

SOME DU'AS IN THE WORDS OF PROPHET MUHAMMAD

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ أُجِيبُ دَعْوَةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا دَعَانِ

فَلْيَسْتَجِيبُوا إِلَيَّ وَلْيُؤْمِنُوا بِي لَعَلَّهُمْ يَرْشُدُونَ.

وَقَالَ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ:

لَيْسَ شَيْءٌ أَكْرَمَ عَلَى اللَّهِ تَعَالَى مِنَ الدُّعَاءِ.

Honorable Muslims!

In the verse I recited as I began the khutbah the Almighty Allah (swt) states, "And when My servants ask you, o Muhammad, concerning Me - indeed I am near. I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me by obedience and believe in Me that they may be rightly guided."ⁱ

It is our sincere entreaty and appeal to Allah (swt). It is our confession that we are weak before His omnipotent power. It is our seeking refuge in His grace and forgiveness. It is our submission of servitude to Him and asking help from Him.

One of the names of Allah (swt), al-Mujib, means the answerer of du'as. He is Who is closer to us than even our own self, and hears, knows and responds to all our du'as, whether implied or express.

Dear Muslims!

Prophet Muhammad (saw), in all actions of whom we see his love and loyalty to Allah (swt), was in a constant state of invocation to Him. Day or night, with people around or by himself, when happy, afraid, or sad, when lost in thoughts about the Hereafter, in his home, by the minbar of the masjid, during travel, in short in all instances of life he would make du'a. Du'a in his life was like threads interlaced in a piece of fabric. It was he who taught us how to make du'a.

Waking up in the morning, he would start his day with the following du'a, "O Allah! With Your

Power we have come to the morning, with Your Power we come to the evening, with Your Power we live, and we die, and to You will we return."ⁱⁱ

In observance of the approval of Allah (swt) all day long, he would always rely on and trust in Him, and pray, "O, Allah! Give me what is good for me and choose what is best for me."ⁱⁱⁱ

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا آتِنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ
"O, Allah! Grant us good both in this world and in the Hereafter. Save us from the torment of of hellfire!"^{iv} was how he supplicated to Allah (swt).

When by gone is the day and down falls the night, he would pray, "O, Allah! I want from You the good out of what will happen tonight and in its aftermath. I seek refuge in You from the evil of what will happen tonight and in its aftermath."^v

Honorable Muslims!

Muslims should never give in to the thought that their supplication is not responded to. In this respect, Prophet Muhammad (saw) states, "The supplication of every one of you will be granted if he does not get impatient and say, 'I supplicated to Allah, but my prayer has not been granted.'"^{vi}

Let us then have faith that all our heartfelt du'as will be certainly responded to. Let us not be bereft of abundance of divine blessings, peace, and confidence. Let us not forget to pray for our families, loved ones, Muslim brothers and sisters, and the oppressed, as much as we pray for our own selves. Let us try to deserve the du'a of our parents, the patients, the elderly, and those people in need.

I would like to conclude this khutbah with Prophet Muhammad's (saw) following du'a:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْهُدَى وَالتَّقَى، وَالْعَفَافَ وَالْغِنَى

"O, Allah! I ask you to bless me with guidance, piety, chastity, and contentment."^{vii}

ⁱ Baqarah, 2/186.

ⁱⁱ Tirmidhi, Da'wat, 13.

ⁱⁱⁱ Tirmidhi, Da'wat, 85.

^{iv} Abu Dawud, Witr, 26.

^v Muslim, Dhikr, 72.

^{vi} Abu Dawud, Witr, 23.

^{vii} Muslim, Dhikr, 72.