INTRODUCTION

Allah ﷻ says in Holy Qur’an,

وَإِذَا سَأَلَّكَ عِبَادِي عِنْيَ فَايَتِي فَرِئُبِّي أَجِيبُ دَعُوَّةَ الدَّاعِ إِذَا

du`ānٰوَ لَيْسِتْ تَجِيبُوْا لَهُ وَلَا يُؤْمِنُوْا بِلَعْلَمِ يَرْشُدُونَ ْبِهِ

WA IDHĀ SA`ALAKA `IBĀDI `ANNĪ FA`INNĪ QARĪB. UJĪBU DĀ`WATAD-DĀ` I IDHĀ DA`ĀN. FAL YASTAJĪBĪ LĪ WAL YU`MINŪ BĪ LA`ALLAHUM YARSHUDŪN

“When My servants ask thee concerning Me, I am indeed close (to them): I listen to the prayer of every suppliant when he calleth on Me: let them also, with a will, listen to My call, and believe in Me: that they may walk in the right way.”

Al Baqarah 186

قُلْ مَا يَعْبُوْا بِكُمْ رَبِّي لَوْ لَوْا دَعاَوْكُمْ ْبِإِنْ أَتُّونَكُم اً

QUL MĀ YA`BA`U BIKUM RABBĪ LAWLĀ DU`Ā`UKUM

“say (to the Rejecters): “What does my Lord care for you if you worship Him not!”

Al Furqan 77

On the authority of Anas ﷺ who said I heard the Messenger of Allah ﷺ saying,

“Allah ﷻ the Almighty has said: O son of Adam, so long as you call upon Me and ask of Me, I shall forgive you for what you have done, and I shall not mind. O son of Adam, were your sins to reach the clouds of the sky and were you then to ask forgiveness of Me, I would forgive you. O son of Adam, were you to come to Me with
sins nearly as great as the earth and were you then to face Me, ascribing no partner to Me, I would bring you forgiveness as great as it.”

DU’A (SUPPLICATION)

Praise be to Allah ﷻ, we thank Him, seek His help and His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah ﷻ from the evils of ourselves and that of our bad deeds. He whom Allah ﷻ guides, is truly guided, and he whom Allah ﷻ leaves astray, none can guide him. I bear witness that there is no god but Allah ﷻ, and I bear witness that Muhammad ﷺ is His Messenger.

When one is in suffering and catastrophe befalls him, when one is entangled and despondent and ultimately frustrated, then one unconsciously seeks the One Whose mercy is all-embracing. He is the One Who is More Merciful than a mother to her child. To Whom we seek refuge. It is He Who hears the weeping of the oppressed and accepts those who repent to Him. He showers His bounties and His blessing upon them. Thus, a believer should earnestly invoke and submit himself to Allah ﷻ as stated in the following ayah:

チーム َيَجِيبُ الْمُضَطَّرِ إِذَا دَعَاهُ وَيَكْشِفُ السُّوَءَ وَيَجْعَلُكُمْ
خُلَفَاءَ الْأَرْضِскоеِلَّةِ مَعَ اللَّهِ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَذَكَّرُونَ

AMMAY YUJJIBUL MUḌ َّÁHÁ DA’ÁHU WA YAKSHIFUS-SŪ’Á WAYAJ ‘ALUKUM KHULAFĀ ‘AL ARḌ. A’ILĀHUM MA ’ALLĀH. QALĪLAM MĀ TADHAKKARŪN

“He, Who responds to the cry of the distressed when he calls
to Him and (Who) removes the distress, and (Who) has made you the successors (of the formers) in the earth? Is there any Other god besides Allah? You reflect but very little.”

An Naml 62

He should also humbly supplicate to Allah with devout words and in determination. The soul then enjoys the light of its Lord and a believer feels ease and safety that permeates his veins and throughout his body. He feels close to Allah the Ever-Lasting Power.

Thus, du’a constitutes worship as the Prophet has expressed. That is because du’a means servility, humbleness, and is an expression of a need for the One in Whose Hand is the authority over everything. It is also a response to the Order of Allah the Almighty as He says:

وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ أَدْعُوْنِيَّ أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ لَاتَّغِيِّرْنَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ غَفُورٌ رَّحِيمٌ

WA QĀLA RABBUKU-MUD `ŪNI ASTAJIB LAKUM. INNAL-LADHĪNA YASTAKBIRŪNA `AN `ĪBĀDATĪ SAYADKHULŪNA JAHANNAMA DĀ KHİRĪN.

“And your Lord has said: “Call to Me, I shall answer your prayer.” Verily those who are too proud to worship Me, will soon enter Hell despised and disgraced.”

