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Friday Sermon

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After greeting all his disciples (and all Muslims) worldwide with the greeting of peace Hazrat Khalifatullah (atba) read the Tashahhud, Ta'uz, Surah Al Fatiha, and then he delivered his sermon on:



Du'as (Invocations) (Pt. 11)

Alhamdulillah, Summa Alhamdulillah I continue on the series of sermons on “du'as” (invocations). Today, we shall hear the invocations which the Promised Messiah Hazrat Mirza Ghulam Ahmad (as) used to pray. He gave importance to *Salat* (prayer) and how to beautify our *Salat* with *du'as* (invocations) and praises of Allah and His Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh).

The Promised Messiah (as) says: *Salat* is very important and it is the apex of the spiritual exaltation of the true believer. *Salat* is the best medium of interacting

with God in prayer.

Salat is nothing but presenting oneself before God Almighty, and it is a combination of praising God and an attempt at the expiration of one's sins. One who does not keep these purposes in view, derives no benefit from *Salat*. Therefore, you must perform *Salat* in the best possible manner. When you are in the standing posture, your whole appearance must reflect the fact that you are standing before God in all humility. When you bow before Him in *Salat*, it must be a reflection of the bowing of your heart. When you fall prostrate, your manner must be that of a man who is inspired by fear of God. And pray a lot for your spiritual as well as material uplift. (Al-Hakam, 31 May 1903).

I present before you the prayers of the Promised Messiah (as)...

For Recovery from Illness:

Bismillahil-Kaafee; bismillahish-shaafee bismillahir Ghafoor-ir-Raheem; Bismillahil Barril-Kareem; Ya Hafeezu, Ya Azeezu, Ya Rafeequ, Ya Walliyyu-sh-finee.

(I seek help) in the name of Allah, the Sufficient. In the name of Allah, the Healer. In the name of Allah, the All-Forgiving, the Merciful. In the name of Allah, the Benign, the Generous. O Protector! O Mighty! O Companion! O Friend! Heal me. (Tadhkirah).

Ishfinee milla-dunka warhamnee.

(O Allah)! Grant me recovery (from illness) and have mercy on me. (Tadhkirah).

For Protection against the Enemy:

Rabbi qullu shai'in khaa-dimuka Rabbi fah-faznee wan-surnee war-hamnee.

O my Lord! Everything is Your servant. O my Lord! Protect me, help me, and have mercy on me. (Tadhkirah).

For Allah's Help:

Rabbi innee maghloobun fantasir.

O my Lord, I am overcome (by the enemy), so come to my help. (Tadhkirah).

For Relief from Grief:

(a) Rabbi najji-nee min hammee.

O my Lord! Relieve me of my grief!

(b) Ya Hayyu Ya Qayyoomu bi-Rahmatika astaghees.

O Living God! O Self-Subsisting God In Your Mercy do I seek relief [or help]!

Seeking Allah's Protection:

Ya Hafeezu, Ya Azeezu, Ya Rafeeq.

O Protector! O Mighty! O Kind God! (I seek Your Protection, Your Support and Your Friendship).

For Increase in Knowledge:

(a) Rabbi ari-nee haqaa'i-qal ash-yaa'i.

O Lord! Show me the ultimate truth underlying everything.

(b) Rabbi allim-nee maa hu-wa khairun indaka.

O Lord! Help me learn that which you consider best for me. (Tadhkirah).

Prayer to become Pious:

Rabbi adh-hib annir-rijsa wa tahir-nee tatheeraa.

O Lord! Cleanse me of dirt and purify me completely.

For Allah's Blessings:

Rabbijalnee mubaarakan haithu maa kuntu.

O Lord! Make me blessed in all circumstances.

In Prostration (Sijdah-Salat):

Ya man huwa ahabbu min kulli mah-boobin ighfir-lee wa tub ilayya wa ad-khilnee fee ibaadikal mukhliseen.

(O my Lord)! You are the One Who is far more worthy of love than any one dear to me, forgive me and grant me your mercy, and make me among your faithful servants.

For Success in Calling to Allah:

Rabbi ari-nee kaifa tuh-yil mautaa. Rabbighfir warham minas-samaa'i.

O my Lord, show me how You give life to the dead. O my Lord! Grant me Your forgiveness and mercy.

For the Reformation of Muslims:

Rabbi aslih Ummata Muhammadin.

O Lord! Reform the people of Muhammad (pbuh). (Tadhkirah).

Allahumma-sur man nasara deena Muhammadin (saws) waj'alnaa minhum.

O (my) Lord, help those who help Islam and count us among such people.

Allahummakh-dhul man khadhala deena Muhammadin (saws) wa laa taj'-alnaa minhum.

O (my) Lord, humiliate those who humiliate Islam and do not count us among such people.

Ya Rabbi fasma 'duaa'ie wa mazzik a'daa-a'ka wa a'daa-'ie wa anjiz wa'daka wan-sur abdaka wa arinaa ay-yaa maka wa shah-hir lanaa husaa-maka wa laa tadhar minal kaafi-reena sharee-ra.

