniency,
his tenderness and his compassion.

Make us listen to and obey him.

Endeavor to win his approbation.

Be ready to assist and defend him
and thereby approach Thee and Thy
Prophet – may Thy Blessings descend on
him and his descendants, O Lord.

O Lord, bless their friends who
acknowledge their rank,

Follow their path,

Pursue their track¹⁷⁷,

Adhere strongly to them,

Are firmly attached to their friend-
ship¹⁷⁸,

Follow their leadership,

Submit to their ordinance,

Endeavor to serve them,

Expect their days¹⁷⁹,

And strain their eyes towards
them¹⁸⁰,

With blessings auspicious, pure, grow-
ing, following one another morning and
evening.

And confer peace -----

وَهَبْ لَنَا رَأْفَةً وَرَحْمَةً وَتَعَطُّفَةً وَتَجَنُّهً
 وَاجْعَلْنَا لَهُ سَامِعِينَ مُطِيعِينَ وَفِي رِضَاهُ سَاعِرِينَ
 وَالْإِضْرَابَ وَالدَّفَاعَةَ عَنْهُ مُكْفِيَةً وَاللَّيْكَ وَ
 إِلَى رَسُولِكَ صَلَوَاتِكَ اللَّهُمَّ عَلَيْهِ وَاللَّهِ بِذَلِكَ
 مُتَّفِرِينَ اللَّهُمَّ وَصَلِّ عَلَى أَوْلِيَائِهِمُ الْمُعْتَرِفِينَ
 بِمَقَامِهِمُ الْمُسْتَعِينِينَ مِنْهُمْ الْمُتَّقِينَ أَثَارَهُمْ
 لِمُسْتَسْكِينٍ يُعْرَفُونَ مِنْهُمْ الْمُتَسَكِينُ بِوَلَايَتِهِمْ
 الْمُؤْتَمَرِينَ بِأَمَانَتِهِمْ الْمُسْلِمِينَ لِأَمْرِهِمْ الْمُجْتَهِدِينَ
 فِي طَاعَتِهِمْ الْمُتَنْظِرِينَ لِأَيَّامِهِمُ الْمَادِينِينَ لِيَهْمُ أَعْيُنَهُمْ
 الصَّلَوَاتِ الْمُبَارَكَاتِ الزَّائِكَاتِ وَسَلِّمْ

on them and their souls.

Let their aims be unanimous in virtue.

Reform their conditions for their benefit. Accept their repentance.

Verily Thou art the greatest acceptor of repentance, Merciful, and the best of forgivers.

With Thy Grace let us be with them in the abode of peace, O Most Merciful.

O Lord, this is the day of Arafa, a day which Thou hast ennobled, honored and exalted, wherein Thou hast spread Thy Mercy, wherein Thou favorest with Thy Pardon, wherein Thou makest magnificent gifts and thereby showest kindness to Thy servants.

O Lord, I am Thy servant whom Thou didst favor before Thou didst create him and after Thou hadst brought him into being. Thus Thou didst make him one of those whom Thou didst guide to Thy religion; gavest him grace to discharge Thy due, didst guard him with Thy protection , admit him into -----

عَلَيْهِمْ وَعَلَىٰ أَرْوَاحِهِمْ وَاجْمَعْ عَلَى النَّفُوكِ
 أَمْرَهُمْ وَأَصْلِحْ لَهُمْ شُؤْنَهُمْ وَنُبِّ عَلَيْهِمْ إِنَّكَ
 أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ وَخَيْرُ الْغَافِرِينَ وَاجْعَلْنَا مَعَهُمْ
 فِي دَارِ السَّلَامِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ
 اللَّهُمَّ هَذَا يَوْمٌ عَرَفْتَهُ يَوْمَ شَرَّفْتَهُ وَكَرَّمْتَهُ وَ
 عَظَّمْتَهُ نُشِرْتَ فِيهِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ وَمُنِّتَ فِيهِ بِعَفْوِكَ
 وَأَجْرُكَ فِيهِ عَطِيتَكَ وَتَفَضَّلْتَ بِهِ عَلَىٰ عِبَادِكَ
 اللَّهُمَّ وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ الَّذِي أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِ قَبْلَ
 خَلْقِكَ لَهُ آيَةٌ جَعَلْتَهُ مِنْ هَدْيِنَا ^{وَرَبَّنَا عَلَيْكَ} لِذِينِكَ وَ
 وَفَّقْتَهُ لِحَفِظِكَ وَعَصَمْتَهُ بِحَبْلِكَ وَأَدْخَلْتَهُ فِي

Thy host, guide him to love Thy friends and hate Thy enemies.

Then Thou didst command him and he failed to obey. Thou didst check him and he did not refrain. Thou didst forbid him from disobeying Thee and he disobeyed Thy Command and did what was forbidden by Thee — not by way of enmity to Thee, nor contumacy against Thee, but (because) his desire invited him to that from which Thou hadst dissuaded and towards that with which Thou hadst threatened. 181

And (Satan) Thy enemy and his enemy had helped him in it so he attempted to do it, although he knew Thy threat, hoped for Thy forgiveness and relied on Thy Pardon. Considering the blessings Thou hadst conferred on him, he was the fittest of Thy servants not to have done it. Behold, here I am, in Thy Presence, humbled, disgraced, beseeching, crying, afraid, confessing the heinous sins with which I have burdened myself, and the great -----

حَزْبِكَ وَارْشَدْنَهُ لِمَا الْإِلَهِ أَوْلِيَايَكَ وَمُعَادَاةَ
 أَعْدَائِكَ ثُمَّ أَمَرَنَهُ فَلَمْ يَأْتِمْ وَزَجَرْنَهُ فَلَمْ يَنْزِحِ
 وَنَهَيْتَنَّهُ عَنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ فَخَالَفَ أَمْرَكَ الْإِنْهِيكَ
 لَامُعَانَدَةً لَكَ وَلَا أَسْنِيكَ بَارَأ عَلَيْكَ بَدْلُ
 دَعَاهُ هَوَاهُ إِلَى مَا يَنْتَلُهُ وَإِلَى مَا حَذَرْنَهُ وَأَعَانَهُ
 عَلَى ذَلِكَ عَدُوُّكَ وَعَدُوُّهُ فَأَقْدَمَ عَلَيْهِ عَارِفًا
 بِوَعِيدِكَ رَجِيًّا لِعَفْوِكَ وَإِنْفِئًا بِنَجَاؤِكَ وَكَانَ
 أَحْوَجَ عِبَادِكَ مَعَ مَا مَنَنْتَ عَلَيْهِ الْإِنْفِعَلُ وَهِيَ
 أَنَا ذَا بِيْرِيْدِيْكَ صَاغِرًا ذَلِيْلًا خَاضِعًا خَاشِعًا
 خَائِفًا مَعْتَرِفًا بِعَظِيْمٍ مِنَ الذُّنُوْبِ تَحْمَلُهُ وَجَلِيْلٍ

errors I have committed.

Seeking shelter in Thy Forgiveness, betaking me for refuge to Thy Mercy, believing that no protector would protect me from Thee and no defender would defend me from Thee.

Therefore, confer on me that protection which Thou dost confer on him who erred.

Favor me with that pardon with which Thou dost favor him who stretched forth his hand towards Thee.

Bestow on me that forgiveness which Thou wouldst not deem too much to bestow on him who had hope from Thee.

On this day, allot me a portion whereby I may achieve a share of Thy Approbation. Do not turn me away without that with which such of Thy servants as worship Thee return (laden).

Verily, though I have not sent beforehand the good deeds sent in advance by them, nevertheless, I have advanced Thy Unity -----

مِنَ الْخَطَايَا أَجْرَمْتُهُ مُسْتَجِرًا بِصَفْحِكَ لَا إِثْمًا
 بِرَحْمَتِكَ مَوْفِقًا أَنَّهُ لَا يُجِيرُنِي مِنْكَ مَجِيرٌ وَلَا
 يَمْنَعُنِي مِنْكَ مَا نَعِيَ فَعُدَّ عَلَيَّ تَمَّاعُودٌ بِهِ عَلَيَّ مِنْ
 أَقْرَفِ مَرْتَعَتِكَ وَجُدَّ عَلَيَّ سَانِجُودٌ عَلَيَّ مِنْ
 أَلْفِي يَدِكَ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ عَفْوِكَ وَأَمْنٌ عَلَيَّ بِمَا لَا
 يَتَعَاظَمُكَ أَنْ تَمُرَّ بِهِ عَلَيَّ مِنْ أَمَلِكَ مِنْ غُفْرَانِكَ
 وَاجْعَلْ لِي فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ نَصِيبًا أَنَا لِي بِهِ خَطَأٌ مِنْ
 رِضْوَانِكَ وَلَا تَزِدْنِي صِفْرًا مِمَّا يَنْفَلِبُ بِهِ
 الْمُتَعَبِّدُونَ لَكَ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ وَإِنِّي وَإِنْ لَمْ أُقَدِّمْ
 مَا قَدَّمُوهُ مِنَ الصَّالِحَاتِ فَقَدْ قَدَّمْتُ تَوْحِيدَكَ

and denial of opponents, equals and similars to Thee, have come to Thee through the gates through which Thou didst command to come.

(I) have approached Thee with that, without which none can approach Thee.

Moreover, I have reinforced this with repentance unto Thee, abasement and humility in Thy Presence, and with good opinion of Thee and reliance on what is nigh Thee.

I have coupled this with hope from Thee which whosoever entertained was hardly ever disappointed.

I pray unto Thee like one contemptible,

Disgraceful,

Poor,

Needy,

Timid

And seeking refuge.

Moreover, (I pray) fearfully, humbly, craving protection and imploring shelter, neither inflated with the pride of the haughty, nor elated -----

وَنَفِي الْأَضْدَادِ وَالْأَنْدَادِ وَالْأَشْبَاهِ عَنْكَ وَ
 أَيْدِيكَ مِنَ الْأَبْوَابِ الَّتِي أَمَرْتُ أَنْ تُؤْتَى مِنْهَا
 وَتَقَرَّبْتُ إِلَيْكَ بِمَا لَا يَقْرُبُ بِهِ أَحَدٌ مِنْكَ إِلَّا
 بِالْتَقَرُّبِ بِهِ ثُمَّ أَنْبَعْتُ ذَلِكَ بِالْإِنَابَةِ إِلَيْكَ
 وَالْتَدَلُّ وَالْإِسْنُ كَانَةَ لَكَ وَحُسْنِ الظَّرِّ
 يَكَ وَالْتِقَنَةَ بِمَا عِنْدَكَ وَشَفَعْنُهُ بِرَجَائِكَ الَّذِي
 فَلَّ مَا يَخِيبُ عَلَيْهِ رَاجِيكَ وَسَأَلْتُكَ مَسْأَلَةَ
 الْحَفِيرِ الذَّلِيلِ الْبَائِسِ الْفَقِيرِ الْخَائِفِ الْمُسْتَجِيرِ
 وَمَعَ ذَلِكَ خِيفَةٌ وَتَضَرُّعٌ وَتَعَوُّذٌ وَتَلَوُّذٌ إِلَّا
 مُسْتَطِيلًا لَيْدِكَ كَبْرُ الْمُتَكَبِّرِ وَلَا مُتَعَالِيًا

with the conceit of the obedient, nor arrogant on account of the mediation of intercessors. After all, I am the smallest of the small, the most insignificant of the despicable and like an atom or even inferior to it. Therefore, O Thou who dost not hasten the workers of evil to punishment, nor dost withhold Thy Blessings from those brought up in comfort. O Thou who favorest the erring with pardon, indulgest the guilty by allowing them time (to mend). I have worked evil, I admit. I have committed guilt, I have erred. I am he who tried to go against ¹⁸² Thee presumptuously. I am he who disobeyed Thee deliberately. I am the man who concealed (my faults) from Thy creatures and committed them in Thy Sight. I am he who feared Thy creatures and felt secure from Thee. I am he who did not fear Thy Power and did not dread Thy Wrath. I am the transgressor against my own soul. I am the one pledged to my penalties. I am the possessor of little modesty -----

بِدَالَةِ الْمُطْعِينِ وَلَا مُسْتَطِيلًا شَفَاعَةَ الشَّافِعِينَ
 وَأَنَا بَعْدُ أَقْلُ الْأَقْلِينَ وَأَذَلُّ الْأَذَلِّينَ وَمِثْلُ
 الذَّرَّةِ أَوْ دُونَهَا فَيَا مَنْ لَمْ يُعَاجِلِ الْمُسْعِينَ وَلَا
 يَنْدُهُ الْمُتَرْفِينَ وَيَا مَنْ يُمَيِّزُ بِنِقَالَةِ الْعَاثِرِينَ وَيُفَضِّلُ
 بِإِنظَارِ الْخَاطِبِينَ أَنَا الْمُسِيُّ الْمُعْرِفُ الْخَاطِي الْعَاثِرُ
 أَنَا الَّذِي أَقْدَمَ عَلَيْكَ مُجْتَرِيًا أَنَا الَّذِي عَصَاكَ
 مُنْعِمًا أَنَا الَّذِي اسْتَخْفَى مِنْ عِبَادِكَ وَبَارَكَ
 أَنَا الَّذِي هَابَ عِبَادَكَ وَأَمِنَكَ أَنَا الَّذِي لَمْ
 يَرْهَبْ سَطْوَتَكَ وَلَمْ يَخَفْ بَأْسَكَ أَنَا الْجَانِي
 عَلَى نَفْسِهِ أَنَا الْمُرْتَهَنُ بِسَلْبَتِهِ أَنَا الْقَلِيلُ الْجِيَاءُ

and enduring distress.

For the sake of him whom Thou hast chosen from Thy creation, for him whom Thou hast elected for Thyself, for the sake of him whom Thou hast selected from among Thy creatures and whom Thou hast taken by preference for Thy mission. For the sake of him whose obedience Thou hast linked to Thine own; (for the sake of) him, disobedience to whom Thou countest as disobedience to Thee; for the sake of him whose love Thou hast placed nigh to Thine own; (for) him whose enmity Thou hast fastened to Thine own, protect me in this day of my life, as Thou dost protect him who cries unto Thee expressing abhorrence of his sins and who seeks shelter by asking Thy Pardon repentantly. Deal with me as Thou dealest with those who obey Thee, those nigh unto Thee and those of rank in Thy Sight. Distinguish me with that by which Thou dost distinguish him who performed Thy Command¹⁸³, exerted himself for Thee alone, ¹⁸⁴, -----

أَنَا الطَّوِيلُ الْعَنَاءُ نَحْوٌ مِّنْ أَنْجَبْتَ مِرْخَلْفَكَ وَبِمِنِ
 أَصْطَفَيْتَهُ لِنَفْسِكَ نَحْوٌ مِّنْ أَخْبَرْتَ مِرْبِيكَ
 وَمِنِ اجْتَبَيْتَ لِشَانِكَ نَحْوٌ مِّنْ وَصَلْتَ طَاعِنَهُ
 بِطَاعِنِكَ وَمَنْ جَعَلْتَ مَعْصِيَتَهُ كَمَعْصِيَتِكَ
 نَحْوٌ مِّنْ فَرَنْتَ مُوَلَانَهُ بِمُوَالَانِكَ وَمَنْ نَطَّ
 مُعَادَانَهُ بِمُعَادَانِكَ نَعَمَّ دِي فِي يَوْمِي هَذَا بِمَا
 نَعَمَّ دِي بِهِ مِنْ جَارِ إِلَيْكَ مُنْصِلًا وَعَادَانًا بِسِعْفَانِكَ
 نَائِبًا وَتَوَلَّيْتَنِي بِمَا تَوَلَّيْتَنِي بِهِ أَهْلَ طَاعِنِكَ وَالزُّلْفَى
 لَدَيْكَ وَالْمَكَانَةَ مِنْكَ وَتَوَجَّهْتَنِي بِمَا تَوَجَّهْتَنِي
 بِهِ مِنْ وَفَى بِعَهْدِكَ وَأَنْعَبَ نَفْسَهُ فِي ذَانِكَ

and endeavoured personally to win Thy Approbation.

Do not call me to account for my default in serving Thee, transgressing Thy limits ¹⁸⁵ and infringing Thy Commandment. Do not gradually ¹⁸⁶ seize me by lavishing Thy Favors on me like the gradual seizing of him ¹⁸⁷ who denied me the benefit of what he possessed, while he did not join Thee in causing his blessings to descend on me. Rouse me from the sleep of the neglectful ¹⁸⁸, slumber of the extravagant ¹⁸⁹ and drowsiness of those forsaken by Thee.