Ghafir 60

By making du’a, success becomes a reality, wishes and aims are achieved. That is because, when the servant truly believes that Allah is the only One Who is the Most Deserving to be asked and sought, he will shun all sources of help other than Allah. He will approach the Door of his Lord, seek His protection, entreat Him for His Mercy of
treasures and His generosity. This is the essence of worship and the secret of obedience. On the authority of Nu’man Ibn Bashir who said that the Prophet said,

“Du’a is worship.” Then he recited the saying of Allah the Almighty. And Allah says: “Call on Me, I will answer your (prayer).”

Therefore, du’a is a form of worship, in fact it is one of the most honorable and glorious forms of worship. It is also amongst the most honorable ways of repose.

The Prophet gave glad tidings to a man who was inspired with du’a so that he would be among those who would receive the Mercy of Allah: He said,

“If the gate of du’a are opened before a man, the gates of mercy will be opened before him. And the most beloved thing with which Allah loves to be asked is safety.”

The supplicant also received glad tidings from the Prophet that Allah would keep him safe and he would have a special patronage which would be a weapon to fight the enemies and defend himself with:

“Du’a is a weapon of a Believer, a pillar of religion, and a light of the heavens and the earth.”

The Prophet said,

“Do not feel hopeless with du’a since nobody is to be perished with du’a.”

Ibn Hibban

The Prophet also said,

“Would I guide you to what would protect you against your enemies and bring you provision? ‘Supplicate to Allah by day and night for supplication is the weapon of a believer.’”
The Prophet also gave glad tidings to the person who supplicates to Allah so that his supplication would be answered and that his approach towards Allah would be accepted:

“Allah is Ever-Merciful and Ever-Generous to the extent that when man lifts his hands skyward (invoking Allah), He dislikes to reply without rewarding Him.”

The Prophet explained also how the answer can be achieved. The answer, whether simultaneously or delayed, is good for the supplicant. Thus his affair, whether he knows or not, is altogether good for him. The Prophet said,

“If a Muslim invokes Allah anything besides sin or severing relations, Allah in turn responds to his du’a in one of three cases; either to accept it, delay his reward in the Hereafter or removes a calamity from him that equals his du’a.

The Companions said, “We will then supplicate a lot.”

The Prophet replied. “Allah will reward you greatly.”

Then the Prophet illustrated how the answer of a du’a is good in all its forms when a man sees the fruits of his du’a which he thought was not answered.

In another hadith Prophet said,

“On the Day of Judgement, Allah will call a believer until he stands before Him. Allah will say, ‘O My servant, I have commanded you to call upon Me and have promised to answer you. Did you truly call upon Me?’ He (the servant) will say, ‘Yes, my Lord.’ Allah will say, ‘Whenever you called upon Me I answered you. Did you not call upon Me on the day of such and such to relieve your calamity and I did?’ The servant will say, ‘Yes my Lord.’ Allah will say, ‘I gave it to you in worldly life, Allah will add,
‘Did you not call on Me on the day of such and such to relieve your calamity but it seemed that I did not reply to you.’ The servant will say, ‘Yes my Lord.’ Allah ﷺ will say, ‘I compensated such and such for you in Paradise.’ Allah ﷺ will say, ‘Did you not call on Me to meet your need and I did.’ The servant will say, ‘Yes my Lord,’ Allah ﷺ will add, “I gave it to you in worldly life.’ ‘Did you not call on Me on the day of such and such to meet your need but it seemed that I did not reply to you.’ The servant will say, ‘Yes my Lord.’ Allah ﷺ will say, ‘I compensated such and such for you in Paradise.” The Messenger of Allah ﷺ said, “Allah ﷺ will never leave out any supplication of a believer unless He will expound this for him through the following; either He will give it to him in worldly life or delay it in the Hereafter. Thereupon, the believer will say, ‘I wish I was given nothing of my du’a in this world,”

One should bear in mind that for the awraad and wazaif to be effective and for du’a to be accepted, it is necessary that the following 11 principles are adhered to:

1. A person’s food, drink and clothing should be from Halal means. Rasulullah ﷺ is reported as saying regarding that person who lifts his hands praying to Allah ﷺ, saying “O Lord! O Lord! How will his du’a be accepted when his food, drink and clothing are haram?”
2. He must abstain from shirk.
3. He must honour and sanctify the SHA’Ā’IRUL-LĀH (Major sanctities of Allah).
4. He should focus his entire attention to Allah ﷺ whenever he is praying to Allah ﷺ or making Du’a.
5. He should abstain from committing any sin openly or secretly. He should also abstain from pomp and show.
6. He should make it a habit to seek Allah’s forgiveness for himself and all other Muslims, especially his parents and shuyukh.
7. He should do some good deeds prior to making du’a.
8. He should begin with Allah’s praises and end the du`a with salawat upon Rasulullah.

9. He should not become despondent if there is delay in the acceptance of his du`a, thus discontinuing the du`a.

10. He should never make du`a for any wrong or something that is haram. Nor for that which is practically impossible to happen ordinarily.

11. He should lift both hands when making du`a. On completion he should say ameen and recite the durud and pass his hands over his face.

