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Qur'anic verses and ahadith on the merits of reciting Salatul Layl. Includes method of recitation along with Arabic and English along with a rich collection of basic and additional supplications given to us by the Ahlul Bayt (a) that can be recited along with the prayer itself.

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Preface

This book is a republication of our earlier book on Salatul Layl. With the *Tawfiq* of Allah, we have been able to improve the format and the content so as to make the book both easier to use and more comprehensive. We hope the changes will benefit all Mu'mineen.

The book now includes many more du'as for Salat ul Layl which have been taught to us by the Ma'sumeen (a). These du'as are derived from authentic sources of du'as listed in the Bibliography. It is hoped that Mu'mineen will recite some of these du'as and relish the beauty of these supplications.

We pray that the Almighty may give us the chance to be from among those who recite Salat ul Layl regularly.

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Introduction

The remembrance of Allah is the greatest deed of the human being. It elevates his life, brings him peace and happiness, and enables him to fulfill the real mission of his life in this world. When Allah describes believers in the Holy Qur'an, He says; *Those who believe and whose hearts are set at rest by the remembrance of Allah,*

now surely by Allah's remembrance are the hearts set at rest. (13:28).

The Holy Prophet (s) has said: *There is no action more beloved to Allah, and nothing that saves man so well from the evil of this world and the Hereafter, than the remembrance of Allah.*

Among the ways of remembering Allah is waking up at night for Salat ul Layl. As explained in the following pages, the Holy Qur'an and Hadith have much to say about this very important part of the worship of a believer. Its merits and effects are tremendous. One who recites Salat ul Layl regularly is following the path of the Prophets and the Ma'sumeen (a).

Salat ul Layl has a basic method which is explained in this book. It also has many du'as that can be recited with it, some of which are included in this book. These are beautiful du'as with profound meaning. Although it is difficult to have time to recite all these du'as, it is possible to recite some of them at some times. Even portions of these du'as may be read.

The du'as have been divided into:

- a) Basic Du'as – du'as that are recommended to be recited often during Salat ul Layl.
- b) Additional Du'as – even more du'as recited by Ma'sumeen (a) in Salat ul Layl are included in this section for recitation if time permits.

There is no doubt that these du'as, if recited with understanding and reflection, can greatly enhance our experience of reciting Salat ul Layl.

May the Almighty help us to recite Salat Layl in the way it should be recited.

Holy Qur'an on Salat Layl

There are many verses of the Holy Qur'an which talk about the importance of Salat Layl. These verses describe it as the practice of the pious people, and the means to attain closeness to Allah. Those who wish to attain this nearness forego a part of their sleep, and wake up early to seek forgiveness from Allah. They sacrifice their sleep and comfort for the pleasure of reciting Salat Layl.

In many verses of the Qur'an, Allah enjoins the rising by the night for glorification and worship of Allah. He says:

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَسَبِّحْهُ وَإِدْبَارَ النُّجُومِ

And in the night, give Him glory too, and at the setting of the stars (52:49)

He also says:

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَاسْجُدْ لَهُ وَسَبِّحْهُ لَيْلًا طَوِيلًا

And during part of the night adore Him, and give glory to Him (for a) long (part of the) night (76:26)

Allah says about those who rise at night:

كَانُوا قَلِيلًا مِّنَ اللَّيْلِ مَا يَهْجَعُونَ

وَبِالْأَسْحَارِ هُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ

They used to sleep but little in the night. And in the early part of the morning they asked

forgiveness. (51: 16-17)

In another verse He says:

تَتَجَافَى جُنُوبُهُمْ عَنِ الْمَضَاجِعِ يَدْعُونَ رَبَّهُمْ خَوْفًا وَطَمَعًا وَمِمَّا رَزَقْنَاهُمْ يُنْفِقُونَ
فَلَا تَعْلَمُ نَفْسٌ مَّا أُخْفِيَ لَهُمْ مِّن قُرَّةِ أَعْيُنٍ جَزَاءً بِمَا كَانُوا يَعْمَلُونَ

Their sides draw away from (their) beds, they call upon their Lord in fear and in hope, and they spend (benevolently) out of what We have given them So no soul knows what is hidden for them of that which will refresh the eyes; a reward for what they did. (32: 16-17)

Therefore, the reward for those who rise by night to glorify Allah cannot be described. As the Holy Prophet (s) has said: *There is no good deed except that its reward has been outlined in the Qur'an, except Salatul Layl. Almighty Allah has not specified its reward due to its greatness with Him.*

In yet another verse Allah describes the effect of reciting Salatul Layl for the believer. He says:

وَمِنَ اللَّيْلِ فَتَهَجَّدْ بِهِ نَافِلَةً لَّكَ عَسَىٰ أَن يَبْعَثَكَ رَبُّكَ مَقَامًا مَّحْمُودًا

And during a part of the night, pray Tahajjud beyond what is incumbent on you; maybe your Lord will raise you to a position of great glory. (17:79)

In this verse Almighty Allah describes the extraordinary spiritual effects of reciting Salatul layl. It raises the human being to *Maqame Mahmood*, a position of glory and praise. It is an elevated position with Allah, one that few people can attain.