Guide my heart to that in which Thou didst employ those that pray, by means of which Thou didst cause the devout to worship and whereby Thou didst save the lazy (indolent).

Save me from that which would remove me from Thee. Intervene between me and my share from Thee. Restrain me from what I desire to obtain from Thee. Make it easy for me -----

وَأَجْهَدَهَا فِي مَرْضَانِكَ وَلَا تُؤَاخِذْنِي بِطِي
 فِي جَنِّكَ وَتَعَدِّي طَوْرِي فِي حُدُودِكَ وَ
 مَجَاوِزَةَ أَحْكَامِكَ وَلَا تَسْنُدْ رَجْئِي بِأَمْلَائِكَ
 لِي أَسْنُدُ رَاجٍ مِنْ مَنَعْنِي خَيْرٌ مَا عِنْدَهُ وَلَمْ يُشْرِكْ
 فِي حُلُولِ نِعْمَتِهِ وَنَهَيْتَنِي مِنْ رَفْدَةِ الْغَافِلِينَ وَسِنَةِ
 الْمُسْرِفِينَ وَنَعَسَةِ الْمَخْذُولِينَ وَخَذَّ بِقَلْبِي إِلَى
 مَا اسْتَعْمَلْتَ بِهِ الْفَانِئِينَ وَأَسْتَعْبَدْتَ بِهِ
 الْمُتَعَبِّدِينَ وَأَسْتَنْفَذْتَ بِهِ الْمُتَهَاوِنِينَ وَأَعَدْتَ
 مِمَّا يُبَاعِدُنِي عَنْكَ وَجَوْلُ بَيْنِي وَبَيْنَ حَظِّي
 مِنْكَ وَبَصَدُّنِي عَمَّا أَحْوَلُ لَدَيْكَ وَسَهَّلُ لِي

to walk virtuously toward Thee, to compete for excellence therein according to Thy Command and to persevere therein as desired by Thee. Do not destroy me along with those who treated Thy threat lightly and whom Thou hast resolved to destroy. Do not ruin me along with those who exposed themselves to Thy Wrath and whom Thou hast decreed to ruin. Do not annihilate me along with those who turned away from Thy Paths and whom Thou hast determined to annihilate. Deliver me from the severities of temptation. Liberate me from the jaws of calamity. Save me from seizure by lavishing favors. Intervene between me and the enemy who would mislead me, the passion that would ruin me and the blemish that would overwhelm me. Do not turn away from me as Thou wouldst turn away from him and whom Thou wouldst never be reconciled after Thy Wrath. Do not let me despair of hope from Thee so that the despair of (obtaining) Thy Mercy may overpower me. Do not -----

مَسَلَكِ الْخَيْرَاتِ إِلَيْكَ وَالْمَسَافَةِ إِلَيْهِنَّ حَيْثُ
 أَمَرْتِ وَالْمَشَاحَةِ فِيهَا عَلَى أَرْدَتٍ وَلَا تَحْفَنِي
 فِيمَنْ نَحَقُ مِنَ الْمُسْتَحْفِينِ بِمَا أَوْعَدْتِ وَلَا تُهْلِكِنِي
 مَعَ مَنْ نُهْلِكُ مِنَ الْمُتَعَرِّضِينَ لِمَفْئِكَ وَلَا تُشِيرِنِي
 فِيمَنْ تُشِيرُ مِنَ الْمُخْرِفِينَ عَن سُبُلِكَ وَنَجِّنِي مِنْ غَمْرَانِ
 الْفِتْنَةِ وَخَلِّصْنِي مِنْ لَهَوَاتِ الْبَلَوَى وَاجْرِنِي
 مِنْ أَخْذِ الْأَمَلَاءِ وَحُلِّبْنِي وَيَزِعْ عِدِّي وَبُضِّلْنِي وَ
 هَوَى يُوبِقُنِي وَمَنْقَصَةٌ تَرْهَقُنِي وَلَا تُعْرِضْ عَنِّي
 إِعْرَاضَ مَنْ لَا تَرْضَى عَنْهُ بَعْدَ غَضَبِكَ وَلَا تُؤَسِّبْنِي
 مِنْ الْأَمَلِ فِيكَ فَيَغْلِبَ عَلَيَّ الْفُتُوطُ مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ وَلَا

favor me with that which I have no strength to bear, for then I would be crushed by what Thou wouldst lavish upon me of the excess of Thy Love. Do not let me go from Thy Hand, like abandoning him in whom there is no good, whom Thou dost not require and for whom there is no repentance. Do not reject me like rejecting him who has fallen from Thy regard and who has been subjected to disgrace by Thee. Nay, catch hold of me so as to prevent me from falling like those who fell into ruin, from negligence of those who went astray, from the error of the proud and the fate of those who perished. Give me security from that with which Thou didst test Thy servants, male and female, of different classes. Cause me to reach the destination of him whom Thou hast favored, on whom Thou hast conferred blessings and whom Thou hast approved so Thou madest him live a praiseworthy life and didst cause him to die a lucky death. Put round my neck the collar of abstinence -----

تَمَّحِّي بِمَا لَا طَافَةَ لِي بِهِ فَبَهْظَنِي مِمَّا تُحْلِيهِ مِنْ
فَضْلِ مَحَبَّتِكَ وَلَا تُرْسِلْنِي مِنْ يَدِكَ أَرْسَالَ مَنْ لَا
خَيْرَ فِيهِ وَلَا حَاجَةَ بِكَ إِلَيْهِ وَلَا إِنْابَةَ لَهُ وَلَا
تُرْمِي رَجْمِي مِنْ سَفْطٍ مِنْ عَيْرِ عَائِنِكَ وَمِنْ أَشْمَلِ
عَلَيْهِ الْخَزْيِ مِنْ عُنْدِكَ بَلْ خُذْ بِيَدِي مِنْ سَقَطَةِ
الْمُنْرَدِينَ وَوَهْلَةِ الْمُعْسَفِينَ وَزَلَّةِ الْمَغْرُورِينَ
وَوَرَطَةِ الْهَالِكِينَ وَعَافِي مِمَّا ابْتَلَيْتَ بِهِ
طَبَقَاتِ عِبِيدِكَ وَأَمَانِكَ وَبَلِّغْنِي مَبَالِغَ مَرْعِيَّتِكَ
بِهِ وَأَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِ وَرَضَيْتَ عَنْهُ فَأَعَشْتَهُ
حَمِيدًا وَتَوَقَّيْتَهُ سَعِيدًا وَطَوَّفْتَنِي طَوْلَ الْأَفْلَاحِ

from that which would annul good deeds and would take away blessings. Teach my heart to avoid the evils of wickedness and the ignominies of sin.

Do not engage me in that which I cannot achieve, except through Thee, so as to give me occasional neglect that except which none other would satisfy Thee with me.

Root out from my heart the love of this sordid world which prevents from (achieving) that which is nigh Thee, keeps away from obtaining the means ¹⁹⁰ toward Thee and causes (men) to forget to approach Thee.

Make it agreeable to me to commune with Thee in solitude, by night and day. Give me a chastity that would bring me nearer to Thy Fear. ¹⁹¹

Deliver me from the bondage of the great sins.

Grant me purity from the taint of disobedience.

Remove from me the dirt of errors.

عَمَّا يُحِبُّ الْحَسَنَاتِ وَيَذْهَبُ بِالْبَرَكَاتِ وَأَشْعُرُ
 قَلْبِي الْإِزْدِجَارَ عَنْ قِيَامِ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَقَوَارِضِ
 الْحَوَابِثِ وَلَا تَشْغَلْنِي بِهَا لِأَدْرِكَهُ الْإِبْرَاهِيمُ
 لَا يَرْضِيكَ عَنِّي غَيْرُهُ وَأَنْزِعْ مِنِّي قَلْبِي حَبِّ دُنْيَا
 دِينِيَّةٍ تَنْهَى عَمَّا عِنْدَكَ وَتَصُدُّ عَنِ ابْتِغَاءِ الْوَسِيلَةِ
 إِلَيْكَ وَتُدْهِلُ عَنِ التَّقَرُّبِ مِنْكَ وَزِينَةِ التَّفَرُّدِ
 بِمُنَاجَاةِكَ بِاللَّيْلِ وَالنَّهَارِ وَهَبْ لِي عِصْمَةً
 تَدِينُنِي مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ وَتَقَطِّعُنِي عَنِ رُكُوبِ مَحَارِمِكَ
 وَتُنْفِئَنِي مِنْ أَسْرِ الْعَطَائِمِ وَهَبْ لِي النَّظْمَ مِنْ
 دَنَسِ الْعِصْيَانِ وَأَذْهَبْ عَنِّي دَرَنَ الْخَطَابِ وَأَوْ

Cover me with the mantle of Thy security.¹⁹²

Enrobe me with the most perfect of Thy Favors.

Strengthen me with Thy Bounty and Goodness.

Help me with Thy Grace and Guidance. Help me to form good intentions, utter agreeable words and do praiseworthy deeds. Instead of Thy Power and Strength, do not entrust me to the care of my own power and strength.

Do not disgrace me on the day Thou wilt raise me (from the dead) to meet Thee. Do not put me to shame before Thy friends.

Do not let me forget to remember Thee. Do not divest me of the sense of gratitude due to Thee but impose it upon me on occasions of oblivion, when the ignorant are forgetful of Thy Favors.

Inspire me to praise Thee for what Thou hast conferred on me and to acknowledge that with which Thou hast blessed -----

سَرَّ بِلْنِي سِرْبَالِ عَافِيَتِكَ وَرَدِّ نِي رَدِّ آءِ مُعَافَاةِكَ
وَجَلَّلْنِي سِوَابِغِ نِعْمَاتِكَ وَظَاهَرُ لَدَيِّ فَضْلِكَ
وَطَوْلِكَ وَأَيَّدْنِي تَوْفِيقِكَ وَتَسَدَّدْ يَدِي وَأَعْنِي
عَلَى صَالِحِ النَّيَّةِ وَمَرَّضِي الْقَوْلَ وَمُسْتَحْسِنِ الْعَمَلِ
وَلَا تَكِلْنِي إِلَى حَوْلِي وَقُوَّتِي دُونَ حَوْلِكَ وَ
قُوَّتِكَ وَلَا تَخْزِنِي يَوْمَ تَبْعَثُنِي لِلْقَاءِ نِكَ وَلَا تَنْفُضْنِي
بَيْنَ يَدَيْ أَوْلِيَاءِكَ وَلَا تَنْسِي ذِكْرَكَ وَلَا
تَذْهَبْ عَنِّي شُكْرَكَ بَلِّ الرِّمِيهِ فِي أَحْوَالِ
السَّهْوِ عِنْدَ غَفَلَاتِ الْجَاهِلِينَ لِأَلَا تَكْ وَ
أَوْزَعْنِي إِنْ أَشِئْتِ مِمَّا أَوْلَيْتِيهِ وَأَعْرِفْ بِمَا اسْتَدُّ

me.

Let my love for Thee be above the love of all lovers, my praise of Thee, above the praise of all those who praise.

Do not forsake me when I have need of Thee. Do not ruin me for what I sent towards Thee. ¹⁹³

Do not confront me¹⁹⁴ as Thou confrontst those who rebel since I have truly submitted to Thee.

I know that the argument is in Thy Favor. Thou art the most worthy to do kindness and to repeat Thy Benevolence.

(Thou) deservest to be feared and art worthy to forgive. It becomes Thee more to pardon than to punish.

Thou art more likely to screen (a fault) than to publish (it).

Therefore, make me live a pure life that would include in itself what I desire and would achieve what I love, in such a manner that I may not do what Thou hatest and may not commit what Thou hast forbidden.

إِلَىٰ وَاجْعَلْ رَغْبَتِي إِلَيْكَ فَوْقَ رَغْبَةِ الرَّغْبِيِّ
 وَحَمْدِي إِيَّاكَ فَوْقَ حَمْدِ الْحَامِدِينَ وَلَا تَخْذُلْنِي عِنْدَ
 فَاقَتِي إِلَيْكَ وَلَا تُهْلِكْنِي بِمَا أَسَدَيْتُهُ إِلَيْكَ
 وَلَا تَجْهَنِّي بِمَا جَهْتَ بِهِ الْمُعَانِدِينَ لَكَ فَإِنِّي لَكَ
 مُسَلِّمٌ أَعْلَمُ أَنَّ الْحُجَّةَ لَكَ وَأَنَّكَ أَوْلَىٰ بِالْفَضْلِ وَ
 الْعُودِ بِالْإِحْسَانِ وَأَهْلُ النَّفْوَىٰ وَأَهْلُ الْمَغْفِرَةِ
 وَأَنَّكَ بَانَ نَعْفُوا أَوْلَىٰ مِنْكَ بِأَنْ نُّعَافِ وَأَنَّكَ
 بَانَ تَسْتَرُ أَقْرَبُ مِنْكَ إِلَيَّ أَنْ تُشْهَرَ فَأَجْنِي حَيَوَةً
 طَيِّبَةً نَنْتَظِمُ بِمَا أُرِيدُ وَنَبْلُغُ مَا أَحْبَبْنَا مِنْ حَيْثُ
 لَا تَقِي مَا نَزَكَرَهُ وَلَا أَرْنُكَ بِمَا نَهَيْتَ عَنْهُ وَ

Make me die the death of one whose light walks before and on one's right hand. Make me humble in Thy Presence. Cause me to be honored by Thy creatures. Make me ¹⁹⁵ lowly when I am with Thee in solitude. Exalt me among Thy servants.

Make me independent of one who is independent of me. Let my wants and needs toward Thee increase.

Save me from reproaches of the enemies, from visitation of calamity and from ignominy and sorrow.

As regards my conduct that has come to Thy Knowledge, screen me with a curtain with which one would screen who has power to seize, if one had no forbearance and one who can be captured for a crime, if one had no patience.

When Thou resolvest to try or afflict any people, then save me from it — I crave Thy Protection.

Since Thou hast not placed me in a disgraceful situation in this world, then do not place me in a similar position

أَمْسِي مَيْسَةً مِنْ لِسْعَى نُوْرِهِ بِزَيْدِيَّةٍ وَعَنْ يَمِينِهِ
 وَذَلِّلْنِي بِزَيْدِيكَ وَأَعِزَّنِي عِنْدَ خَلْفِكَ وَضَعْنِي
 إِذَا خَلَوْتُ بِكَ وَأَرْفَعْنِي بِزَيْدِ عِبَادِكَ وَأَغْنِنِي
 عَمَّنْ هُوَ غَنِّي عَنِّي وَزِدْ نِي إِلَيْكَ فَافَةً وَفَقْرًا
 وَأَعِزَّنِي مِنْ شِمَانَةِ الْأَعْدَاءِ وَمِنْ حُلُولِ الْبَلَاءِ
 وَمِنْ الذَّلِّ وَالْعَنَاءِ نَعْمَدِي فِي مَا أَطَّلَعْتَ عَلَيْهِ
 مِنْ مَنِي مَا يَنْعَمُ بِهِ الْفَادِرُ عَلَى الْبَطِشِ لَوْلَا حِلْمُهُ
 وَالْأَخْذُ عَلَى الْجَرِيرِ لَوْلَا أَنَانُهُ وَإِذَا أَرَدْتَ
 بِقَوْمٍ فِتْنَةً أَوْ سَوْءً فَفَجِّنِي مِنْهَا لَوْ أَدَاكَ وَإِذْلَمْ
 نَفْسِي مَقَامَ فَضِيحَةٍ فِي دُنْيَاكَ فَلَا تَقْسِي مِثْلَهُ

hereafter. Double for me Thy previous Favours with subsequent ones, Thy past blessings with fresh ones.

Do not put me to strain with a tension that would harden my heart. Do not afflict me with a calamity that would take away my honor. Do not visit me with a disgrace that would diminish my respect, nor with a blemish whereby my position may be ignored. Do not smite me with a terror whereby I may become hopeless, nor with a fear that may terrify me (to excess).