THE IMPORTANCE OF DU`A

Du`a is the essence of ibadah. The Qur'an has termed du`a as ibadah:

أَدْعُوْنِي اسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ إِنَّ اللَّدِينَ يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِي سَيْدُخُلُونَ جَهَنَّمَ دَاخِرِيْنِ

UD `ÜNÎ ASTAJIB LAKUM INNAL-LADHÎNA YASTAKBIRÛNA `AN `IBÄDATÎ SA-YADKHULÛNA JAHANNAMA DÄKHİRÎN

“Call unto me, I shall answer you. Surely those who are arrogant to worship Me will surely enter hell while they will be humiliated.”

Rasulullah has also declared du`a as ibadah. Therefore, to forsake du`a is to forsake ibadah. For every need of his, he should continue to make du`a to Allah; and, in the words of Rasulullah even if it be a lace that you need for your shoes. And even if a person has no need, he should create some need and ask Allah to fulfil it. He should adopt some wazifah or ma’mulat and read them daily.
MAKING DU`A FOR ANOTHER MUSLIM IN HIS ABSENCE

If anyone desires that his du`a be assuredly accepted he should make du`a for his Muslim brother or sister in their absence. This is the surest way of having his du`a granted. According to one ahadith when a person makes du`a for his Muslim brother or sister in their absence, there is an angel who says, “Ameen, let the same du`a be for him.”

ABSTAINING FROM SINS – A REQUISITE FOR ACCEPTANCE OF DU`A

For anyone wanting to derive the full benefit of his du`a and dhikr it is important that he abstains from sins. Ibn Qayyim Jawzi (R.A.) says that sins are impurities and filth. If a person remains contaminated in this filth and he applies the perfume of dhikrullah, the filth will destroy the sweet fragrance of the perfume. Therefore, whenever a person commits a sin he should repent immediately and resolve never to commit the sin again. In this way, the person will soon witness the benefits of du`a.

THE TEN GOLDEN RULES FOR DU`A, DHIKR AND GOOD DEEDS TO BE EFFECTIVE

1. Correctness of niyyah. Whatever is done should be done for Allah’s pleasure.

2. Beliefs should be according to the Qur'an and Sunnah as far as Tawhid, Risalah, the Holy Scriptures, good or adverse Taqdir, the Mala`ikah, Qiyamah, the finality of prophethood of Rasulullah etc. is concerned.

3. According to what we claim when we recite Al Fatihah wherein we say
We should be honest in offering our *ibadah*, solely for Allah ﷺ… whether such *ibadah* is offered financially, bodily or verbally. And we should not worship Allah ﷺ only when we need him. It should be done all the time and in moderation just as Allah ﷺ commands

“Worship Allah until death.”


5. Adopt constant fear for Allah ﷺ in the heart. One should always be fearful of Allah’s ﷺ wrath.

6. Be steadfast on the teachings of the *Holy Qur’an* and *Sunnah* of Rasulullah ﷺ for these two are the only means of the spiritual and moral upliftment of mankind. And this is what will attract love and forgiveness from Allah ﷺ.

7. The *SHA’Ā’IRUL-LĀH Major Sanctities of Allah* ﷺ should be honoured and sanctified at all times. It has been mentioned that there are 4 major Sanctities of Allah ﷺ, which every Muslim should honour and sanctify. He should not be tolerant if anyone else violates them. They are:
   a. The *Kitab* of Allah ﷺ. It should be honoured. It should be constantly recited and taught.
b. The beloved personality of Rasulullah ﷺ. He ﷺ should be honoured and revered at all times. His Sunnah should be followed as far as possible and as much as possible.

c. The Baitullah. It should be honoured. One should not face the Qiblah when relieving oneself or when spitting.

d. Salaah. One should be steadfast with Salaah and respect others who are performing Salaah. One should not pass in front of anyone who is performing Salaah. Nor should a person read the Qur’an aloud or make dhikr aloud in the presence of anyone who is performing Salaah.

8. Always have this thought in mind that the Almighty Allah is with me. And in the light of his command

كُونُوا مَعَ الصَّدِيقِينَ

KŪNŪ MA`AŠ ŠĀDIQĪN

“Endeavour to be in the company of the Righteous people”

he should keep away from evil company.

9. Always wish well for others. With utmost respect and wisdom call them towards good.

10. Never be neglectful of the remembrance of Allah ﷺ and always make du`a to Allah ﷺ. Allah ﷺ says:

فَاذْكُرُوْنِى أَذَاكُرْكُمْ

FADH- KURŪNĪ ADH-KUR-KUM

“Remember me and I shall remember You”

According to one ahadith Allah ﷺ says; “whosoever remembers me in his heart I myself shall remember him in My heart. And whoever
remembers me in a gathering I shall remember him in a gathering better than his gathering (i.e. that of the angels)”.  