During the day numerous affairs occupy the time and mind of the human being. In the midst of all this preoccupation, it is difficult to have the peace of mind and heart so necessary for good worship. But at night when it is dark and silent, when the demands of the material world are quiet for a while, the human being can acquire a tranquil state which allows him to be in harmony with his Creator.

It is at this time that the human being acquires a special state of mind and energy which is very conducive to increasing his spirituality and strengthening the connection with his Creator. That is why the friends of Allah, and those who seek nearness to Him, always make the most of the last part of the night. They purify their souls, enliven their hearts, strengthen their will, and perfect their sincerity, through worship at this special time.

Salatul Layl is thus one of the most effective ways of achieving closeness to Allah. That is why Allah

says in Sura al-Muzammil (#73):

إِنَّ نَاشِئَةَ اللَّيْلِ هِيَ أَشَدُّ وَطْءًا وَأَقْوَمُ قِيلاً

Surely the rising by night is the firmest way to tread and the best corrective of speech. (73:6)

Hadith on Salat Layl

There are many hadith that emphasize the importance of Salat Layl. Some of them are as follows.

1. *Three things bring happiness to the heart of a believer:*

a) *Meeting brethren in faith*

b) *Breaking the fast*

c) *Waking up in the later part of the night for Salat Layl*

Holy Prophet (s)

2. *Jibrael continued to advise me about staying up at night until I thought that the virtuous ones of my Ummah do not sleep.*

Holy Prophet (s)

3. *The honor and greatness of a believer lies in his praying at night.*

Imam as-Sadiq (a)

4. *I detest that a man who has recited the Qur'an, wakes up at night but does not rise until the morning when he wakes up for Salaat of Subh.*

Imam as-Sadiq (a)

5. *Allah says; "Wealth and children are an ornament of the life of this world" (18:46), but the eight raka'ats recited by a servant at the end of the night are an ornament of the Hereafter.*

Imam as-Sadiq (a)

6. *Two raka'ats of prayer recited in the darkness of the night are more beloved to me than the world and all that is in it.*

Holy Prophet (s)

7. *The rising by night is healthy for the bodies.*

Imam Ali (a)

8. *Salatul Layl brightens the faces, makes the night pleasant, and attracts sustenance.*

Imam as-Sadiq (a)

9. *When the servant of Allah turns to his Lord in the middle of the dark night, and whispers to Him, Allah establishes His light in his heart . . . then He tells the angels: O my angels, look at my servant. He has turned to Me in the middle of the dark night while the false ones are playing, and the heedless ones are sleeping; bear witness that I have forgiven him.*

Holy Prophet (s)

10. *Whoever has been granted the chance to recite Salat Layl, a male servant or a female one, and he(or she) rises for Allah sincerely, does proper wudhu , prays salaah for Allah with a true intention, a sound heart, a humble body and a tearful eye, Allah will place behind him nine rows of angels. The number of angels in each row cannot be counted except by Allah. One side of each row is in the East, and the other is in the West. Then when he completes his prayer, he gets the reward of all of the angels in the rows.*

Holy Prophet (s)

11. There is no good deed except that its reward has been outlined in the Qur'an, except the Salat Layl. Almighty Allah has not specified its reward due to its greatness with Him. He says (about the reward of those who recite Salat Layl):

So no soul knows what is hidden for them of that which will refresh the eyes; a reward for what they did. (32: 17)

Holy Prophet (s)

12. A man came to Imam Ali (a) and said: *I have been denied the chance to recite Salat Layl.* The Imam replied: *Your sins have prevented you.*

13. *Whoever tells himself he will wake up for Salat Layl but sleeps through the time, his sleep will be charity and the reward of what he intended will be written for him.*

Holy Prophet (s)

14. *Do not disregard the reciting of Salat Layl, for the one who is denied Salat Layl is in a great loss.*

Imam as-Sadiq (a)

Salatul Layl

The time for Salat Layl begins after midnight until the time for Fajr (morning) prayers. The best time for it is as close to the Fajr prayer as possible. When there is not enough time, it is recommended to at least recite the last three raka'ats, or even just the last rak'ah of Salat Witr.