Let my dread consist in Thy threat, my fear in Thy having left no excuse and in Thy warning and my awe in reading Thy verses. Let my night be occupied by my keeping awake therein to worship Thee, my loneliness with offering night prayer unto Thee ¹⁹⁶, my solitude with peaceful communion with Thee, laying my wants before Thee, persistently beseeching Thee to deliver my neck from Thy Fire -----

فِي إِخْرَيْكَ وَأَشْفَعْ لِي أَوْ إِيْلَ مَنْنِكَ بِأَوْ إِخْرِيهَا وَ
 قَدِيمٍ قَوَائِدِكَ نَحْوَادِ ثِيَابِهَا وَلَا تَمُدُّ دِيْمًا تَقْسُو
 مَعَهُ قَلْبِي وَلَا تَفْرَعْنِي فَارِعَةً يَذْهَبُ لَهَا بَهَائِي
 وَلَا تَسْمُنِي خَسْبَةً يَصْغُرُ لَهَا قَدْرِي وَلَا تَقْصِبْهُ
 بِجَهْلٍ مِنْ أَجْلِهَا مَكَانِي وَلَا تَرْعُنِي رَوْعَةً أَيْلَسُ
 بِهَا وَلَا خِيفَةً أَوْ حِسْدًا وَنَهَا أَجْعَلْ هَيْبَتِي فِي وَعْدِكَ
 وَحَدْرِي مِنْ إِعْذَارِكَ وَإِنْ دَارَكَ وَرَهْبَتِي عِنْدَ نِلاوَةٍ
 يَا نَيْكَ وَأَعْمُرْ لِي بِإِيفَاطِي فِيهِ لِعِيَادَتِكَ وَتَفَرُّدِي
 يَا تَهْجِدُ لَكَ وَتَجَرُّدِي لِسُكُونِي لِيْلِكَ وَإِنْ زَالَ
 حَوَائِجِيكَ وَمُنَازَلَتِي يَا كَفِي فَمَا كَرَفْتُمِنْ نَارِكَ

and to protect me from Thy torment which the people of hell undergo. Do not leave me blind in my perverseness nor plunged in oblivion till the time of death. Do not make me an admonition to those who seek admonition, nor an example of punishment to those who take warning, nor a temptation to those who meditate. Do not make me neglectful along with those whom Thou makest neglectful. Do not substitute another in my place. Do not alter my name. Do not change my body. ¹⁹⁷ Do not make me a laughing stock for Thy creatures, nor an object of ridicule to Thee, nor a follower of anything save Thy Will, nor employ me except in wreaking vengeance for Thee. Make me intuitively feel the coolness of Thy Pardon, the sweetness of Thy Mercy, Thy Comfort, Thy Consolation and the garden of Thy Blessings. With Thy boundless wealth, let me relish that taste of freedom from care (that I may employ myself) in what Thou lovest and exert myself in that -----

وَإِجَارَتِي مِمَّا فِيهِ أَهْلُهُا مِنْ عِبَادِكَ وَلَا تَنْذِرُنِي
 فِي طُغْيَانِي عَامَهَا وَلَا فِي غَمْرَتِي سَاهِيَا حَتَّى حِينٍ
 وَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي عِظَةً لِمَنْ أَنْعَطَ وَلَا نَكَالًا لِمَنْ اغْتَبَهَ
 وَلَا فِتْنَةً لِمَنْ نَظَرَ وَلَا تَكُرِّبْنِي فِيهِمْ ثُمَّ كُرِّبِهِ
 وَلَا تَسْبِدْ لِي غَيْرِي وَلَا تَغَيِّرْ لِي أَسْمَاءَ وَلَا تُبَدِّلْ
 لِي جِسْمًا وَلَا تُنْخِذْنِي هُزْرًا وَالْحَلْفُكَ وَلَا سِحْرِيًّا
 لَكَ وَلَا تَبْعًا إِلَّا لِمَرْضَانِكَ وَلَا مُنْهِنًا إِلَّا
 بِالْإِنْفِخَامِ لَكَ وَأَوْجِدْنِي بِرَدِّ عَفْوِكَ وَرَوْحِكَ ^{وَعَلَاؤِ رَحْمَتِكَ}
 وَرِيحَانِكَ وَجَنَّةِ نَعِيمِكَ وَأَذِقْنِي طَعْمَ الْفَرَاغِ
 لِمَا تُحِبُّ بِسَعَةِ مِرْسَعَتِكَ وَالْإِجْنَهَادِ فِيهَا

which would bring me closer to Thee and nearer to Thee.

Present me with one of Thy presents. Let my commerce be profitable and my return be without loss.

Make me fear Thy position ¹⁹⁸ and be eager to meet Thee. Let my repentance be sincere and acceptable, whereby Thou mayest leave no sin (unforgiven), neither small nor great and whereby Thou mayest remove every blemish, evident or hidden.

Remove from my breast the grudge against true believers.

Make my heart tender to the meek. Be to me as Thou art to the righteous. Adorn me with the ornament of the pious.

Ordain for me a truthful tongue among the past generations ¹⁹⁹ and a lasting memory among those who are to come.

Take me to the field of the excellent predecessors. ²⁰⁰ Accomplish the perfection of Thy Blessings on me -----

بَزُفٍ لَدَيْكَ وَعِنْدَكَ وَأَخْفِي بِخُفَّةٍ مِنْ
تُحْفَانِكَ وَاجْعَلْ نِجَارَتِي رَائِحَةً وَكَرْنِي غَيْرَ
خَاسِرَةٍ وَأَخْفِي مَقَامَكَ وَشَوْفِي لِقَاءَكَ وَنُبِّ
عَلَى تَوْبَتِهِ تَصُوحًا لَا يُفْ مَعَهَا ذُنُوبًا صَغِيرَةً وَلَا
كَبِيرَةً وَلَا تَذْرُعُهَا عَلَانِيَةً وَلَا سِرِّيَةً وَ
انزِعِ الْعِلْمَ مِنْ صَدْرِي لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَاعْطِفْ بِقَلْبِي
عَلَى الْخَاشِعِينَ وَكُنْ لِي كَمَا تَكُونُ لِلصَّالِحِينَ
وَحَلِّجْ حَلِيَّةَ الْمُتَّقِينَ وَاجْعَلْ لِي لِسَانَ صِدْقٍ
فِي الْغَائِبِينَ وَذِكْرًا نَامِيًّا فِي الْأَخْرَزِينَ وَوَافٍ
بِعَرَصَةِ الْأَوْلِيَاءِ وَتَمِّمِ سُبُوغَ نِعْمَتِكَ عَلَيَّ وَ

Let their advantages to me be repeated.

Fill both my hands with Thy Benefits.

Direct Thy magnificent Gifts towards me.

Make me a neighbor to the most holy of Thy friends, in the Paradise which Thou hast adorned for Thy chosen ones.

Enrobe me with Thy noble Gifts in the abodes provided for Thy friends.

Let me have near Thee a resting place to which I may retire satisfied and a place of retirement wherein I may rest and cool my eyes.

Do not measure me by my great sins.

Do not ruin me on the day when secret acts shall be put to trial.

Remove from me every doubt and uncertainty.

Ordain for me a path to truth from every direction. Increase for me the shares of gifts from Thy Bounty. Enhance for me the portions of goodness, from Thy Generosity.

ظَاهِرَ كَرَامَاتِهَا لَدَيْ أَمْلَأْ مِنْ فَوَائِدِ كَيْدِي
 وَسَوْ كَرَامَتِي مَوَاهِبِكَ إِلَيَّ وَجَاوِرِي الْأَطْبِيزِ
 مِنْ أَوْلِيَاءِكَ فِي الْجَنَانِ الَّتِي زَيَّنَّهَا لِأَصْفِيَاءِكَ
 وَجَلَّلَنِي بِشَرِيفِ نَحْلِكَ فِي الْمَفَامَاتِ الْمُعَدَّةِ
 لِأَجْبَاءِكَ وَاجْعَلْ لِي عِنْدَكَ مَقِيلًا أَوْيَ إِلَيْهِ
 مُطْمَئِنًّا وَمُنَابَةً أَنْبَاءِهَا وَأَقْرَعِينًا وَلَا تُفَايِسْنِي
 بِعَظِيمَاتِ الْجَرَائِرِ وَلَا تَهْلِكْنِي يَوْمَ نُبْلِ السَّرَائِرِ
 وَأَزِلْ عَنِّي كُلَّ شَكٍّ وَشُبُهَةٍ وَاجْعَلْ لِي فِي الْحَقِّ
 طَرِيقًا مِنْ كُلِّ رَحْمَةٍ وَأَجِرْ لِي قِسْمَ الْمَوَاهِبِ
 مِنْ نَوَالِكَ وَوَفِّرْ عَلَيَّ حُطُوطَ الْأِحْسَانِ مِنْ أِفْضَالِكَ

Let my heart rely on what is nigh Thee. Let my mind be free (from cares) to do what would please Thee. Employ me in that in which Thou dost employ Thy chosen ones. Imbue my heart with obedience to Thee when the minds are neglectful. Grant me prosperity, chastity, comfort, safety, health, opulence, peace and security.

Do not annul my good deeds on account of their being vitiated with acts of disobedience to Thee.

Do not spoil my solitudes with the occurrence of corrupt thoughts as a test from Thee.

Preserve my countenance ²⁰¹ from begging of any one of the people of the world.

Restrain me from seeking ²⁰² what the wicked possess.

Do not let me be a supporter of tyrants, nor their helper and accessory in nullifying Thy Book.

Compass me in a manner -----

وَاجْعَلْ قَلْبِي وَإِثْمًا بِمَا عِنْدَكَ وَهَمِّي مُسْتَفْرَّغًا لِمَا
 هُوَ لَكَ وَأَسْئَلُكَ بِمَا تَسْعَلُ بِهِ خَالِصًا لَكَ وَ
 أَشْرِبُ قَلْبِي عِنْدَ هَوْلِ الْعُقُولِ طَاعَتَكَ وَأَجْمَعُ
 لِي الْغِنَى وَالْعَفَافَ وَالِدَّعَى وَالْمُعَافَاةَ وَالصِّحَّةَ
 وَالسَّعَةَ وَالطَّمَانِينَةَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ وَلَا تُجِبْطُ
 حَسَنَاتِي بِمَا يَشُوبُهَا مِنْ مَعْصِيَتِكَ وَلَا خَلُوقِي بِمَا
 بَعْضُ فِي مَرْتَبَاتِ قِنْدِكَ وَصِرْ وَجْهِي عَنِ
 الطَّلَبِ إِلَى أَحَدٍ مِنَ الْعَالَمِينَ وَذُبْنِي عَنِ النَّمَاسِمَا
 عِنْدَ الْفَاسِقِينَ وَلَا تُجْعَلْنِي لِلظَّالِمِينَ ظَهِيرًا وَلَا
 لَهُمْ عَلَى مَحْوِكَايَاكَ يَدًا وَنَصِيرًا وَحُطْنِي مِنْ حَيْثُ

I may not know, with an enclosure where-
by to protect me.

Open for me the doors of repentance
to Thee and of Thy Mercy, Grace and
ample Subsistence. Verily I am one of
those who beg of Thee.

Accomplish for me Thy Reward,
verily, Thou art the best giver of Re-
ward.

Ordain the rest of my life (to be
spent) in making the hajj and the 'umrah
to achieve Thy Approbation, O Lord of
the Worlds.

May God bless Muhammad and his
descendants, the pure, the holy. Peace
be on him and them forever and ever.

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One of his prayers at the festival of
sacrifice and on Friday.

O Lord, this is a blessed day and Mus-
lims are therein gathered in regions of Thy
earth; such of them as have to beg,
those that seek after anything, -----

لَا أَعْلَمُ حَيَاةً نَفْسِي بِهَا وَافْتَحْ لِي أَبْوَابَ
 تَوْبَتِكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ وَرِزْقِكَ الْوَاسِعِ
 إِنِّي إِلَيْكَ مِنَ الرَّاعِيَيْنِ وَأَتَمِّمُ لِي أَنْعَامَكَ إِنَّكَ
 خَيْرُ الْمُنْعِمِينَ وَاجْعَلْ بَأْفِي عُمْرِي فِي الْحَجِّ وَالْعُمْرَةِ
 ابْتِغَاءً وَجْهَكَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَصَلِّ اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَآلِهِ الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَالسَّلَامَ عَلَيْهِمْ أَبَدًا لِبَدِينِ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ عَابِدِيكَ يَا رَبِّ الْأُمُومِ
 الْأَضْحَى وَيَوْمَ الْجُمُعَةِ
 اللَّهُمَّ هَذَا يَوْمٌ مُبَارَكٌ وَالْمُسْلِمُونَ فِيهِ مُجْتَمِعُونَ
 فِي أَفْطَارِ أَرْضِكَ يَشْهَدُ السَّائِلُ مِنْهُمْ وَالطَّالِبُ

those that love anything and those that fear are all present and Thou art attending to their wants.

Therefore, I beg Thee, on account of Thy Bounty and Generosity and my request being easy for Thee to grant, to bless Muhammad and his descendants.

I pray Thee, O Lord, our Sustainer, because unto Thee belongs all sovereignty and all praise — there being no god but Thee, the Forbearing, the Generous, the Gracious, the Benevolent, the Possessor of Majesty and Glory, the Creator of the heavens and the earth, to amplify my share and portion of whatever Thou distributest among Thy believing servants of good or safety or blessing or guidance or grace to serve Thee;

Or any other benefit Thou conferrest on them, nigh Thee, in rank;

Or, thereby, givest them any of the blessings of this world and the hereafter.

وَالرَّائِبُ وَالرَّاهِبُ وَأَنْتَ النَّاطِرُ فِي حَوَائِجِهِمْ
 فَاسْأَلْكَ بِجُودِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ وَهُوَ إِنْ مَسَّ سَأَلَكَ
 عَلَيْكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاسْأَلْكَ اللَّهُمَّ
 رَبَّنَا بِأَنَّ لَكَ الْمُلْكَ وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ
 الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ الْحَنَّانُ الْمَنَّانُ ذُو الْجَلَالِ وَ
 الْأَكْرَامِ بَدِيعُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ هَمَّا قَسَمْتُ
 بِرَبِّ عِبَادِكَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ مِنْ خَيْرٍ أَوْ عَافِيَةٍ أَوْ بَرَكَاتٍ
 أَوْ هُدًى أَوْ عَمَلٍ بِطَاعَتِكَ أَوْ خَيْرٍ تَمَنُّ بِهِ عَلَيْهِمْ
 تَهْلِيهِمْ بِهِ إِلَيْكَ أَوْ تَرْفَعُ لَهُمْ عِنْدَكَ دَرَجَةً
 أَوْ تُعْطِيَهُمْ بِهِ خَيْرًا مِنْ خَيْرِ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

And I beg Thee, O Lord, for to Thee belongs all sovereignty and praise – there being no god except Thee, to bless Muhammad,

Thy servant,
Thy Apostle,
Thy friend,
Thy elected one

And Thy Chosen one out of Thy creation and the descendants of Muhammad, the righteous, the holy, the virtuous with a blessing which none would be able to reckon except Thee to include us among the righteous ones of Thy believing servants who prayed unto Thee, this day, O Lord of the Worlds and to forgive us and them. Verily Thou hast Power over all things.

O Lord, I have resolved to prefer my request to Thee and have, this day, laid before Thee, my need, my want and my indigence. Verily, I have greater confidence in Thy Forgiveness and Thy Mercy

أَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ يَا لَكَ الْمُلْكُ وَالْحَمْدُ لَا إِلَهَ
 إِلَّا أَنْتَ أَنْ تُضِلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَبْدِكَ وَرَسُولِكَ
 وَجَيْبِكَ وَصَفْوَتِكَ وَخَيْرِنِكَ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ
 رَعَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ الْأَبْرَارِ الطَّاهِرِينَ الْأَخْبَارِ
 صَلَاةً لَا يَفْوِي عَلَى إِحْصَائِهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ وَأَنْ
 تُشْرِكَنِي فِي صَالِحِ مَزْدَعَاكَ فِي هَذَا الْيَوْمِ مِنْ
 عِبَادِكَ الْمَوْمِنِينَ يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَأَنْ تُغْفِرَ
 لَنَا وَلَهُمْ أَنْكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ اللَّهُمَّ
 إِلَيْكَ تَعَمَّدْتُ بِحَاجَتِي وَبِكَ أَنْزَلْتُ الْيَوْمَ فَفَرِي
 وَفَافِي وَمَسْكِنِي وَإِنِّي بِمَغْفِرَتِكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ

than in my (good) action. Verily Thy Forgiveness and Mercy are far more ample than my sin.

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Undertake to satisfy every want I have, because Thou hast power over it.

It is easy for Thee to fulfill because I have need from Thee and Thou hast no need from me.

For verily I never, never received any good, but from Thee.

None other than Thee ever turned away evil from me.