According to another *ahadith*, there is a group of angels whose duty it is, to seek those who make the *dhikr* of Allah ﷺ. When they do find such a group they call out to each other “*What you are seeking is here.*” They then surround them, (recording what is being performed). The angels do so in such great numbers that their numbers spiral upwards reaching the heavens.

When these angels reach Allah ﷺ, He asks them (despite Allah ﷺ knowing better than them): What do My servants say?

They reply: They praise and glorify You.

Allah ﷺ asks them: Have they seen Me?

They reply: We swear, they have not seen You.

Allah ﷺ says: If they would have seen Me what would have happened?

They reply: Then they would worship You and glorify You even more.

Then Allah ﷺ says to the angels: What were they asking for?

They reply: They were asking for *Jannah*.

Allah ﷺ says: Have they seen *Jannah*?

They say: By Allah ﷺ they have not seen *Jannah*.

Allah ﷺ asks: If they would have seen it what would have their condition been?

They reply: Then their desire for *Jannah* would have intensified.

Then Allah ﷺ asks: From what were they seeking refuge?
They reply: From Jahannam.

Allah ﷺ asks: Have they seen it?
They reply: By Allah ﷺ, they haven’t seen it.

Allah ﷺ asks: Had they seen it what would their condition be?
They reply: Then they would have had great fear for it and they would have run far away from it.

Thereafter Allah ﷺ says: Bear witness that I have forgiven them all.

The angels say: O Allah ﷺ, but there was one person amongst them who was sitting amongst them for some other reason (not for dhikr).

Allah ﷺ says: These are such people that those who sit in their company are not deprived.

There are many more ahadith on the virtues of dhikr. Suffice to say that the sum total of all the ahadith of dhikr is that we should not neglect Allah’s ﷺ remembrance for even a single moment.

A POINT TO REMEMBER

The primary object of dhikr, wazaif and any amal should be to gain Allah’s ﷺ pleasure. To acquire any good through such dhikr etc. or remove any harm should be a secondary objective.

FOR ABUNDANCE IN RIZQ

The world will become humble before him and crawl before him who says the following tasbih 100 times a day after true dawn but before Fajr salaah.

 سبحانه و تعالى سبحانه و تعالى عظيم أسраф الله
FOR ABUNDANCE IN RIZQ AND FULFILMENT OF DEBT

Between the Sunnah and Fardh of Fajr say the following verse 7 times and blow on the body. Also recite thrice durud in the beginning and end.

لَاتَذْرِكَهُ الْأَبْصَارُ وَهُوَ يُذْرِكُ الْأَبْصَارَ
وَهُوَ الْلَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ

LĀ TUDRIKUHUL ABṢĀR. WA HU-WA YUDRIKUL ABṢĀR. WA HUWAL-LATĪFUL KHABĪR.

“Sight cannot perceive Him. And He perceives sight.
He is the Subtle, the Well-Aware.”

FOR THE FULFILMENT OF ALL NEEDS

Read this du`a of Sayyidina Fatimah 30 times after Fajr salaah. Read thrice durud in the beginning and at the end. It is very effective in having one’s needs fulfilled. The du`a is as follows:

يَاحَيُّ يَا قَيْمَةٌ بِرَحْمَتِكَ أَسْتَغْيِثُ لَا تَكُلَّنِيِّ إِلَى نَفْسِي وَلَا
إِلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ حُلْيِكَ طُرْفَةٍ عَيْنٍ وَأَصْلِحُ لِيْ شَأْنِي كَلَّهَا

YĀ ḤAYYYU YĀ QAYYYŪM. BI RAḤMATIKA ʿASTAGHĪTH.
LĀ TAKILNĪ ILĀ NAFSĪ WA LĀ ILĀ ‘AḤADIM-MIN KHALQIKA ṬARFATA ‘AIN. WA ‘AṢLIḤLİ SHA’NĪ KULLAH.

“O the Living, O the Ever-Lasting. I seek help through Your mercy. Do not leave me to myself nor to anyone else from Your creation even for a blink of an eye. Correct me in all my affairs”

SAFETY AGAINST SICKNESS

If this du`a is said 7 times after Fajr salaah the reader will be safeguarded against all types of sicknesses, insha-Allah.