O my Lord hear my prayer. Destroy Your enemy and mine. Fulfil Your promise and help Your servant and show us Your days. Draw Your sword for us and do not spare any one of those who deny [You] among the wicked. (Tadhkirah).

Rabbi atinee milladunka ansaaran fee deenika wa adh-hib annee huznee wa asli lee shaa-nee kullahoo la ilaaha illa anta.

O my Lord, grant me helpers to assist me in your religion, and take away my worries and make me succeed in my efforts , there is nobody else to help except You. (Maktoobat Ahmad V.5 pg. 34).

Rabbi innaka jannatee wa rahmatuka junnatee wa aayaa-tuka ghidhaa'ie wa fi-luka ri-daa'ie.

O my Lord, You are my Comforter and your Mercy is my protection and your Excellence is my food and your action is my cover. (Haqiqatul Wahy pg. 384).

Rabbi arinee anwaa-ra kal kul-liyyata.

O my Lord, show me those attributes which are encircled totally in all directions.

Rabbi allim-nee ma huwa khairun indaka.

O my Lord, teach me which is good in your view. (Haqeeqatul Wahy pg. 103, Ruhani Khaza'in Vol. 22 pg. 106).

Rabbir hamnee inna fadlaka wa rahmataka yunjee minal-adhaabi.

O my Lord, bestow mercy on me. Surely Your mercy and favours will save me from punishment. (Tadhkirah).

Wa maa tau-feeqee illaa bil-laahi rabbanah di nas-siraa-tal mustaqeema wa hablanaa min indika fah-maddee-nil qaweemi wa'-allim-naa milla-dunka ilma.

Without the favour of God, I have no possibility to have any strength. O my Allah, guide us to the right path and make us to understand this and bless us with special knowledge from you. (Haqiqatul Wahy pg.5)

Wa maa taufeeqee illaa bil-laahi Rabbi an-tiqnaa bil-haqqi waksif alainal haqqa wahdinaa ilaa haqqin mubeen.

I am not in a position to achieve anything without the favour of Almighty God. O my Lord, help me to speak truth, reveal truth to us and guide us to righteousness. (Ruhani Kaza'in Vol. 21 pg. 414).

The Promised Messiah (as) explained that after being tired and fed-up from the bad language of the opponents, he stopped talking to them and fell down in *Sajdah* (prostration) and invoked this prayer to his Almighty God in total humility:

Yaa Rabbinsur abdaka wakh-dhul a'daa'-aka istajibnee yaa Rabbi istajibnee, ilaama yustahza-u bika wa bi-Rassuulika, wa hatta ma yukadh-dhi-boona kitaabaka wa ya subbuuna nabiiyaka astagheethu birahmatika, ya Hayyu ya Qayyuumu ya Mu'een.

O my Lord, grant victory to your servant, disgrace your opponents. O my Lord, listen to my prayers and accept them. For how long these people will keep making jokes with You and Your prophet? For how long they will keep rejecting Your Book and use bad language against the Prophet? O Everlasting God I submit this for Your mercy. (Aina Kamalaat Islam, pg. 569).

Rabbi laa tadayy'i umuree wa 'umura-haa wah-faznee min kulli aafatin tursalu ilayya.

O my Lord, do not allow my and her life being wasted. Protect me from all the difficulties which are directed toward me. (Tadhkirah pg. 611).

Min sharri ghaa-si-qin idhaa waqab.

I seek refuge of Almighty God from the dark night. (Tadhkirah pg. 82)

ie-lee ie-lee lima sa-baq-taanee.

O my Lord, O my Lord, why have you deserted me ? (Tadhkirah pg. 245)

ie-lee ie-lee lima sa-baq-taanee ie-lee awas.

O my Lord, O my Lord, why have you deserted me ? O my God bless me with Your rewards. (Tadhkirah pg. 91)

Alhamdu Lillaa hilladhee adh-haba annil hazana wa attaanee maa-lam yu'ta ahadun-minal aalameen.

All praise belong to Allah, Who has removed my worries and gave me those things which have not been given to anybody else. (Tadhkirah pg. 186)

I end with these prayers of Hazrat Massih Ma'ud (as) in his book Aina Kamalaat Islam, pg. 213:

O Merciful God, we desperately need Your Mercy. O Provider, we desperately need Your Guidance. Blessed is the day when You Guidance will be revealed. Blessed is that moment, when Your victory will be declared.

Tawak-kalna alaika wa laa hawla wa laa quwwata illa-bika wa antal aliyyul azeem.

We have full trust in You, nobody has the power or strength except You. You are High and Exalted.

Like the Promised Messiah (as) said: *Prayer is like a sweet spring, where a Muslim is sitting and can drink as much as he likes to satisfy his thirst whenever he wishes. As a fish cannot survive without water, similarly, a Muslim cannot survive without his prayers.* (Malfoozat Vol. 4 pg. 13)

Insha-Allah, next Friday my sermon shall be on the *duahs* found in the Holy Quran.

May Allah bless us all with a deep knowledge of His Book, the Quran, the Sunnah of His Beloved Prophet Hazrat Muhammad (pbuh) and the treasure of spirituality which He has bestowed upon His choicest servants since the dawn of time. *Ameen.*