I do not expect (any good) to my interest in this world and the hereafter except from Thee.

O Lord, whoever may have determined, resolved, prepared and become ready to go to a creature in expectation of his gift and his bounty and in search of his favor and his reward — but toward Thee, O my Lord, has been, today, my resolve, my preparation, my readiness

اَوْثُنُ مِنْ بَعْلِي وَمَلْغُضُنُكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ أَوْسَعُ
 مِنْ ذُنُوبِي فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَتَوَلَّ فِضَاءَ
 كُلِّ حَاجَةٍ هِيَ لِي بِقُدْرَتِكَ عَلَيْهَا وَتَيْسِرِ
 ذَلِكَ عَلَيْكَ وَبِفِطْرِي إِلَيْكَ وَغِنَاكَ عَنِّي
 فَإِنِّي لَمْ أَصْبِحْ رَافِطًا إِلَّا مِثْلَكَ وَلَمْ تُصِرْ
 عَنِّي سِوَا قِطْ أَحَدٍ غَيْرِكَ وَلَا أَرَجُو لِمَرِّ آخِرَتِي وَ
 دُنْيَايَ سِوَاكَ اللَّهُمَّ مِنْ نَهَابِ تَعَبًا وَأَعْدَدْ
 اسْتَعْدَادًا لِفَادَةِ الْخَلْقِ وَرَحَاءِ رِفْدِهِ وَنَوَافِلِهِ
 وَطَلَبِ نَيْلِهِ وَجَائِزَتِهِ فَإِلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ كَانَتْ
 الْيَوْمَ نَهْيَتِي وَتَعْبِيَّتِي وَأَعْدَادِي وَأَسْتَعْدَادِي

in the hope of Thy Forgiveness and Favor and in search of Thy Bounty and Reward.

O Lord, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Do not, this day, disappoint me of my hope.

O Thou Whom no request can prevent (from giving) and to Whom no bounty cause loss. For verily I have not come to Thee relying on my part on any good deed I may have done in the past nor trusting in the mediation of any creature I may hope for, save the intercession of Muhammad and his *ahl al-bait* — Thy peace be on him and on them.

I have come to Thee confessing my sin and my having done evil to my own soul.

I have come to Thee hoping for Thy great Pardon, whereby Thou forgavest the erring; moreover, their long continuance in great sins did not prevent Thee from repeating Thy Mercy and Forgiveness to them.

Therefore, O Thou whose Mercy is ample, and whose Pardon is —————

رَجَاءَ عَفْوِكَ وَرَفْدِكَ وَطَلَبَ نَيْلِكَ وَحَاطَبَ نَيْكَ
 اللَّهُمَّ فَصِّلْ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدًا وَآلَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَلَا تُخَيِّبِ الْيَوْمَ
 ذَلِكَ مِنْ رَجَائِي يَا مَنْ لَا يُخْفِيهِ سَائِلٌ وَلَا يَنْقُصُهُ
 نَائِلٌ فَإِنِّي لَمْ أَتُكْ ثِقَةً مِنِّي بِعَمَلٍ صَالِحٍ قَدَّمْتُهُ
 وَلَا شَفَاعَةَ مَخْلُوقٍ رَجَوْتُهُ الشَّفَاعَةَ مُحَمَّدٌ وَأَهْلُ
 بَيْتِهِ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَيْهِمْ سَلَامٌ أَنْتَ مُقَدِّرًا
 بِالْجُرْمِ وَالْإِسَاءَةِ إِلَى نَفْسِي أَنْتَ أَرْجُو عَظِيمَ
 عَفْوِكَ الَّذِي عَفَوْتَ بِهِ عَنِ الْخَاطِئِينَ ثُمَّ لَمْ تَمْنَعَكَ
 طَوْلُكَ فَهِيَ عَلَى عَظِيمِ الْجُرْمِ أَنْ عُدْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ
 بِالرَّحْمَةِ وَالْمَغْفِرَةِ يَا مَنْ رَحْمَتُهُ وَاسِعَةٌ وَعَفْوُهُ

great. O Great. O Great. O Generous.
O Generous.

Bless Muhammad and his descendants.
Favor me again with Thy Mercy.
Be kind to me with Thy Gracious-

ness.

Extend to me Thy Pardon.

O Lord, verily this position belongs to
Thy vicegerents and Thy chosen ones and
is the place of Thy trusted ones in the
exalted rank with which Thou didst
distinguish them.

People robbed them of it and Thou
hadst destined so Thy decree cannot
be overruled and there can be no depar-
ture from Thy appointed arrangement, in
whatever manner Thou didst appoint and
wherever Thou didst appoint.

Thou knowest this very well ²⁰³ with-
out being charged in the matter of Thy
creatures and for Thy intention till Thy
chosen ones and Thy vicegerents were
vanquished, defeated and deprived of
their rights.

They see Thy Commandment -----

عَظِيمٌ يَا عَظِيمُ يَا عَظِيمُ يَا كَرِيمُ يَا كَرِيمُ
 صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعُدْ عَلَيْنَا بِرَحْمَتِكَ وَتَعَطَّفْ
 عَلَيْنَا بِفَضْلِكَ وَتَوَسَّعْ عَلَيْنَا بِمَغْفِرَتِكَ اللَّهُمَّ ارْتِ
 هَذَا الْمَقَامَ خَلْفَائِكَ وَأَصْفِيَاءِكَ وَمَوَاضِعَ
 أَمْنَائِكَ فِي الدَّرَجَةِ الرَّفِيعَةِ الَّتِي أَخْصَصْتَهُمْ بِهَا
 فَدَانَتْ بِهَا وَأَنْتَ الْمُقَدِّرُ لِذَلِكَ لَا يُغَالِبُ
 أَمْرُكَ وَلَا يُجَاوِزُ الْمُجْتَمِعُ مِنْ نَدْبِكَ كَيْفَ شِئْتَ
 وَأَنْتَ شِئْتَ وَلَمَّا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ غَيْرُ مَنْهُمْ عَلَى خَلْفِكَ
 وَلَا لِأَزَادَتِكَ حَتَّى عَادَ صَفْوَتُكَ وَخَلْفَاؤُكَ
 مَغْلُوبِينَ مَقْهُورِينَ مُبْتَلِينَ بِزُورِ حُجَّتِكَ

altered, Thy Book abandoned, and the duties enjoined by Thee, distorted from the directions prescribed by Thee and the good ordinances of Thy Prophet made obsolete.

O Lord, remove far away from Thy Mercy their ²⁰⁴ enemies of the preceding and succeeding generations and those who approved their ²⁰⁵ doings, their adherents and their followers.

O Lord, confer blessings on Muhammad and the descendants of Muhammad.

Verily Thou art worthy of praise and glory — like Thy Blessings, Thy Favors and Thy Compliments to Thy chosen ones, namely, Abraham and the descendants of Abraham.²⁰⁶ Hasten for them Thy relief, comfort, assistance, power and support.

O Lord, let me be of the monotheists, of the believers in Thee and of those who verify Thy Prophet and the Imams, obedience to whom Thou hast strictly enjoined _____

مُبَدَّلًا وَكِتَابَكَ مَبُودًا أَوْ فَرِيقًا مَحْرُوفَةً
 عَنْ جِهَاتِ أَشْرَاعِكَ وَسُنَنِ بَيْتِكَ مَمْرُوكَةً
 اللَّهُمَّ الْعَنِ أَعْدَاءَهُمْ مِنَ الْأَوْلِيَاءِ وَالْآخِرِينَ
 وَمَنْ رَضِيَ بِفِعَالِهِمْ وَأَشْبَاعِهِمْ وَأَتْبَاعِهِمْ
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ نِكَاحًا مُجِيدًا
 كَسَلَوَانِكَ وَبَرَكَاتِكَ وَتَحِيَّاتِكَ عَلَى أَصْفِيَاءِكَ
 إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَآلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعِجْلِ الْفَرْجِ وَالرُّوحِ وَ
 النَّصْرَةِ وَالْتِمَكِينِ وَالْتَأْيِيدِ لَهُمُ اللَّهُمَّ وَاجْعَلْنِي
 مِنْ أَهْلِ التَّوْحِيدِ وَالْإِيمَانِ بِكَ وَالنَّصِيغِ
 بِرَسُولِكَ وَالْإِيْمَةِ الَّتِي رَحِمْتَ طَاعَتَهُمْ وَمَنْ

(Let me be) of those through whom and by whose hands these things continue. 207 Amen, O Lord of the Worlds.

O Lord, nothing turns away Thy Wrath but Thy Forbearance. Nothing turns away Thy displeasure but Thy Pardon. Nothing can protect from Thy Chastisement but Thy Mercy.

Nothing can deliver from Thee save humble entreaty unto Thee and before Thee.

Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Grant us, from nigh Thee, O Lord, a relief with Thy Power, with which Thou restorest the dead to life and with which Thou revivest the dead cities.

Do not kill me, O Lord, with sorrow until Thou grantest my request and makest it known to me that Thou hast accepted my prayer.

Let me relish the taste of safety to the end of my life. Do not let my enemy laugh at me. Do not give him power over my neck. Do not give him dominion

مَجْرَبِي ذَلِكْ بِهِ وَعَلَى يَدَيْهِ أَمِيرَ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
 اللَّهُمَّ لَيْسَ بِرُدُّ غَضَبِكَ لِأَحْمُكَ وَلَا بِرُدِّ
 سَخَطِكَ لِأَعْفُوكَ وَلَا بِجُرْمِ عِقَابِكَ لِأَلَّا
 رَحْمَتِكَ وَلَا بِجُنْحِنِي مِنْكَ إِلَّا التَّضَرُّعُ إِلَيْكَ وَ
 بِرَيْدِكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَهَبْ لَنَا يَا
 اللَّهُ مِنْ لَدُنْكَ فَرَجًا بِالْفُدَّةِ الَّتِي بِهَا تُنْجِي أُمَّةً
 الْعِبَادِ وَبِهَا تُنْشُرُ مَيِّتَ الْبِلَادِ وَلَا تُهْلِكُنِي يَا
 اللَّهُ غَمًّا حَتَّى تُسْتَجِيبَ لِي وَتُعَرِّفَنِي لِإِجَابَتِي فِي
 دُعَائِي وَأَذْفِي طَعْمَ الْعَافِيَةِ إِلَى مُنْتَهَى أَجَلِي وَلَا
 تُشْمِتْ بِي عَدُوِّي وَلَا تُمَكِّنْهُ مِنْ عُنُقِي وَلَا تُسَلِّطْهُ

over me. My Lord, if Thou exalt me, then who is the person to degrade me?

If Thou degrade me, then who is the person to raise me?

If Thou honor me, then who is the person to disgrace me?

If Thou disgrace me, then who is the person to honor me?

If Thou torment me, then who is the person that would pity me?

If Thou destroy me, then who is the person that would object to Thee in the matter of Thy servant, or question Thee concerning his affair.

I know for certain that there is no inequity in Thy sentence and no hurry in Thy Chastisement. Verily, hasty is he who fears failure. Verily, it is the weak that need to have recourse to injustice whilst, Thou art far exalted above this.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Do not make me a mark for calamity, nor a butt for Thy vengeance. Let me have respite. Remove my sorrow and forgive -----

عَلِيَّ الْهَيَّ أَنْ رَفَعْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَضِعُنِي وَإِنْ
 وَضَعْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَهَيِّئُنِي وَإِنْ أَهَنْتَنِي فَمَنْ
 ذَا الَّذِي يُكْرِمُنِي وَإِنْ عَذَّبْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي
 يَرْحَمُنِي وَإِنْ أَهْلَكْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَعْزِضُ لَكَ فِي
 عَبْدِكَ أَوْ يَسْأَلُكَ عَنْ أَمْرِهِ وَقَدْ عَلِمْتَ أَنَّهُ
 لَيْسَ فِي حُكْمِكَ ظُلْمٌ وَلَا فِي نِقْمَتِكَ عَجَلَةٌ وَإِنَّمَا
 يَجْعَلُ مِنْ خِجَافِ الْفَوْتِ وَإِنَّمَا يَجْتَاجُ إِلَى الظُّلْمِ
 الضَّعِيفُ وَقَدْ تَعَالَيْتَ يَا إِلَهِي عَزَّ ذِكْرُكَ عَلَٰوَكَبِيرًا
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي لِلْبَلَاءِ
 غَرَضًا وَلَا لِنِقْمَتِكَ نَصَبًا وَمَهْلِنِي وَنَفْسِنِي وَأَقِلْنِي

my fault. Do not involve me in calamity following in the track of calamity²⁰⁸, for verily, Thou seest my weakness, my want of resource and my humility before Thee.

O Lord, today I betake me to Thee for protection from Thy Wrath; therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Today, I seek refuge in Thee from Thy displeasure. Therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and shelter me.

I beg of Thee safety from Thy torment. Therefore bless Muhammad and his descendants and grant me safety.

I beg of Thee guidance, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and guide me.

I ask of Thee assistance, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and help me. I beg of Thee mercy, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and pity me. I ask of Thee sustenance, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and give me subsistence.

عَثَرْتِي وَلَا تَنْسِلِي بِيَاءَ عَلِيٍّ أَثْرِبَاءَ فَقَدَرْتِي
 صَعْفِي وَفَلَّةَ حَيْلَتِي وَنَضْرَعِي إِلَيْكَ أَعُوذُ بِكَ
 اللَّهُمَّ الْيَوْمَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَأَعِزَّنِي وَأَسْجِرْ بِي الْيَوْمَ مِنْ سَخَطِكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاجْرِنِي وَأَسْأَلُكَ أَمْنًا مِنْ عَذَابِكَ
 فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَمْنِي وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى
 مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاهْدِنِي وَأَسْتَنْصِرُكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَنْصِرْنِي وَأَسْرَجِمَكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ
 وَآلِهِ وَارْحَمْنِي وَأَسْتَكْفِيكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 وَأَكْفِنِي وَأَسْتَرْزِقُكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَارْزُقْنِي

I pray unto Thee for help, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and assist me. I ask Thy Pardon for my past sins, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and forgive me.

I beg of Thee chastity ²⁰⁹, therefore, bless Muhammad and his descendants and guard me, for verily, I shall never return ²¹⁰ to anything Thou wouldst dislike from me, if Thou Will.

O my Lord, O my Lord, O gracious, O Gracious, O Possessor of Majesty and Glory, bless Muhammad and his descendants.

Grant me all I have asked of Thee, prayed for Thee for and desired from Thee.

Resolve (to grant) it.

Ordain it.

Order it.

Issue it.

Let what Thou decreest therewith, favor me thereby and make me lucky with what Thou gavest me thereof.

Let me have more out of Thy Bounty

وَأَسْتَعِينُكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَعِزِّي وَأَسْتَعِزِّزْ
 لِمَا سَلَفَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِي فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَغْفِرْ لِي
 وَأَسْتَعِصِمَكَ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَأَعِصِمْنِي
 فَإِنِّي لَنْ أَعُودَ لَشَيْءٍ كَرِهْتَهُ مِنِّي إِذْ شِئْتَ ذَلِكَ
 يَا رَبِّ يَا رَبِّ يَا حَتَّانُ يَا مَنَّانُ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَ
 الْإِكْرَامِ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ وَاسْتَجِبْ لِي جَمِيعَ
 مَا سَأَلْتُكَ وَطَلَبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَرَغِبْتُ فِيهِ
 إِلَيْكَ وَارْدَهُ وَقَدَّرَهُ وَأَفْضَاهُ وَأَمُضَهُ وَحَرَّجْ
 فِيمَا نَفَضْتَنِي مِنْهُ وَبَارِكْ لِي فِي ذَلِكَ وَتَفَضَّلْ عَلَيَّ
 بِهِ وَأَسْعِدْ فِي مَا نَعِطْتَنِي مِنْهُ وَزِدْ نِي مِنْ فَضْلِكَ

and out of the abundance of what Thou possessest for verily Thou art Possessor of Abundance, Generous. Join this to the good of the next world and its blessings, O Most Merciful.²¹¹

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One of his prayers to avert the treachery of enemies and to ward off their violence.

My Lord, Thou didst guide me and I neglected it.

Thou didst advise me and my heart grew hard.

Thou gavest me handsome gifts and I disobeyed.