SUBḤĀNA-LĀHI WA BIḤAMDIHĪ SUBḤĀNA-LĀHIL ‘AŻĪM.
LĀ ḤAWLA WA LĀ QUWWATA ‘ILLĀ BILLĀH

“Glorified is Allah with His praises. Glorified is Allah, the Supreme. There is no power, no might except with the help of Allah”

SAFETY AGAINST ENEMIES

Read 7 times after Fajr as a means of safety against enemies.
HASBIYAL-LĀHUL-ḤALĪMUL QAWIYYU LIMAM BAGHĀ `ALAYYA. ḤASBIYAL-LĀHUSH-SHADĪDU LIMAN KĀDANĪ BI SŪ‘. ḤASBIYAL-LĀHU LĀ ‘ILĀHA ‘ILLĀ HŪ. `ALAYHI TAWAKKALTU WA HUWA RABBUL `ARSHIL `AẒĪM

“Allah, the Wise, the Mighty suffices me against the one who has rebelled against me. Allah, the Powerful, suffices me against the one who has plotted evil against me. Allah, besides Whom there is none worthy of worship, is sufficient for me. Upon Him do I rely. And He is the master of the great throne”

SAFETY AGAINST SIHR (WITCHCRAFT)

Say this wazifah thrice in the morning, preferably after Fajr salaah, and thrice in the evening, preferably after Maghrib:

BISMIL-LĀHIL LADHĪ LĀ YAḌURRU MA’ASMIHĪ SHAY‘UN FIL ‘ARḌI WA LĀ FIS SAMĀ’. WA HUWAS SAMĪ‘UL `ALĪM

“I begin in the name of Allah through whose name nothing in the earth and heavens can harm (me). And He Is the All-Hearing, All-Knowing.”

FOR ABUNDANCE IN RIZQ AND SELF-SUFFICIENCY

For plentiful rizq (sustenance) and total independence recite the following du`a 100 times after Esha and 100 times after Fajr. Insha Allah ۚۚ, the reader will soon see the benefits of this.
O Allah, even as you have preserved my face (honour) by safeguarding me from making sajdah to others, do save my face (honour) by safeguarding me from stretching my hands before others.

FULFILMENT OF ALL NEEDS

Allah will fulfil all the needs of the one who recites the following ayah 7 times in the morning and 7 times in the evening (after Fajr and Maghrib salah).

"Sufficient for me is Allah besides Whom there is none worthy of worship. Upon Him do I rely. And He is the master of the great throne."

FOR RIZQ AND SECURITY

Say 100 times after Fajr and Maghrib these 2 attributes of Allah. Say
durud thrice in the beginning and at the end.

يَابَاسِطُ يَا حَفِيظُ

YĀ BĀSIṬU, YĀ ḤAFĪŽU

“The extender of rizq, the protector”

FOR EASING ANY DIFFICULTY

After Fajr and Maghrib say 100 times this wazifah. Say durud thrice in the beginning and at the end.

يَارَحْمَنُ أَغْنِئِي

YĀ RAḤMĀNU ‘AGHITHNĪ

“O Most Merciful, save me!”

FOR ALL TYPES OF DIFFICULTIES

For all types of difficulties such as sicknesses, anxiety, worry, unemployment, financial difficulties and enemies, recite the following du`a at least 7 times up to 100 times. An ideal time is to read it at the time of Ishraq after having offered 2 or 4 rak`aat salaah. This du`a is so effective that the reader will notice his condition changing from the very first day of reading it. Read durud thrice at the beginning and at the end. The du`a is:

يَأْعَيَاشِئِيْعَ ۚ عَنَّدَ كُلِّ كَرَبَةِ وَحُجُرَّتِيْعَ ۚ عَنَّدَ كُلِّ دَعُوَةِ وَمُوْنِيِسِيْعَ ۚ عَنَّدَ كُلِّ وَحَشَةِ وَمَعَادِيْعَ ۚ عَنَّدَ كُلِّ شَدَّةِ

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O my Saviour in times of grief, my Responder to every Du`a, my Consoler in times of anxiety, my refuge in times of hardships and my only hope when all support is exhausted”

FOR ABUNDANCE IN RIZQ

For abundance of rizq and repayment of debts this verse is very effective. Read thrice durud in the beginning and end.

“Allah is gracious to His servants. He gives sustenance to whom He wills. And He is the Strong, the Mighty”

THE BENEFITS OF ISTIGHFAR

Here is a concise form of istighfar. It is very effective for having ones sins forgiven, acquiring rizq and fulfilment of all needs. Read as much as possible:

“The benefits of istighfar”

RABBIGH-FIR WARḤAM WA ʿANTA KHAYRUR-RĀḤIMĪN
“My Lord, forgive me, have mercy on me. You are the best of all those who show mercy.”

**RIZQ THROUGH ALLAH’S Attributes AND SURAH MUZZAMMIL**

Say this attribute of Allah 

يَامُغْنِئِيَ

YĀ MUGHNĪ

“O He who enriches”

Read constantly after Esha. Together with this read Surah Al-Muzzammil 7 times daily in the following manner: once after every salaah and twice between the sunnah and fardh of Fajr salaah. If this can’t be done then read thrice after Fajr and once after each of the remaining 4 salaahs.

**MARRIAGE OF CHILDREN AND ACQUIRING PIOUS CHILDREN**

Recite abundantly the following du`a:

رَبَّنَا هَبْ لَنَا مِنْ أَزْوَاجِنَا وَذُرُّييْنَا فَرْطَةَ أَعْيُنِ

وَأَجْعَلْنَا لِلْمُتَّقِينَ إِمَامًا

RABBANĀ HAB LANĀ MIN AZWĀJINĀ WA DHURIYYĀ- TINĀ QURRATA A’YUNIW-WAJ’ALNĀ LIL MUTTAQĪNA IMĀMĀ

“Our Lord, grant us from our wives and children the coolness of our eyes and make us the leaders of the pious.”
GOODNESS OF THIS WORLD AND THE HEREAFTER

Recite excessively the following du`a:

رَبَّنَا اتَّنَا فِي الدُّنْيَا حَسَنَةٌ وَفِي الْآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةٌ
وَقِنَا عَذَابَ النَّارِ ۛ

RABBANĀ ĀTINĀ FID-DUNYĀ ḤASANATAW-WA FIL ĀKHIRATI ḤASANATAW-WAQINĀ `ADHĀBAN NĀR

“Our Lord, give us good in the world and in the hereafter and save us from the punishment of the fire”

FORGIVENESS THROUGH QUR'ANIC DU`A

It is best to seek forgiveness through du`a appearing in the Qur'an since it will be regarded as a du`a as well as tilawah of the Qur'an. Therefore, the reader will be rewarded twofold. Thus one should try to read excessively.

The du`a that was recited by Sayyidina Adam was this:

رَبَّنَا أَطْلَمْنَا أَنفَسَنَا وَإِنَّا لَمَّا تَعْفَرُّنَا
وَتَرَحَّمَنَا لَنَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الحَسَيْرِينَ ۛ

RABBANĀ ZALAMNĀ ANFUSANĀ WA ILLAM TAGHFIR- LĀNĀ WA TAR-ḤAMNĀ LANAKŪNANNĀ MINAL KHĀSIRĪN

“Our Lord, we have wronged ourselves. And if You do not forgive us nor have mercy on us, then we shall be from among the losers”
RELIEF FROM ALL HARDSHIPS

The du`a that was recited by Sayyidina Yunus 🕌 when he found himself in the belly of the fish. It is very effective in removing any difficulty. Recite abundantly.

لا إله إلا أن تسبحانك إن كنت من الظلمين

LĀ ILĀHA 'ILLĀ 'ANTA SUBHĀNAKĀ 'INNĪ KUNTU MINAẓ-ZĀLIMĪN

“There are none worthy of worship besides You. Glorified are You. Surely I am from among the wrongdoers (note: whatever du`a will be made after its recital, Allah will accept it, Insha-Allah)”

ACQUIRING THE ABILITY TO EXERCISE SABR (PATIENCE)

يُشْبِتُ اللهُ الَّذِينَ أَمَنَّوا بِالْقُوْلِ الثَّاَبِتِ
في الحيَوة الدُنْيَا وَفي الأُخْرَةِ

YU-THABBITUL-LĀHUL LADHĪNA ĀMANŪ BIL QAWLITH-THĀBITI FIL ḤAY-ĀTID-DUNYĀ WA FIL ĀKHIRAH

“Allah will strengthen in this world and the hereafter those who believe in the firm word (the Qur’an)”

ألَم نشرخ لك صدَرَكَ ووضعنا عنك وزركَ
الذِّي انقضَ ظهَركَ ورفعنا لك ذكركَ
"Have We not opened your bosom for you (O Muhammad). And removed from you your burden. Which weighed down your back? And have We raised high your fame? Verily, along with every hardship is relief, Verily, along with every hardship is relief So when you have finished, devote yourself for Allah's worship. And to your Lord turn."

"Without doubt, in the remembrance of Allah do hearts find peace."

FOR THE REMOVAL OF EVERY DIFFICULTY

The following is tried and tested for removing every kind of difficulty and hardship. Try it and see how effective it is. Recite the following du’a 100 times after every salaah.

"My Lord, I am overcome/overpowered: Do Help me"
SUBDUING THE ENEMY

The following du’a should be repeated excessively:

اللَّهُمَّ مُنَزِّلُ الْكِتَابِ مُجْرِيِّ السَّحَابِ سَرِيعً
الْحَسَابِ هَازِمَ الْأَحْزَابِ إِهْزَمُهُمْ

‘ALLĀHUMMA MUNZILAL KITĀBI MUJRIYAS-SAḤĀBI
SARĪ ‘AL ḤISĀBI HĀZIMAL AḤZĀBI ‘IHZIM-HUM

O Allah, the reveled of the book, the driver of the clouds, the one who takes accountability with swiftness, the one who subdues the enemy, do overpower them

TO STOP THE ENEMY FROM BICKERING AND TAUNTING

Say each of the following verses 7 times:

وَخَشَعَتِ الأَصَوَاتُ لِلرَّحْمَنِ فَلَا تَسْمَعُ إِلَّا هَمْسًا

WA KHASHA ‘ATIL ‘AŚWĀTU LIR-RAḤMĀNI FALĀ
TASMA‘U ’ILLĀ HAMSĀ

And the voices will be hushed due to the fear of the all-merciful; thus you will hear only a murmuring.