Thereafter, I realized what I had committed when Thou didst cause me to know it. So , I begged pardon and Thou forgavest. Then I repeated (the errors) and Thou didst conceal (them). Therefore, my Lord, all praise is due unto Thee. I plunged into the valleys of destruction -----

وَسَعَةً مَا عِنْدَكَ فَإِنَّكَ وَاسِعٌ كَرِيمٌ وَصَلِّ
 ذَلِكِ الْخَيْرِ الْآخِرَةَ وَنَعِيمِهَا يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ
 ثُمَّ نَدُّعُوا بِمَا بَدَأَ لَكَ وَتُصَلِّي عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
 أَلْفَ مَرَّةٍ هَكَذَا كَانَ يَفْعَلُ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ دَعَائِهِ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي دَفْعِ
 كَيْدِ الْأَعْيَادِ وَرَبِّ السَّهْمِ
 إِلَهِي هَدَيْتَنِي فَلَهَوْتُ وَوَعَضْتُ فَفَسَوْتُ وَ
 أَبْلَيْتُ الْجَمِيلَ فَعَصَيْتُ ثُمَّ عَرَفْتُ مَا أَصْدَرْتُ
 إِذْ عَرَفْتَنِيهِ فَاسْتَغْفَرْتُ فَأَقَلَّتْ فَعُدْتُ
 فَسَتَرْتُ فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ إِلَهِي فَحَمِّتُ أَوْدِيَةَ الْهَلَاكِ

and penetrated the ravines of ruin wherein I exposed myself to Thy Wrath by entering which (I exposed myself) to Thy Chastisement.

My recommendation unto Thee is my belief in Thy Unity and my intercession with Thee (the fact) that I never joined anything with Thee and never took with Thee any other God.

Verily, I have fled unto Thee with my soul.

Toward Thee is the escape of the sinful and the refuge of him who had wasted his fortune²¹² and was in search of shelter.

Thus many an enemy drew against me the sword of his enmity, sharpened for me the edge of his knife; whetted for me the keenness of its edge; mixed for me his most deadly poisons; aimed his unfailing arrow at me; his vigilant eye never ceased to watch me. He resolved to inflict evil upon me and make me drink its most bitter cup. Thou didst look

وَحَلَلْتُ شِعَابَ نَلْفٍ تَعَرَّضْتُ فِيهَا لِأَسْطَوَانِكَ
 وَجُلُوهَا عُقُوبَانِكَ وَوَسَّلَنِي إِلَيْكَ التَّوْحِيدُ
 وَذَرَعَنِي أَنِّي لَمْ أَشْرِكْ بِكَ شَيْئًا وَلَمْ أَتَّخِذْ
 مَعَكَ إِلَهًا وَقَدَفَرَرْتُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَفْسِي وَإِلَيْكَ
 مَفْرُ السُّيِّئِ وَمَفْرَعُ الْمُضْبِعِ حَظَّ نَفْسِهِ الْمَلْبُحِيِّ
 فَكَمْ مِنْ عُلُوِّ انْتَضَى عَلَيَّ سَيْفَ عِدَاوَتِهِ
 وَشَحَذَ لِي نُجْبَةَ مَدِينِهِ وَارْهَفَ لِي شَبَاحَهُ وَ
 دَافَ لِي قَوَائِلَ سُمُومِهِ وَسَدَّدَ نَحْوِي صَوَائِبَ
 سِهَامِهِ وَلَمْ تُنْمَعْ عَنِّي عِزُّ جِرَاسِنِهِ وَأَضْمَرَانُ
 بِسُومِنِي الْمَكْرُوهِ وَيُجْرِعُنِي زُعَاقَ مَرَارَتِهِ فَظَرَّتْ

my Lord, at my weakness, to bear these heavy calamities, my inability to take revenge from him who aimed at me his hostility, my loneliness among the host of him who was hostile to me and was awaiting an opportunity to inflict misery upon me which I had never thought of.

So, Thou didst take the initiative in helping me and girdled me with Thy strength.

Then didst Thou render dull his keenness for me, reduce him to singleness after his having possessed numerical strength, gavest me the upper hand ²¹³ over him and turned upon him the mischief he had prepared.

Thus didst Thou repel him, his grudge unsatisfied and his rage uncalmed. Verily he bit his hands and beat a retreat while his hosts deserted him. Many a traitor deceitfully rebelled against me, set up his snares to entrap me, set -----

يَا إِلَهِي أَلِضَعْفِي غَزَّ حِنْمَالِ الْفَوَارِحِ وَعَجَزِي
 غَزَّ الْإِنِّصَارِ مِمَّنْ قَصَدَنِي نَحَارِبُهُ وَوَحَدَنِي فِي
 كَثِيرِ عَدَدٍ مِنْ نَوَانِي وَأَرْصَدِي بِالْبَلَاءِ فِيمَا
 لَمْ أَعْمَلْ فِيهِ فِكْرِي فَأَبْدَأْتَنِي نَصْرَكَ وَشَدَدْتَ
 أَزْرِي بِقُوَّتِكَ ثُمَّ فَلَلْتَ لِي حُدَّ وَصَيْرْتَهُ مِنْ بَعْدِ
 جَمْعِ عَدِيدٍ وَحَدُّ وَأَعْلَيْتَ كَعْبِي عَلَيْهِ وَجَعَلْتَ مَا
 سَدَّدَهُ مَرْدُودًا عَلَيْهِ فَرَدَدْتَهُ لَمْ تُشِفْ غَيْظَهُ
 وَلَمْ تُسْكُنْ غَيْلَهُ فَدَعْضَ عَلَى شَوَاهِ وَأَدْبَرَ
 مُؤَلِّيًّا فَدَاخَلْتُ سَرَايَاهُ وَكَمْ مِنْ بَاغٍ بَغَانِي
 بِمَكَائِدِهِ وَنَصَبَ لِي شَرَكًا مَصَائِدِهِ وَوَكَّلَنِي

his searching vigilance to watch me and lay in ambush for me like the beast of prey for his victim, waiting for the opportunity. He put on the cheerfulness of flattery for me while he regarded me with intense grudge.

So, when Thou saw, O my Lord – Blessed art Thou and Exalted – the treachery of his nature and the evil of what he had conceived, Thou threwest him headlong into his pit and drovest him back to the depth of his abyss.

Thus, after his obstinacy, he fell disgraced into his trap ²¹⁴ in which he had longed to see me and the calamity which descended upon him was very near descending upon me were it not for Thy Mercy.

Many an envious fellow got choked up on account of his wrath against me, were suffocated owing to his rage at me, harmed me with the keenness of his tongue, slandered me by throwing out

نَفَقَدَ رَعَايَتَهُ وَأَضْبَا إِلَى الضَّبَاءِ السَّبْعِ لَطِيفِي
 أَنْظَارًا لِأَنْتِهَازِ الْفُرْصَةِ لِفِرْسَتِهِ وَهُوَ يُظْهِرُ
 لِي نِشَاةَ الْمَلَأِ وَيَنْظُرُنِي عَلَى شِدَّةِ الْخَوْفِ فَلَمَّا
 رَأَيْتَ يَا إِلَهِي تَبَارَكَتْ وَتَعَالَيْتْ دَخَلَ سِرِّي نَبِي
 وَقُبِحَ مَا أَنْطَوَى عَلَيْهِ أَرْكَسُهُ لِأَمِّ رَأْسِهِ فِي
 زُبَيْتِهِ وَرَدَّ دَنَّهُ فِي مَهْوَى حُفْرَتِهِ فَأَنْفَعَ بَعْدَ
 أَسْطَانِهِ ذَلِيلًا فِي رِبُونِجَالِنِهِ الَّتِي كَانَ
 يُفَدِّرُ أَنْ يَرَانِي فِيهَا وَقَدْ كَادَ أَنْ يَجْلِبَنِي لَوْلَا رَحْمَتُكَ
 مَا حَلَّ بِسَاحِنِهِ وَكَمْ مِنْ حَاسِدٍ قَدَشَّرْتَنِي بِعُصْنِهِ
 وَشَجِي مَنِي بِعَيْطِهِ وَسَلَفَنِي بِحَدِّ لِسَانِهِ وَوَحَرَنِي بِفَرْفِ

its aspersions, made my honor a mark for his arrows ²¹⁵, put round my neck charges which perpetually clung to him,²¹⁶ bruised me with (the spear) of his treachery and made me the object of his deceit.

So I invoked Thee, O my Lord, complaining unto Thee, trusting in the quickness of Thy answer, knowing that he who took refuge under the shelter of Thy Protection could not be oppressed, that he who took shelter in the stronghold of Thy help could have no fear and with Thy Power Thou didst defend me from his violence.

Many a cloud of evil didst Thou disperse from me, clouds of blessings didst Thou cause to rain down on me, rivers of mercy didst Thou cause to flow.

Thou didst clothe me with safety. Thou didst render blind the eye of accident. Thou didst remove the cover ²¹⁷ of distress. Many a hope didst Thou turn out true. Thou didst satisfy want, many a fall from which Thou didst raise -----

عُبُوبِهِ وَجَعَلَ عِزِّي غِضَامَ لِمَامِيهِ وَفَلَدَنِي خِلَالًا
 لَمْ تُزَلْ فِيهِ وَوَحَرَنِي بِكَيْدِهِ وَقَصَدَنِي بِمَكِيدِهِ
 فَنَادَيْتُكَ يَا إِلَهِي مُسْتَعِيثًا بِكَ وَإِنِّي أَسْرَعَةٌ
 إِجَابَتِكَ عَالِمًا أَنَّهُ لَا يُضْطَهَدُ مَنْ أَوَى إِلَى ظِلِّ
 كَنَفِكَ وَلَا يَفْزَعُ مَنْ جَاءَ إِلَى الْمُعْجَلِ أَنْصَارِكَ
 فَحَصَّنْتَنِي مِنْ بَأْسِهِ بِقُدْرَتِكَ وَكَمَّ مِنْ سَحَابٍ مَكْرُوهٍ
 جَلِيئَهَا عَنِّي وَسَحَابٍ نَعِيمٍ أَمَطَّ رِجْلَهَا عَلَيَّ وَجَدَاوِلِ
 رَحْمَةٍ تَشْرَتْهَا وَعَافِيَةٍ الْبُسْنَهَا وَأَعَزَّ أَحْدَاثِ
 طَمَسْنَهَا وَغَوَاشِي كُرْبَانٍ كَشَفْنَهَا وَكَمَّ مِنْ ظُنِّ
 حَسَنِ حَقَّقْتِ وَعَلِمَ جَبْرَتِ وَصَرَعْتَ أَنْعَشْتِ

and indigence which Thou didst turn away. Thou didst all this by way of favor and graciousness on Thy part. Throughout all this, I persevered in disobeying Thee.

My wickedness did not prevent Thee from accomplishing Thy benevolence nor did this restrain me from committing things hated by Thee.

Thou art not questioned about what Thou dost. Verily Thou art requested and givest. (Thou) takest the initiative even if not requested. Thy Bounty was asked for and Thou didst not stint.

Thou didst nothing, O my Lord, save goodness and benevolence, kindness and favors. (Yet) I did nothing except plunge into things prohibited by Thee, transgressing Thy limits and neglecting Thy Threat.

Therefore, all praise is due to Thee, O Mighty, who cannot be vanquished. O Possessor of patience who doth not make haste. Such is the situation of him who acknowledges Thy abundant Favors ----

وَمَسْكَنَةٍ حَوْلَكَ كُلِّ لَكَ إِعْظَامًا وَتَطْوُلًا مِنْكَ
 وَفِي جَمِيعِهِ أَنْهُمَا كَأَمْنِي عَلَى مَعْصِيكَ لَمْ نَمْنَعَكَ
 إِسَاءَتِي عَنْ أَيْمَانِ إِحْسَانِكَ وَلَا حِجْرِي ذَلِكَ عَنْ
 أَرْبَابِ مَسَاخِطِكَ لِأَسْأَلُ عَمَّا نَفَعَلُ وَلَقَدْ
 سَأَلْتُكَ فَأَعْطَيْتَ وَلَمْ تُسَأَلْ فَأَبْدَأْتَ وَأَسْتَمِحُ
 فَضْلُكَ فَمَا أَكْذَيْتَ أَيْتَ يَا مَوْلَايَ إِلَّا إِحْسَانًا
 وَآمِنًا نَاوَتْ طَوْلًا وَإِعْظَامًا وَأَيْتَ إِلَّا نَفْحًا
 لِحُرْمَاتِكَ وَتَعَدَّى بِالْحُدُودِ كَ وَغَفْلَةً عَزَّ وَعِيدًا
 فَكَأَنَّ الْحَمْدَ الْهَيْمِيَّ مِنْ مَقْتَدِرٍ لَا يُعْلَبُ وَذِي نَائَةٍ
 لَا يُعْجَلُ هَذَا مَقَامٌ مِنْ أَعْرَافِ بَسْبُوعِ النِّعَمِ

who requited them with disobedience and bears witness against himself by having squandered them.

Therefore, O Lord, I approach Thee through the sublime Creed of Muhammad and the bright faith of Ali.

(I) pray Thee, through them, to shelter me from the corruption of (such and such).²¹⁸

For verily this is not difficult for Thee in Thy opulence.

Nor hard upon Thee in Thy Power.

Thou hast power over all things.

Therefore, grant me, O my God, Thy Mercy and Thy perpetual Grace which I may lay hold of as a ladder, whereby I may climb to Thy Approbation and whereby I may be safe from Thy torment, O Most Merciful.

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One of his prayers in attitude of pious fear.

وَقَابَلَهَا بِالنَّفْصِ وَشَهِدَ عَلَى نَفْسِهِ بِالضَّيِّعِ
 اللَّهُمَّ فَاِنِّي اَتَقَرَّبُ اِلَيْكَ بِالْمُحَمَّدِيَّةِ الرَّفِيعَةِ
 وَالْعَلَوِيَّةِ الْبِيضَاءِ وَاتَوَجَّهُ اِلَيْكَ بِهِمَا اِنَّ
 نَعِيذَنِي مِنْ شَرِّكَدَا وَكَذَا فَاِنَّ ذَلِكَ لَا يَضِيقُ
 عَلَيْكَ فِي وُجُودِكَ وَلَا يَنْتَكِادُكَ فِي قُدْرَتِكَ
 وَاَنْتَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ فَهَبْ لِي يَا اَلْهَمُّ
 رَحْمَتَكَ وَدَوَامَ تَوْفِيْقِكَ مَا اَتَّخِذُهُ سُلْمًا
 اَعْرُجْ بِهِ اِلَى رِضْوَانِكَ وَاْمُرْ بِهِ مِنْ عِقَابِكَ
 يَا اَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِيْنَ
 وَكَانَ خُرُوجَ عَائِشَةَ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي الرَّهْبَةِ

O Lord, Thou didst create me perfect. (Thou) didst rear me when I was an infant and gavest me sufficient nourishment.

O Lord, verily I found in the Book which Thou hast sent down and by which Thou hast given good tidings to Thy servants that Thou hast said, "*O my servants who have transgressed to your own hurt, despair not of God's Mercy, for all sins doth God forgive.*" 219

Verily in the past I did commit that which Thou art aware of and which Thou knowest better than me.

Also my disgrace due to what Thy record comprises against me! Were there not the opportunities which I hope from Thy Pardon, which extends to all things, I would certainly have let loose my hand 220 (to plunge into ruin).

Had anyone the power to flee from his Creator, I would have been the most worthy to flee from Thee.

Thou are the Being from whom is hidden no -----

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ خَلَقْتَنِي سَوِيًّا وَرَبَّبْتَنِي صَغِيرًا وَ
 رَزَقْتَنِي مَكْفِيًّا اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي وَجَدْتُ فِيمَا أَنْزَلْتَ
 مِنْ كِتَابِكَ وَبَشَّرْتَ بِهِ عِبَادَكَ أَنْ قُلْتَ
 يَا عِبَادِيَ الَّذِينَ أَسْرَفُوا عَلَىٰ أَنفُسِهِمْ لَا تَقْنَطُوا
 مِنْ رَحْمَةِ اللَّهِ إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ جَمِيعًا وَقَدْ
 تَقَدَّمَ مِنِّي مَا عَمِلْتُ وَمَا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنِّي فَبَا
 سُوا أَنَا مِمَّا أَحْصَاهُ عَلَيَّ كِتَابَكَ فَلَوْلَا الْمَوَافِقُ
 الَّتِي أُؤْمِلُ مِنْ عَفْوِكَ الَّذِي شَمِلَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ لَأَلْفَيْتُ
 يَدَيَّ وَلَوْ أَنَّ أَحَدًا اسْتَطَاعَ الْهَرَبَ مِنْ رَبِّهِ
 لَكُنْتُ أَنَا أَحَرُّ بِالْهَرَبِ وَأَنْتَ لَا تَخْفَى عَلَيْكَ

secret (neither in the earth nor in the heaven) but Thou findest it out and Thou art sufficient as rewarder and sufficient as accountant.

My Lord, verily Thou wouldst search me out if I flee and capture me if I run away.

Therefore, behold, here I am prostrate before Thee in humility and disgrace.

If Thou dost punish me, verily I deserve it and it would be an act of justice from Thee, O Lord.

If Thou dost forgive me, then Thy Pardon has always been extended ²²¹ to me.

Thou hast always clothed me with Thy protection.

Therefore I entreat Thee, O Lord, by Thy Names which are treasured-up, by Thy Glory which the curtains hide, to pity my impatient soul and my decaying, trembling bones which cannot bear the heat of Thy sun. How shall they bear the heat of Thy fire. They cannot -----

خَافِيَةٌ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَلَا فِي السَّمَاءِ إِلَّا أَنْتَ بِهَا
 وَكَفَى بِكَ جَازِيًا وَكَفَى بِكَ حَسِيبًا اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ
 طَالِبِي إِنْ أَنَا هَرَبْتُ وَمُدْرِكِي إِنْ أَنَا فَرَرْتُ فَهَذَا
 أَنَا ذَائِبٌ بِيَدَيْكَ خَاضِعٌ ذَلِيلٌ رَاغِمٌ إِنْ تُعَذِّبْنِي
 فَإِنَّ لِي ذَلِيلًا أَهْلًا وَهُوَ بَارِتٌ مِنْكَ عَدْلٌ وَإِنْ
 تَعَفَّ عَنِّي فَتَعَدَّيْمًا شَمَلَنِي عَفْوُكَ وَالْبَسْتَنِي عَافِيَتَكَ
 فَاسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ بِالْمَخْرُوجِ مِنْ سَمَائِكَ وَبِمَا وَارَتْهُ
 الْحُجُبُ مِنْ بَهَائِكَ الْإِرْحَمْتَ هَذِهِ النَّفْسُ الْخَرُوجَةَ
 وَهَذِهِ الرِّمَّةَ الْمَلُوعَةَ الَّتِي لَا تَسْتَطِيعُ حَرَّ
 شَمْسِكَ فَكَيْفَ تَسْتَطِيعُ حَرَّ بَارِكٍ وَالَّتِي لَا

bear the roar of Thy thunder, then how shall they bear Thy Wrath.

Therefore pity me, O Lord, for I am an insignificant man and little is my worth.

My punishment is not a thing that would add an atom's weight to Thy Sovereignty.

Were my punishment a thing which would increase Thy Sovereignty, verily, I would have begged of Thee patience to bear it and would have liked that Thou shouldst impose it.

But Thy Authority, O Lord, is too great or Thy sovereignty too enduring to be increased by the service of the obedient or to be diminished by the disobedience of the sinful.

Therefore, pity me, O Most Merciful.
Forgive me, O Possessor of Glory and Majesty.

Accept my repentance.

Verily, Thou art the most gracious acceptor of repentance.

تَسْتَطِيعُ صَوْتِ دَعْدِكَ فَكَيْفَ تَسْتَطِيعُ صَوْتِ
غَضَبِكَ يَا رَحْمَنِي اللَّهُمَّ فَاِنِّي مُرُو حَقِيرٌ وَ
خَطِرِي يَسِيرٌ وَلَيْسَ عَذَابِي مِمَّا يَزِيدُ فِي مُلْكِكَ
مِثْقَالَ ذَرَّةٍ وَلَوْ أَنَّ عَذَابِي مِمَّا يَزِيدُ فِي مُلْكِكَ
لَسَأَلْتُكَ الصَّبْرَ عَلَيْهِ وَأَجَبْتُ أَنْ يَكُونَ
ذَلِكَ لَكَ وَلَيْسَ سُلْطَانُكَ اللَّهُمَّ أَعْظَمُ
وَمُلْكُكَ أَدْوَمُ مِنْ أَنْ تَزِيدَ فِيهِ طَاعَةٌ
الْمُطِيعِينَ أَوْ تَنْقُصَ مِنْهُ مَعْصِيَةَ الْمُذْنِبِينَ يَا رَحْمَنِي
يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ وَتَجَاوَزْ عَنِّي يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ
وَالْإِكْرَامِ وَتُبَّ عَلَيَّ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

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One of his prayers in meekness and humility.

My God, I praise Thee and Thou art worthy of praise for Thy benevolence to me, for accomplishing Thy Favor upon me and Thy abundant gifts which I have, for the excellence Thou hast given me out of Thy Mercy and for Thy blessings on me which Thou hast accomplished.

For verily, Thou hast done me the goodness for which I cannot thank Thee enough.²²²

Were it not for Thy Goodness to me and the perfection of Thy Favors to me, I would neither have achieved the acquisition of my share²²³, nor the reformation of my soul.²²⁴

But Thou didst take the initiative in doing good to me. Gavest me help in all my affairs and didst turn away from me the bitterness of calamity and didst keep off -----

وَكَانَ مِنْ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ سَلَامًا
 فِي النَّفْسِ عَمَّ وَالْإِسْتِكَانَةِ
 إِلَهِي أَحْمَدُكَ وَأَنْتَ لِلْحَمْدِ أَهْلٌ عَلَى حَسْبِ صَنِيعِكَ
 إِلَيَّ وَسُبُوغُ نِعْمَائِكَ عَلَيَّ وَجَزِيلُ عَطَائِكَ عِنْدِي
 وَعَلَى مَا فَضَّلْتَنِي مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ وَأَسْبَغْتَ عَلَيَّ مِنْ نِعْمَتِكَ
 فَفَدَا صَطْنَعْتَ عِنْدِي مَا بَعْرُ عَنْهُ شُكْرِي
 وَلَوْلَا إِحْسَانُكَ إِلَيَّ وَسُبُوغُ نِعْمَائِكَ عَلَيَّ مَا
 بَلَغْتُ أَحْرَازَ حَظِّي وَلَا إِصْلَاحَ نَفْسِي وَلِكِنَّكَ
 ابْتَدَأْتَنِي بِالْإِحْسَانِ وَرَزَقْتَنِي فِي أُمُورِي كُلِّهَا
 الْكُفَايَةَ وَصَرَفْتَ عَنِّي جَهْدَ الْبَلَاءِ وَمَنَعْتَ

from me a dreadful doom.

My Lord, thus many a bitter calamity
didst Thou turn away from me and
accomplished many a favor with which
Thou didst cool my eye.

Many a noble gift from Thee do I
possess.

It is Thou who answered my prayer
in my helplessness, forgivest my error
when I err and takest for me my due from
my enemies.

I never found Thee parsimonious
when I begged of Thee nor morose when
I resolved (to pray unto) Thee.

Nay, I always found Thee a listener
to my prayers and a grantor of my re-
quests.

I found Thy Favors on me perfect
in every one of my conditions and every
moment of my life.

Therefore, to my belief, Thou art
praiseworthy and Thy goodness to me is
vast.

مَنِّي مُحَمَّدٌ وَرُفْقَاءُ الْفَضَاءِ إِلَهِي فَكَمْ مِنْ بِلَاءٍ جَاهِدِ
 فَدَصَّرْتُ عَنِّي وَكَمْ مِنْ نَعْمَةٍ سَابِغَةٍ أَفْرَرْتُ
 بِهَا عَيْنِي وَكَمْ مِنْ صَنِيعَةٍ كَرِيمَةٍ لَكَ عِنْدِي
 أَنْتَ الَّذِي أَجَبْتَ عِنْدَ الْإِضْطِرَارِ دَعْوَتِي وَ
 أَفْلَكَ عِنْدَ الْعِثَارِ زُلَّتِي وَأَخَذْتَ لِي مِنَ الْأَعْدَاءِ
 بَطْلًا مَنِّي إِلَهِي مَا وَجَدْتُكَ نَجْمًا حِينَمَا سَأَلْتُكَ
 وَلَا مُنْقِضًا حِينَمَا أَرَدْتُكَ وَجَدْتُكَ لِدُعَائِي سَابِغًا
 وَمِلْطًا لِي مُعْطِيًا وَوَجَدْتُ نِعْمًا كَعَلِيَّ سَابِغَةً فِي
 كُلِّ شَأْنٍ مَرِشَاتِي وَكُلَّ زَمَانٍ مَرِزَمَانِي
 فَأَنْتَ عِنْدِي حَمْدٌ وَصَنِيعٌ لَدَيَّ مَبْرُورٌ وَرَحْمَةٌ

My conscience, my tongue and my reason praise Thee — a praise which may express loyalty and real gratitude, a praise that would be adequate to Thy Approbation of me.

Therefore, deliver me from Thy Wrath, O my defender, when the paths perplex me.

O forgiver of my error, wert Thou not to cover my nakedness, verily I would have been of the disgraced.

O my supporter with Thy Help, were there not Thy Help for me, verily I would have been of the vanquished.

O Thou before whom the kings put the yoke of humilty on their necks and of whose wrath they were afraid.

O acceptor of piety.

O Possessor of beautiful names.

I beg of Thee to forgive me and pardon me for I am not innocent so as to make excuse, nor possessor of strength so as to seek redress.

There is no escape for me so that I may run away. I ask of Thee forgiveness

نَفْسِي وَلسَانِي وَعَقْلِي حَمْدًا يَبْلُغُ الْوَفَاءَ وَحَقِيقَةَ
 الشُّكْرِ حَمْدًا يَكُونُ مَبْلَغَ رِضَاكَ سَعْنِي فَجَنِّي
 مِنْ سَخَطِكَ يَا كَهْفِي حِينَ تُعِينُنِي الْمَذَاهِبُ وَيَا مَقِيلِي
 عَشْرَتِي فَلَوْلَا سَتْرُكَ عَوْرَتِي لَكُنْتُ مِنَ الْمَفْضُوحِينَ
 وَيَا مَوْيِدِي يَا نَصْرِي فَلَوْلَا نَصْرُكَ يَا أَيُّ لَكُنْتُ مِنَ
 الْمَغْلُوبِينَ وَيَا مَنْ وَضَعْتَ لَهُ الْمُلُوكُ نِيرَ الْمَذَلَّةِ
 عَلَى أَعْنَافِهَا فَهَمُّ مِنْ سَطْوَانِهِ خَائِفُونَ وَيَا أَهْلَ
 النَّفْوَى وَيَا مَنْ لَهُ الْأَسْمَاءُ الْحُسْنَى أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ
 تَعْفُو عَنِّي وَتَغْفِرَ لِي فَلَسْتُ بِرَبِيًّا فَأَعْنِدْ رَوْحًا
 بِذِي قُوَّةٍ فَأَنْصُرْ وَلَا مَفِرًّا فَاغْفِرْ وَأَسْتَفِيْلُكَ

for my errors. (I) apologize unto Thee for my sins which have undone me and have besieged and thus ruined me. From them I flee toward Thee, O Lord, repenting; therefore, accept my penitence.

Seeking shelter; therefore, shelter me; desiring refuge; therefore, do not forsake me; begging; therefore, do not disappoint me. Seeking protection; therefore, do not abandon me. Praying, therefore, do not turn me away hopeless. I cry unto Thee, O Lord, in misery, humility, terror, fear, dread, poverty.

I turn to Thee in helplessness. I complain unto Thee, O my God, that my soul is too weak to be quick to win that which Thou hast promised Thy friends and to avoid that with which Thou hast threatened Thy enemies. I complain of the abundance of my anxieties and misgivings of my soul. My God, Thou didst not disgrace me on account of my secret intention. (Thou) didst not destroy me ---

عَثَرْتِي وَأَنْصَلُّ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِي الَّتِي قَدَّ
 أَوْتَقَّنِي وَأَحَاطَتْ بِئِي فَأَهْلَكَ كُنِّي مِنْهَا فَوَرَّتْ
 إِلَيْكَ رَبِّ نَائِبًا فَبُئِىَ عَلَيَّ مُنْعَوِدًا فَأَعَذَّنِي
 مُسْتَجِيرًا فَلَا أَخْذُ لِي سَائِلًا فَلَا تَحْرِيْمُنِي مَعْصِمًا
 فَلَا تَسْلِمُنِي إِعْيَا فَلَا تَرُدَّنِي خَائِبًا دَعْوَتِكَ يَا رَبِّ
 مَسْكِينًا مُسْتَكِينًا مُشْفِقًا خَائِفًا وَجَلَّ أَفْقِيًّا
 مُضْطَرًّا إِلَيْكَ أَشْكُو إِلَيْكَ يَا إِلَهِي ضَعْفَ نَفْسِي
 عَنِ الْمَسَارِعِ فِيمَا وَعَدَنَهُ أَوْلِيَاءُكَ وَالْمُجَانِبَةِ
 عَمَّا حَذَرَنَّهُ أَعْدَاءُكَ وَكَثْرَةَ هُمُومِي وَوَسْوَءِ
 نَفْسِي يَا إِلَهِي لَمْ تَفْضَحْنِي لِسِرِّي تِي وَلَمْ تُهْلِكْ كُنِّي

for my transgression. I invoke Thee and Thou answerest me even though I be slow to obey when Thou callest me. I beg of Thee everything I want. Wherever I be, I disclose my secret unto Thee. For, I do not invoke anyone besides Thee, nor do I entertain hope from any other than Thee. I am ready! I am ready at Thy Call! Thou listenest to whomsoever complains unto Thee, attendest to him who trusts in Thee, deliverest him who seeks protection from Thee and turnest away evil from him who begs of Thee refuge. Therefore, do not deprive me of the good of the subsequent world and the previous, for meagerness of my gratitude. Forgive me what Thou knowest of my sins.

If Thou dost chastise me, I admit, I am the unjust, the defaulter, the squander, the sinner, the delinquent, the one wanting in obedience, the negligent of my soul's benefit.

If Thou dost forgive me, verily, Thou art the Most Merciful.

بِحَرِيَّتِي أَدْعُوكَ فَجَيِّبْنِي وَإِنْ كُنْتُ بَطِيئًا حِينِ
 نَدَعُونِي وَأَسْأَلُكَ كُلَّمَا شِدْتُ مَرْحُوئِي وَحَيْثُ
 مَا كُنْتُ وَضَعْتُ عُنْدَكَ سِرِّي فَلَا أَدْعُوسِوَاكَ
 وَلَا أَرْجُو غَيْرَكَ لَبَّيْكَ لَبَّيْكَ تَسْمَعُ مِنْ شَاكَا
 إِلَيْكَ وَتُلْفِي مِنْ تَوَكَّلَ عَلَيْكَ وَتُخَلِّصُ مِنْ أَعْظَمِ
 بَلَاءٍ وَتُفَرِّجُ عَمَلًا لَذِيكَ إِلَهِي فَلَا تُخْرِمْ نِي خَيْرِ
 الْأَخْرِفِ وَالْأَوْلَى لِفَلَّةِ شُكْرِي وَأَغْفِرْ لِي مَا
 تَعَلَّمَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِي إِنْ تُعَذِّبْنَا فَانَا الظَّالِمِ الْمَفْرَطُ
 الْمُضِيعِ الْأَثْمِ الْمُقْصِرِ الْمُضْجِعِ الْمُعْقِلِ حَظِّ نَفْسِي
 وَإِنْ تَغْفِرْ فَإِنَّكَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

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One of his prayers in importunate
entreaty to the Lord.

O God, from whom nothing is hidden,

Neither in the earth nor in the heaven.
How can that be hidden from Thee,
O my God, which Thou hast created?

How canst not Thou reckon that
which Thou hast made?

How can that be absent from Thee
which Thou dost regulate?

How can he flee from Thee who has
no life, save by Thy gift?

How can he escape from Thee who
has no path save within Thy Kingdom?

Holiness to Thee!

Of Thy creatures he who fears Thee
most, knows Thee best and the most
humble of them before Thee is the most
diligent of them -----

وكان فرعوناً عادياً عليه السلام
 في الألوام على الله تعالى

يا الله الذي لا يخفي عليه شيء في الأرض ولا
 في السماء وكيف يخفي عليك يا الهى ما أنت
 خلفته وكيف لا تخفى ما أنت صنعته أو
 كيف يعيب عنك ما أنت تدبره أو كيف
 يستطيع أن يهرب منك من لاجوق له إلا
 يرزقك أو كيف ينجوم منك من لاهب له
 في غير مديك سبحانك أخصى خلفك
 لك أعلمهم بك وأخضعهم لك أعمالهم

in Thy service, the most despicable of them in Thy sight, is he whom Thou givest sustenance and he dost worship other than Thee.