أَلْيَوْمَ نَخْتِمُ عَلَى أَفْوَاهِهِمْ وَتَكَلِّمُنَا أَيْدِيَهِمْ وَتُشْهَدُ
الْأَرْجُلُهُمْ بِمَا كَانُوا يَكْسِبُونَ

AL-YAWMA NAKHTIMU ‘ALĀ ‘AFWĀ-HIHIM WA TUKALLI-MUNĀ

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That day shall we seal their mouths and their hands will speak to us and their feet will bear witness to all that they were doing.

SPECIAL SALAAH FOR SAFETY AGAINST ALL HARDSHIPS, DIFFICULTIES AND CALAMITIES

It is related from Ali that anyone who performs 2 rak‘aat Nafl salaah and he says in every sajdah (after saying its tasbih) the following du‘a thrice, Allah will grant him safety against all calamities:

فاتررك برفئائتك واعيذك برفئائتك وسائلك برفئائتك

FAQİRUKA BI FIN‘IKA WA ‘ABİDUKA BI FIN‘IKA WA SÄ-‘ILUKA BI FIN‘IKA

Your destitute (slave) has come to you, your servant has come to you, your beggar has come to you.

THE GREAT BENEFITS OF SURAH YASIN

It is reported from Rasulullah that everything has a heart. And the heart of the Holy Qur‘an is Yasin. The Ulama say that whoever reads Yasin in the morning and evening. Allah will have 80 of his needs fulfilled. The least being poverty.

TO GET RID OF THE LOVE FOR THE WORLD, WEALTH AND STATUS

When there is excessive love for the world in the heart and the love for position and status, it is necessary to drive such love out of the heart and have it replaced with the love for Deen. For this, recite Surah Takathur abundantly in the morning and evening.
CURE FROM SPIRITUAL AND PHYSICAL SICKNESS

Read Suratul Fatihah abundantly. Rasulullah ﷺ is reported as saying that the Fatihatul-Kitab is a cure for all sicknesses.

CURE FOR GHAFLAH

To remove ghaflah or unmindfulness recite Suratul Qaaf (26th Juz) once in the morning. Insha-Allah ghaflah will gradually disappear and awareness of death will come to mind.

So that the thought of death does not become so overwhelming as to cause negative effective on the reader, he should also read Suratul Inshirah 7 times after reciting Suratul Qaaf.

SAFETY FROM THE EVIL THOUGHTS PUT INTO THE MIND BY SHAYTAN

If a person is harassed by the prompting of shaytan especially while performing salaah, he should say the following verse thrice before starting salaah.

रब्‍क अगुवा ये बोक मन हमारदि शायद ये
वागुवा ये बोक रब्‍क रते अनी यह चोरि ये

RABBI A`UDHU BIKA MIN HAMAZÄTISH SHAYÄTÎN.
WA A`UDHU BIKA RABBI AY-YAḤÞURÛN

My Lord, I seek refuge in You from the promptings of the devils; and I seek Your protection from that they should come near me.
TO GAIN NEARNESS TO ALLAH

Reading the following 3 Surahs in the morning and evening will bring a person close to Allah ﷻ: Surah Fatihah, Surah Ikhlas, Surah Inshirah.

DEVELOPING LOVE FOR RASULULLAH ﷺ IN THE HEART

For sincere love and respect to come into the heart for Rasulullah ﷺ recite the following 3 items in the morning and evening: Suratul Kawthar, Salawat (durud) upon Rasulullah ﷺ and Suratud Duha.

SEEING RASULULLAH ﷺ IN A DREAM

If a person is truly desirous of seeing Rasulullah ﷺ in the dream he should do the following: he should bath on the eve of Jum’ah i.e. the night between Thursday and Friday. He should don clean clothes and apply itar. After Esha he should offer 2 rak’at nafl salaah. Thereafter, he should read Suratul Kawthar 100 times, salawaat upon Rasulullah ﷺ 100 times. Insha-Allah the reader will see him soon. The following durud is recommended:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ ﺑِنَّ نُوحٍ ﺍ لِمِيٍّ
وَعَلَى أَلِيٍّ وَبَارِكَ وَسَلِّمْ

ALLĀHUMMA ṢALLI `ALĀ MUḤAMMADI-NIN-NABIY-YIL
UMMIY-YI WA `ALĀ ĀLIHĪ WA BĀRIK WASALLIM

O Allah! send Your mercy and salutations upon Muhammad ﷺ the untaught prophet
SAFEGUARD AGAINST DISGRACE ON THE DAY OF QIYAMAH

Suratul Baqarah and Surah Al Imran should be recited abundantly. Rasulullah ﷺ is reported to have said that recite the Holy Qur'an. It will come as an intercessor on the Day of Qiyamah. Rasulullah ﷺ also referred to Suratul Baqarah and Surah Al Imran as two brilliant lights or noor which will appear as two shade-giving clouds or two flocks of birds. These birds will come to intercede for the one who is regular in reciting these two Surahs.