Holiness to Thee! One cannot diminish Thy Authority who joins others with Thee and falsifies Thy Apostle.

Nor does one who dislikes Thy Decree have the power to set aside Thy sentence.

Nor can one who denies Thy Power escape from Thee.

Nor can one who adores others than He evade Thee.

Nor can one who is loath to meet Thee live forever in the world.

Holiness to Thee! How great is Thy Dignity. How mighty Thy Sovereignty.

How strong Thy Power. How effective Thy Command.

Holiness to Thee! Thou hast decreed death for all Thy creatures; for he who believes in Thy Unity and he who denies Thee. Everyone shall taste death and return unto Thee. So Thou art Blessed

بِطَاعَتِكَ وَأَهْوَنَهُمْ عَلَيْكَ مَنْ أَنْتَ تَرْزُقُهُ وَهُوَ
 يَعْبُدُ غَيْرَكَ سُبْحَانَكَ لَا يَنْقُصُ سُلْطَانَكَ مَنْ
 أَشْرَكَ بِكَ وَكَذَّبَ رُسُلَكَ وَلَيْسَ سِنْطِيعُ مَنْ
 كَرِهَ فِضَاءَكَ أَنْ يُرَدَّ أَمْرُكَ وَلَا يَمْنَعُ مِنْكَ
 مَنْ كَذَّبَ بِقُدْرَتِكَ وَلَا يَفُونُكَ مَنْ عَبَدَ
 غَيْرَكَ وَلَا يَعْمُرُ فِي الدُّنْيَا مَنْ كَرِهَ لِفَاءَكَ
 سُبْحَانَكَ مَا أَعْظَمَ شَأْنُكَ وَأَفْهَرُ سُلْطَانَكَ
 وَأَشَدُّ قُوَّتِكَ وَأَنْفَذَ أَمْرَكَ سُبْحَانَكَ فَضَيْتَ
 عَلَى جَمِيعِ خَلْقِكَ الْمَوْتَ مِنْ وَحْدِكَ وَمَنْ كَفَرَ بِكَ
 وَكَلَّذِيقُ الْمَوْتِ وَكُلُّ صَائِرٍ إِلَيْكَ فَنَبَارِكْتَ

Thou art Exalted. There is no god but Thee. Thou art alone, there being no partner with Thee.

I believe in Thee, verify Thy Apostles, accept Thy Book, deny all objects of worship besides Thee and clear myself of him who adores others than Thee.

O Lord, I rise in the morning and bring the day to close, under-valuing my services, acknowledging my sin, confessing my error.

I am disgraced for my transgressing to my own hurt. My deeds have ruined me. My lust has undone me. My appetites have robbed me.

Therefore, I pray unto Thee, O my Lord, like him whose soul is heedless owing to his far-reaching hopes, whose body is careless ²²⁵ because of the tranquility of his veins ²²⁶, whose heart is captivated with the abundance of blessings conferred on him and he thinks little of that which he is making for.

I beg like him whom hope has overpowered -----

وَتَعَالَيْتَ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ وَحْدَكَ لَا شَرِيكَ
 لَكَ أَمَنْتُ بِكَ وَصَدَّقْتُ رُسُلَكَ وَقِيلَتْ
 كِتَابَكَ وَكَفَرْتُ بِكُلِّ مَعْبُودٍ غَيْرِكَ وَبَرِئْتُ
 مِمَّنْ سِوَاكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أُصَبِّحُ وَأُمْسِي سَنَفِلًا
 لِعَمَلِي مُعْتَرِفًا بِذَنْبِي مُقَرِّبًا لِحَطَايَايَ أَنَا بِإِسْرَائِيلَ
 عَلَى نَفْسِي ذَلِيلٌ عَلَيَّ أَهْلَكَ وَهُوَ أَيُّ أَرْدُ أَنْبِيَ
 شَهْوَانِي حَرَمْتَنِي فَاسْأَلُكَ يَا مُؤَلَايَ سُؤَالَ مَنْ نَفْسُهُ
 لَاهِيَةٌ لِطَوْلِ أَمَلِهِ وَبِدْنُهُ غَافِلٌ لِسُكُونِ عُرْفِهِ
 وَقَلْبُهُ مُفَنَّنُونَ بِكَثْرَةِ النِّعَمِ عَلَيْهِ وَفِكْرُهُ قَلِيلٌ
 لِمَا هُوَ صَائِرٌ إِلَيْهِ سُؤَالَ مَنْ قَدْ غَلَبَ عَلَيْهِ الْأَمَلُ

whom lust has fascinated, whom the world has subdued and who is under the shadow of death.

I beg like him whose sins are innumerable and who has confessed his errors.

I beg like him who has no Lord besides Thee and no patron except Thee.

There is none to defend him from Thee.

There is no escape for him, from Thee, save toward Thyself.

O Lord, I beg Thee by Thy right which is obligatory upon all Thy creatures, by Thy great name with which Thou ordered Thy Apostle to remember Thee, by honor of Thy Glorious Being which shall not decay, shall not change, shall not alter and shall not die.

Bless Muhammad and his descendants and place me above want of everything by (engaging me in) Thy worship.

Entice away my heart from the world by causing me to fear Thee.

وَفَنَنَّهُ الْهَوَىٰ وَاسْتَمَكَّتْ مِنْهُ الدُّنْيَا وَ
 أَظْلَهُ الْأَجْلُ سُوْأَلِ مَنْ سَأَلَكَ زُنُوبَهُ وَاعْتَرَفَ
 بِخَطِيئَتِهِ سُوْأَلِ مَنْ لَرَبِّ لَهْ غَيْرُكَ وَلَا وَلِيَّ
 لَهُ دُونِكَ وَلَا مُنْفَذَ لَهُ مِنْكَ وَلَا مَلْجَأَ لَهُ مِنْكَ
 إِلَّا إِلَيْكَ إِلَهِي أَسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّكَ الْوَاجِبِ عَلَى
 جَمِيعِ خَلْقِكَ وَبِاسْمِكَ الْعَظِيمِ الَّذِي أَمَرْتَ
 رَسُولَكَ أَنْ يُسَبِّحَكَ بِهِ وَبِجَلَالِ وَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيمِ
 الَّذِي لَا يَبُلَىٰ وَلَا يَبْتَدِلُ وَلَا يَنْغَيِّرُ وَلَا يَمُوتُ وَلَا يَفْنَىٰ أَنْ
 تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَنْ تُغْنِيَنِي عَنْ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ
 بِعِبَادَتِكَ وَأَنْ تُسَلِّيَ نَفْسِي عَنِ الدُّنْيَا بِمَخَافَتِكَ

Reward me with the abundance of Thy Bounty out of Thy Grace. For, toward Thee do I flee. Thee do I fear. To Thee do I apply for redress. From Thee do I hope. Unto Thee do I pray. Toward Thee do I flee for shelter. In Thee do I confide and Thee do I beg for help. To Thee do I adhere. On Thee do I depend. On Thy Bounty and Generosity do I rely.

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One of his prayers to the Almighty in a spirit of humility.

My Lord. My sins have silenced me. My speech is cut off so I have no excuse to offer. For I am the one imprisoned in my affliction. I am the one pledged to my deeds. I am the one moving to and fro in my guilt. I am the one who has gone astray from his right course. I am the one left behind (the caravan).

Verily I have placed -----

وَأَنْ تُنِيبَنِي بِالْكَثِيرِ مِنْ كَرَامَتِكَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ فَإِلَيْكَ
 أَقْرَبُ وَمِنْكَ أَخَافُ وَبِكَ أَسْتَعِينُ وَإِلَيْكَ
 أَرْجُو وَلَكَ أَدْعُو وَإِلَيْكَ أَلْتَجَاءُ وَبِكَ أَتَوَكَّلُ
 وَإِلَيْكَ أَسْتَعِينُ وَبِكَ أُوْمِنُ وَعَلَيْكَ أَتَوَكَّلُ وَعَلَى
 جُودِكَ وَكَرَمِكَ أَتَكَلِّمُ

وَكَانَ مِنْ عِبَادِ اللَّهِ السَّالِمِينَ

فِي التَّذَلُّلِ لِلَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ

رَبِّ أَحْمَدُنِي ذُنُوبِي وَأَنْقِطِعْ مَقَالَتِي فَلَاجِحَةً
 لِي فَإِنَّا الْأَسِيرُ بِلَيْتِي الْمُرْتَهَنُ بِعَمَلِي الْمُنْرَدُ
 فِي خَطْبَتِي الْمُتَخَيَّرُ عَنْ قَصْدِي الْمُنْقَطِعُ بِفَيْدِ أَوْفَقُ

myself in the situation of disgraceful sinners — the situation of the unlucky, who were bold against Thee and slighted Thy Promise. Holiness to Thee! What an impudence have I committed against Thee! With what a deception have I deceived myself!

My Lord, pity my falling face-downward and the slipping of my foot. Pity my ignorance with Thy Forbearance and my wrong-doing with Thy Goodness. For I admit my sin and confess my error. This is my hand and my forehead I humbly offer myself for vengeance to be wreaked on me. Pity my old age, the termination of my days, the approach of my death and my feebleness, my poverty and my scarcity of resource!

My Lord, pity me when my trace disappears from the world, my memory is wined off from among the creatures and I be of the forgotten like one -----

نَفْسِي مَوْفِقًا لِأَذْلَاءِ الْمَذْنِبِينَ مَوْفِقًا لِأَشْفِيَاءِ
 الْمُتَجَرِّبِينَ عَلَيْكَ الْمُسْتَحْفِزِينَ بِوَعْدِكَ سُبْحَانَكَ أَيُّ
 جُرْأَةٍ اجْتَرَأَتْ عَلَيْكَ وَأَيُّ تَعَرُّبٍ عَرَّرَتْ نَفْسِي
 مَوْلَايَ رَحْمَ كَبُوتِي حِرِّ وَجْهِي وَزَلَّةَ قَدَمِي وَعُدَّ
 بِحِلْمِكَ عَلَيَّ جَهْلِي وَيَا حَسَانَكَ عَلَى إِسَاءَتِي فَأَنَا
 الْمُقَرَّبُ بِذَنبِي الْمُعْتَرَفُ بِخَطِيئَتِي وَهَذِهِ يَدِي وَنَابِئِي
 اسْتَكْبِرُ بِالْفُورِ مِنْ نَفْسِي بِرَحْمَتَيْكَ وَنَفَادِ أَيْمَانِي
 وَأَفْرَابِ أَجْلِي وَضَعْفِي وَمَسْكَنتي وَفَلَّةَ جِلْنِي
 مَوْلَايَ وَارْحَمْنِي إِذَا انْقَطَعَ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا أَثْرِي وَالْحَيَّ
 مِنَ الْخَلْقِ فَيَزِدُّكَ كَرِي وَكُنْتُ فِي الْمُنْسِينَ كَمَنْ

who is forgotten!

My Lord, pity me at the change of my form and condition when my body undergoes decay and my limbs fall asunder and joints fall to pieces. O my heedlessness of that which shall be required of me!²²⁷

My Lord, pity me at my resurrection and my rising (from the tomb)²²⁸. On that day, let my place be with Thy friends, my exit among Thy friends and my dwelling in Thy neighborhood, O Lord of the Worlds!

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One of his prayers for removal of anxieties.

O Remover of Anxiety and Undoer of Sadness! O Compassionate in this world and the next and Merciful in both, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Dispel my anxiety and remove my sadness. O One! O Alone! O Eternal!

O Thou Who begetteth not -----

فَدَلَسِي مَوْلَايَ وَارْحَمْنِي عِنْدَ تَغْيِيرِ صَوْرَتِي وَحَالِي
 إِذَا بَلَغْتَنِي وَتَفَرَّقْتَ أَعْضَائِي وَتَقَطَّعْتَ
 أَوْصَالِي يَا غَفْلَتَنِي عَمَّا رَادُّ بِي مَوْلَايَ وَارْحَمْنِي فِي
 حَشْرِي وَنَشْرِي وَاجْعَلْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْيَوْمِ مَعَ
 أَوْلِيَائِكَ مَوْفِي وَفِي أَجْبَائِكَ مَصْدَرِي وَفِي
 جَوَارِكِ مَسْكَنِي يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ
 وَكَانَ مِنْ عِبَادَةِ عَلِيِّ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ فِي اسْتَبْكَشَاءِ الْهَمِّ
 يَا فَارِجَ الْهَمِّ وَكَاشِفَ الْغَمِّ يَا رَحْمَنَ الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ
 وَرَحِمَهُمَا صِلْ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَأَفْرِجْ هَمِّي
 وَاسْكُفْ غَمِّي يَا وَاحِدُ يَا أَحَدُ يَا صَمَدُ يَا مَنْ لَمْ يَلِدْ

and Who art not begotten; there is none like unto Thee. Preserve me. Purify me. Remove my distress. (Repeat the verse of the Kursi and the last three chapters of the Holy Quran and say:

O Lord, I beg Thee like him whose want has become intense, whose strength has diminished and whose sins are innumerable.

I pray to Thee like him who finds none to attend to his want, none to strengthen (him in) his feebleness, none to forgive his sin, except Thee, O Possessor of Glory and Majesty!

I beg of Thee a work on account of which Thou lovest the doer thereof. I beg of Thee a certainty because of which Thou benefittest him who is perfectly convinced, thereby, of Thy Command being in force.

O Lord, bless Muhammad and his descendants. Cause me to die in truthfulness.

وَلَمْ يُولَدْ وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ اعْصِمْنِي
 وَطَهِّرْنِي وَادْهَبْ بَبَيْتِي وَأَفْرَأِ آيَةَ الْكُرْسِيِّ
 الْمُعَوِّذِينَ وَقُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ وَقُلْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي

أَسْأَلُكَ سُؤَالَ مَنِ اسْتَدَّتْ فَافَتْهُ وَوَضَعَتْ
 قُوَّةً وَكَثُرَتْ ذُنُوبُهُ سُؤَالَ مَنِ لَا يَجِدُ لِغَافِتِهِ
 مَغِيثًا وَلَا لِضَعْفِهِ مَقْوِيًّا وَلَا لِذَنْبِهِ غَافِرًا
 غَيْرَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ أَسْأَلُكَ
 عَمَلًا تُحِبُّ بِهِ مِنْ عَمَلِهِ وَيَقِينًا تَنْفَعُ بِهِ مَنْ
 اسْتَيْقَنَ بِهِ حَوَالِي الْقَبْرِ فِي نَفَازِ أَمْرِكَ
 اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَافْبِضْ عَلَى الصِّدْقِ

Cut off my interest ²²⁹ from this world. Cause me to love what is nigh Thee in order to make me eager to meet Thee. Give me grace to sincerely rely on Thee. I beg of Thee a record of past good deeds. Betake me to Thy Protection from a record of previous bad ones.

I beg of Thee the same fear which the pious have of Thee, the same worship which the humble render unto Thee, the certainty of those who rely on Thee and the trust of the true-believers in Thee.

O Lord, let my earnestness in making my request be like the earnestness of Thy friends in making theirs. Let my fear be similar to the fear of Thy friends. For Thy Approbation, employ me in a work whereby I may not omit any item of Thy religion, through fear of anyone of Thy creatures.

O Lord, this is my request, therefore, increase -----

نَفْسِي وَأَفْطَعُ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا حَاجَتِي وَاجْعَلْ فِيهَا غِنْدَكَ
 رَغْبَتِي شَوْفًا إِلَى الْغَفَاةِ وَهَبْ لِي صِدْقَ التَّوَكُّلِ
 عَلَيْكَ أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ كِتَابٍ فَدَخَلَا وَأَعُوذُ
 بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ كِتَابٍ فَدَخَلَا أَسْأَلُكَ خَوْفَ الْعَابِدِينَ
 لَكَ وَعِبَادَةَ الْخَاشِعِينَ لَكَ وَتَقِينَ الْمُتَوَكِّلِينَ
 عَلَيْكَ وَتَوَكُّلَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلَيْكَ اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ
 رَغْبَتِي فِي مَسْأَلَتِي مِثْلَ رَغْبَةِ أَوْلِيَائِكَ فِي مَسْأَلَتِهِمْ
 وَرَهْبَتِي مِثْلَ رَهْبَةِ أَوْلِيَائِكَ وَاسْتَعْمَلْنِي فِي
 مَرْضَاتِكَ عَمَلًا لَا أَتْرُكُ مَعَهُ شَيْئًا مِنْ دِينِكَ
 مَخَافَةَ أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ اللَّهُمَّ هَذِهِ حَاجَتِي فَأَعْظِمْ

my earnestness in it.