Rasulullah ﷺ also said that reciting both of them regularly is a means of barakah for the reciter; and abandoning them is a means of regret; and only an idle person is unable to recite them.

SAFETY AGAINST DAJJAL

For safety against Dajjal the first ten and last ten verses of Suratul Kahf (preferably the whole Surah) should be recited every week preferably on Fridays.

ABUNDANCE IN RIZQ AND SAFETY AGAINST ENEMIES

Recite Suratul Waqi’ah everyday.

REMEDY FOR FORGETFULNESS

For forgetfulness, absent mindedness or weakness of memory, the following du’a should be read abundantly. The same should be done if a person is unable to comprehend or understand the meaning of any verse of the Qur'an or the meaning of ahadith. The du’a is:
Yaḥyā, Yā Qayyūm, lā Ilāha illa 'Anta
Bi Raḥmatika 'Astaghīth

O the ever-living and the eternal, there is none worthy of worship except You. I beg of You Your mercy.

WHEN PREPARING A LECTURE

When a scholar or orator needs material for his lecture or speech he should read the above du‘a several times.

TO STRENGTHEN THE MEMORY

Read the following daily.

Subḥānaka lā 'Ilma lānā illā mā 'Allamtanā innaka 'Antal 'Alīmul Ḥakīm. Rabbish-Raḥlī Ṣadrī wa Yassir Lī 'Amrī wa Ṣadrī wa 'Uqdatam Mill-Lisānī Yafqahū Qawlī. Rabbi Zīnī 'Ilmā. Allāhumma Nāwwir Qalbī wa Zīd Quwwata Sam 'ī wa Ba Ṣārī wa Ḥifẓī
Glorified are You. We do not know except what You have taught us. Surely You are all-knowing, all-wise. My Lord, expand for me my bosom and ease for me my task and remove the knot from my tongue (speech) so that they may understand my speech. My Lord, increase me in knowledge. O Allah, fill my heart with light and increase the strength of my hearing, my sight and my memory

ENTERING OR LEAVING A TOWN

Allah will protect the person who reads the following ayah before entering or leaving a town.

َرَبِّ اِدْخِلْنِي مَدْخِلَ صِدْقٍ وَاخْرِجْنِي مَخْرُجَ صِدْقٍ وَاجْعَلْ لِي مِنْ لَدَنِك سُلْطَانًا نَّصِيرًا ٍ

RABBI 'ADKHILNĪ MUDKHALA ȘIDQIW WA 'AKH-RIJNĪ
MUKHRAJA ȘIDQIW WAJ 'AL-LĪ MIL-LADUNKA
SULŢĀ NAN NAŞİRĀ

My Lord, let me enter by the door of truth and let me leave by the door of truth and grant me from You an authority to aid (me).

WHEN STAYING SOMEWHERE FOR THE DAY OR NIGHT

َرَبِّ اِنْزِلْنِي مَتْرَلًا مُّبَارَكًا وَاِنْتَ خَيْرُ المُتَرِلِينِ ٍ

RABBI 'ANZILNĪ MUNZALAM MUBĀRAKAN
WA 'ANTA KHAYRUL MUNZILĪN

My Lord, let me disembark with blessings, for You are the best to enable us to disembark.
WHEN ONES LIFE AND HONOUR IS AT STAKE

When a person’s life and honour is threatened these 2 verses should be recited abundantly and with sincerity.

فَسَيَكُفِيَّكُمُ اللَّهُ وَهُوَ السَّمِيعُ الْعَلِيمُ
وَ اللَّهُ مِنْ وَرَأَيْهِمْ مُّحْيِنُ

FA SAYAKFĪ KAHUMUL-LĀH. WA HUWAS-SAMĪ‘UL ‘ALĪM.
WAL-LĀHU MIW WARĀ’IHIM MUḤĪT

Allah will suffice you against them. and He is all hearing, all-knowing. and Allah encompasses them from behind

SAFETY AGAINST SIHR, WILD ANIMALS AND DANGEROUS MEN

For safety against sihr (black magic) recite each of the following 2 verses 7 times. The same could be done if there is a fear of an attack from a wild animal or a human being.

وَلاَ يَفْلِحُ السَّاجِرُ حْيِثُ آتَى ٍ
إِنَّهُمْ يَكِيدُونَ كَيِّدًا وَأَكِيدُ كَيِّدًا

WALĀ YUFLIḤUS SĀ-ḤIRU ḤAYTHU ’ATĀ.
INNAHUM YAKİDUNA KAYDAWA WA ’AKİDU KAYDĀ

And the magician does not succeed when He approaches.
They plot a scheme and I plot a scheme.