Reveal therein my excuse.

Teach me, therewith, my argument.

Keep, therewith, my body in health.

O Lord, there are those who rise in the morning having others than Thee for objects of trust and hope.

But verily I rose in the morning having Thee alone for my trust and hope in all my affairs.

Therefore, order for me the best of them as regards result.

Save me from misleading temptations by Thy Grace, O Most Merciful.

May God bless Our Lord Muhammad, the Prophet and the holy members of his house.

فِيهَا رَغْبَتِي وَأَظْهَرَ فِيهَا عُدْرِي وَلَقِّنِي فِيهَا مَجْنِي وَ
 عَافِي فِيهَا جَسَدِي اللَّهُمَّ مِنْ أَصْحَحَ لَهُ نُفْسُهُ أَوْ
 رَجَاءُ غَيْرِكَ فَقَدْ أَصْبَحْتُ وَأَنْتَ تَفْتِي وَرَجَائِي فِي
 الْأُمُورِ كُلِّهَا فَأَفِضْ لِي بِخَيْرِهَا عَاقِبَتَهُ وَنَجِّنِي
 مِنْ مُضْلَاتِنَا الْفِتَنِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا
 مُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ الْمُصْطَفَى
 وَعَلَى آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

1. The Holy Quran, 53:51.
2. The Holy Quran, 21:23.
3. The Holy Quran 25:44.
4. The Holy Quran, 45:22 and 44:41.
5. The Holy Quran 83:20-21.
6. An order of angels.
7. The angels that record the deeds of men.
8. The angels that question and examine the dead concerning their religious beliefs.
9. Malik is the chief of the guards of hell.
10. Rizwan is the chief of the keepers of Paradise.
11. The angels who welcome the blessed in Paradise.
12. The Holy Quran 13:24.
13. The Holy Quran 69:30-31.
14. The Holy Quran 50:21.
15. Belief in an unseen God and in future reward and punishment.
16. The Holy Quran 59:10.
17. I.e. from sinful thoughts.
18. The Holy Quran 12:53.
19. That is, let our failings remain unknown.'
20. Performed no positive duty in acknowledgement of Thy Favors.
21. That is, the hope that God will accept

their renunciation of evil habits and adoption of a virtuous course of life.

22. That is, duties I owe to Thee.

23. That is, punishment for default.

24. That is, punishment.

25. The words within the parenthesis do not form part of the prayer but are intended to instruct the person praying how to refer his request to the Almighty.

26. Mention the name of your oppressor, 'so and so, the son of so and so'.

27. The belief is that the recording angels put down to the credit of a sick person all the good acts performed when that person was healthy and which, because of sickness, that person is unable to perform.

28. That is, disobedience.

29. That is, forgiveness.

30. Literally, 'thinned'.

31. That is, water mixed with ashes.

32. Reform without any affliction and punishment.

33. That is, news of future rewards.

34. Literally, pelted with stones.

35. That is, confirm my belief in Thy boundless Power to reward the righteous and to punish the wicked in this world or the next.

36. So that it may turn out acceptable to Thee.

37. Literally, 'Do that for me,' etc.

38. That is, the Day of Judgment.

39. That is, Thy service.

40. Literally, expression of obligations with which I may happen to reproach the recipient.

41. That is, nature.

42. That is, behaving towards others with humility and treating them with respect.

43. 'The turning away of countenance' denotes displeasure. Therefore, the expression only means, 'If Thou be angry with me,' without any physical significance being intended.

44. The seat of passions, ambitions and desires.

45. The word *hammah* means all sorts of creatures who bite or sting.

46. That is, power.

47. Literally, compulsory.

48. Literally, prior in time.

49. The Holy Quran, 3:5.

50. Abode of happiness.

51. Family.

52. The Holy Quran 15:30-39.

53. The Holy Quran 40:62.

54. That is, the *ahl al-bait*.

55. Travelers.

56. The Holy Quran 14:40.

57. That is, those coming from behind to reinforce the enemy.

58. Literally, 'empty', 'make empty'.

59. The first battle between the idolatrous Arabs and Muslims in which the Muslims were

victorious.

60. That is, in the case of others, unity is only relative.

61. This oath is meant for the confirmation of truth, as you are wont to confirm things among yourselves by an oath.

62. The Holy Quran 51:22-23.

63. Literally, needy.

64. Literally, link, a means of connection.

65. The Holy Quran 40:26.

66. The Holy Quran 1:222.

67. That is, contemplating Thy Majesty.

68. The Holy Quran 15:30-42.

69. The Holy Quran 59:16.

70. That is on no day did I fast; and in no night did I keep vigil.

71. Literally, return.

72. That is, I never believed that they will conceal my defects.

73. The Holy Quran 23:14.

74. Literally, a moist germ.

75. That is, the present stage of my life.

76. That is, counted as having been spent in Thy service.

77. That is, even the distant flames of which are as if Thee were quite near the victim.

78. The Holy Quran, surah 112.

79. That is, do not involve us in calamity by means of them.

80. That is, do not allow us to prefer our requests to any other besides Thee.

81.The Holy Quran 3:52.

82.Shortening of hopes in Arabic means the conquest of vain desires just as extended hopes means inordinate desires.

83.Literally, whereby we may feel that our return unto Thee was delayed. When a person performs good deeds and is sure of reward, he is anxious to obtain it as soon as possible, the return unto God being the greatest reward, he waits impatiently for it.

84.Literally, do not take me to pledge for my deeds, do not call me to account for them.

85.That is, my evil deeds.

86.Literally, narration, conversation.

87.Literally, to bear it.

88.That is, its clear verses.

89.Doing good.

90.Distressing.

91.Comfortable living.

92.Breath.

93.The Holy Quran 75:27.

94.With the importance of his good deeds.

95.The fountain of abundance.

96.The measured or predestined.

97.The prearranged.

98.Events.

99.Blessings.

100.Evils.

101.Peace.

102.That is in the new month initiated by the crescent.

103. Ramadhan is also one of the Names of God.

104. The idea is that the observance of fasts purifies the observer physically and spiritually.

105. That is, the month of Ramadhan is especially suitable for prayers.

106. The prohibition operates in the day time only.

107. Except in the case of those who having failed to observe the fast of Ramadhan owing to illness or travelling, are allowed to keep an equal number of days fasting in other months.

108. Power or destiny. See surah 97.

109. Literally those who desire their good deeds to be seen by others.

110. Literally, those who like their deeds to be heard by others.

111. The five daily ritual prayers.

112. Thoroughly reading the point or most expressive.

113. That is, let us strengthen the ties of blood by showing favor and doing good to our kindred and relations.

114. Literally, clear.

115. In the month of Ramadhan.

116. That is, 'Thy nearness'.

117. Literally, their necks are Thine, that is, their's are the necks whom Thou dost liberate. Liberation of neck means freeing a bondsman, a slave.

118.Literally, let our necks be those necks.

119.Our penalties or punishment which we may be liable to suffer.

120.In this month.

121.That is, does not deal with them according to their deserts, but rather according to Thy Mercy.

122.Thou dost take the initiative in showing favor, without the recipient having done anything to deserve it.

123.Messages in the Holy Quran quoted below.

124.Muhammad, peace and the mercy of God be upon him and his descendants.

125.The Holy Quran 66:8.

126.The Holy Quran 6:160.

127.The Holy Quran 2:261.

128.The Holy Quran 2:245.

129.Or, disclosing Thy secret Will.

130.The Holy Quran, 2:152.

131.The Holy Quran 14:7.

132.The Holy Quran 40:60.

133.That is, of his own accord and not according to Divine Guidance.

134.That is, the fasts of Ramadhan.

135.Power or measurement, so-called because it is believed that on this night, the share of each person's subsistence, etc. for the year is measured out and fixed.

136.The number of its days.

137.That is, for the observance of whose

fast Thou gavest us grace.

138. That is, of Ramadhan.

139. Especially those performed at night.

140. The month of Ramadhan to which we are bidding farewell and the month of Ramadhan that will follow.

141. The first day of the month immediately following Ramadhan is called *id al-fitr*, the Festival of Breakfast, so-called because the fasting season is over and the people do not have to keep a fast until the next Ramadhan.

142. The most fortunate people of Ramadhan are those who satisfactorily observed fasts throughout the month and performed other duties pertaining thereto.

143. That is, its fasts, etc.

144. Limits.

145. Those cast out by their community and exiled from their homes.

146. Those who have to request to satisfy their need.

147. Literally, Thou dost not reject those who rely on Thee by smiting them on their foreheads.

148. Subsistence.

149. On account of their virtue.

150. On account of their vice.

151. Firmly established.

152. Literally, moving about.

153. Granting respite.

154. That is, refraining from.

155.Or made dumb.

156.The 9th of Dhihajjeh, the month of the pilgrimage, the last month of the Arabic year. Arafa is a place 12 miles from Mecca where the pilgrims halt.

157.That is, the sun, the fire worshipped by idolaters.

158.The final owner.

159.That is, nothing is absent from His Knowledge.

160.The pronoun in this and the subsequent sentences has been changed from the 3rd person singular to the 2nd person singular which is considered to be beauty of style in Arabic.

162.Or power.

162.The Holy Quran, surah 112.

163.*Furqan*. A name of the Holy Quran because it points out the distinction between right and wrong.

164.Literally, sought Thee.

165.Literally, found Thee.

166.That is, all the creatures for everything exists in the mind of God.

167.Or felt.

168.Literally, spiritual beings or creatures having souls or life generally.

169.The angels who keep account of good deeds.

170.The tablet or book in which the records of deeds are kept.

171.The nearest approach to Thy praise in

- Thy Words as set forth in the Holy Quran.
- 172.Literally, path.
- 173.Literally, weight.
- 174.Literally, one upon whom people may depend for assistance and support.
- 175.That is, laws.
- 176.The Imam's heart.
- 177.Literally, hold their handle.
- 178.Are their staunch friends.
- 179.Days of other power.
- 180.In expectation of their arrival and command.
- 181.See surah 5, 'Verily Satan is openly your enemy.'
- 182.Thy Commands.
- 183.Fulfilled the covenant with Thee.
- 184.Literally, for Thy person.
- 185.Thy definite laws.
- 186.That is, by receiving too many favors, a man is apt to feel secure and neglect his duties and thus become liable to punishment.
- 187.As Thou would gradually seize him.
- 188.Negligent.
- 189.Transgressors.
- 190.That is, the means of approaching Thee or winning Thy Approbation.
- 191.Make me realize the punishment Thou wouldst inflict in case of disobedience.
- 192.Safety.
- 193.That is, acts of disobedience to Thee committed in the past.

194. Literally, do not smite me on the brow.
195. That is, give me a sense of unworthiness when I commune with Thee in solitude.

196. The night prayers are those offered in the small of the night.

197. The reference is perhaps to the change of skin for punishment mentioned in the Holy Quran.

198. Not used here in the physical sense.

199. That is, be pleased to so ordain that the future generations may speak of me truthfully.

200. That is, men of bygone ages who exceed in virtue and piety.

201. Honor.

202. Requesting.

203. Knowledge and intention are two different things. The knowledge of a thing does not make one the doer of it. The Imam meant, 'I do not need to reflect on Thee because Thy chosen ones suffered.'

204. That is, the *ahl al-bait*.

205. This and the two following pronouns refer to enemies.

206. It should be remembered that Muhammad and his children are the descendants of Abraham.

207. The belief in Thy Unity.

208. Repeated calamities.

209. Protection from sin.

210. That is, never repeat offending Thee.

211. After repeating this prayer, ask for what

you desire and invoke blessings on the Prophet and his family 1 000 times for such was the practice of the Imam, peace be upon him.

212.Used in the spiritual sense, that is, one who wrought the ruin of his own soul.

213.Literally, raised my ankle over him.

214.Literally, evils of his net.

215.Of slander.

216.That is, changed me with faults of which he himself was guilty.

217.Curtain.

218.Here mention the name of the enemy.

219.The Holy Quran, 39:54.

220.On account of despair I would have lost all self-control and plunged into dissipation and ruin.

221.Literally, included or comprised me.

222.I am unable to return thanks.

223.Fortune.

224.Self-reformation.

225.Insensible.

226.On account of health.

227.On account of good deeds in which I have been wanting.

228.Literally, dispersion. The idea is that the dead will be raised from their tombs and will disperse in various directions.

229.Need.

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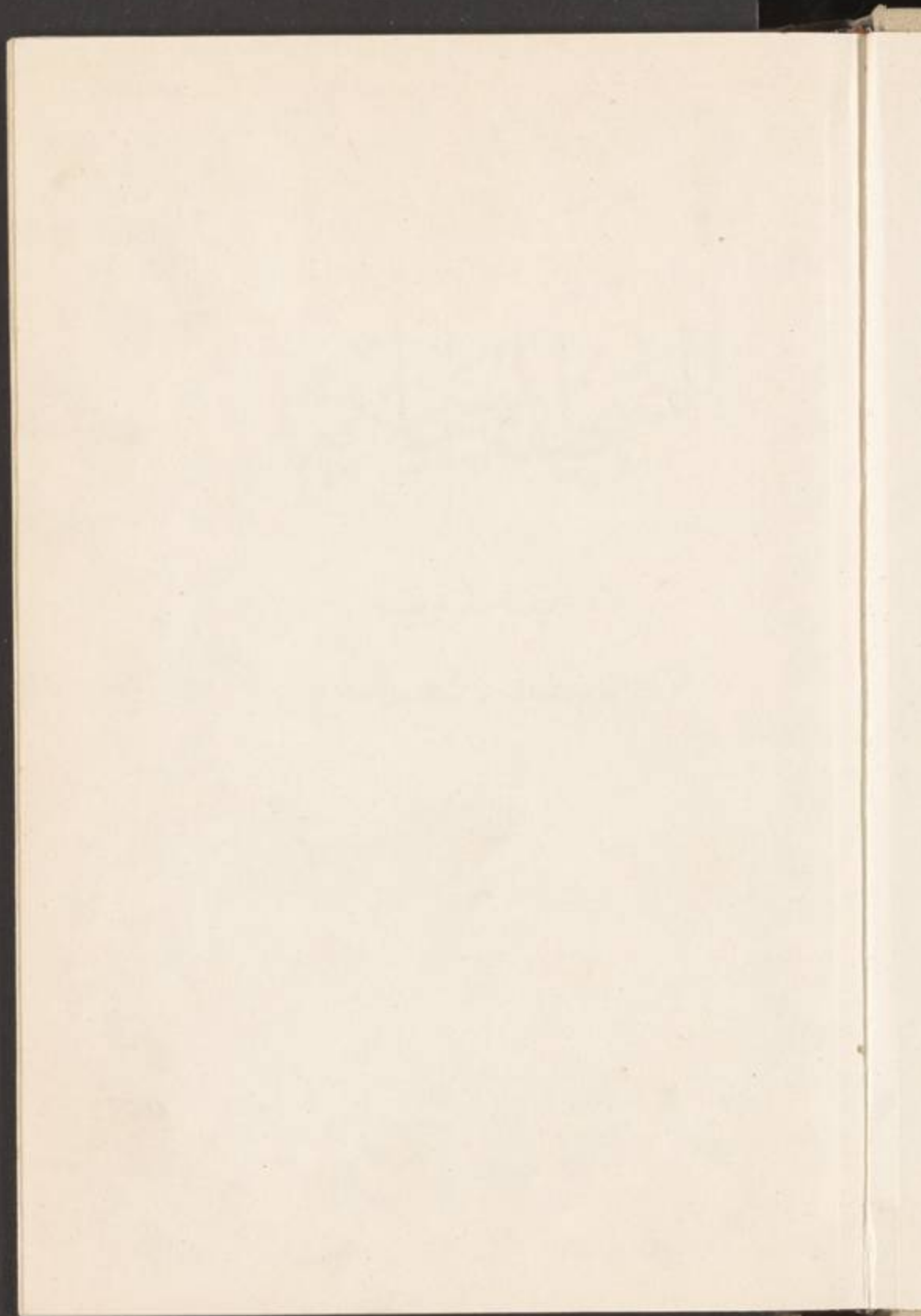
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