Salatul Layl consists of a total of 11 raka'ats, divided into the following prayers:

1. Nafilah of Layl: 8 raka'ats (4 x 2 raka'ats)
2. Salât al-Shaf'a: 2 raka'ats
3. Salat al-Witr: 1 raka'at

Method

The foundation of the prayer consists of the 11 raka'ats. In addition, there are a variety of surahs and supplications that have been recommended for recitation during these raka'ats. What follows is the description of one of the ways that has been recommended.

Additional supplications are also included. Please also refer to the section on *Salatul Layl* in *Al-Baqiyat al-Salihah* (commonly found on the margins of or as an appendix to *Mafatihul Jinan*) for other variations.

Nafilah of Layl

The 8 raka'ats of Nafilah are divided into four prayers of two raka'ats each. With the intention of reciting two raka'ats of Salat Layl, recite two raka'ats like the Fajr prayer.

After Sura al-Hamd it is recommended to recite al-Ikhlâs (#112) in the first raka'at and Sura al-Kafirun (#109) in the second raka'at. Qunut is recommended in the second raka'at and can simply consist of saying a salawat only or *subhanallah* three times.

In the other salats of Nafilah of Layl, any small surahs can be recited after Sura al-Hamd. It is also permissible to omit the second surah after Surat al-Hamd during these raka'ats.

Sura al-Kafirun (#109)

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

قُلْ يَا أَيُّهَا الْكَافِرُونَ لَا أَعْبُدُ مَا تَعْبُدُونَ

وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عَابِدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ وَلَا أَنَا عَابِدٌ مَّا عَبَدْتُمْ

وَلَا أَنْتُمْ عَابِدُونَ مَا أَعْبُدُ لَكُمْ دِينُكُمْ وَلِيَ دِينِ

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful

Say: O unbelievers

I do not serve that which you serve

Nor do you serve Him Whom I serve

Nor am I going to serve that which you serve

Nor are you going to serve Him Whom I serve

You shall have your religion and I shall have my religion.

Salat al-Shaf'a

This is a two rak'at prayer, and there is no qunoot in it.

1st raka'at: Recite Sura an Nas after al-Hamd.

2nd raka'at: Recite Sura al-Falaq after al-Hamd.

Sura al-Falaq (#113)

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

قُلْ اَعُوْذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ ، مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ ،

وَمِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ اِذَا وَقَبَ ، وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ ، وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ اِذَا
حَسَدَ

In the name of Allâh the Beneficent, the Merciful.

Say: I seek refuge with (Allâh) the Lord of the daybreak

From the evil of what He has created;

And from the evil of the dark night as it comes into darkness

And from the evil of those who blow in knots
And from the evil of the envier when he envies.

Sura an-Nas (#114)

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

قُلْ اَعُوْذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ ، مَلِكِ النَّاسِ ، اِلٰهِ النَّاسِ ،

مِن شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ ، الَّذِي يُوَسْوِسُ فِي صُدُوْرِ النَّاسِ ، مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَ
النَّاسِ

In the Name of Allâh, the Beneficent, the Merciful.
Say: I seek refuge with (Allâh) the Lord of mankind
The King of mankind
The God of mankind
From the evil of the whisperer who withdraws
Who whispers in the hearts of mankind,
From among the jinns and men.

Salatul Witr

This is a one rak'ah prayer. The following surahs are recited after Sura al-Hamd.
Sura al-Ikhlâs (#112) 3 times
Sura al-Falaq (#113) 1 time
Sura an-Nas (#114) 1 time

Qunut of Salatut Witr

After completing the Surahs recite Qunut in the following manner. It is highly emphasized to be humble and tearful in Salatut Witr. Raise the left hand for asking forgiveness and use the right for holding a tasbeeh. Some recommended duas are as follows.

a) Recite the following du'a

(See also the longer version of this du'a: Du'a Qunut for Salatut Layl)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَاوَاتِ السَّبْعِ

وَرَبِّ الْأَرْضِينَ السَّبْعِ

وَمَا فِيهِنَّ وَمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ وَمَا فَوْقَهُنَّ وَمَا تَحْتَهُنَّ

رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ وَسَلَامٌ عَلَى الْمُرْسَلِينَ

وَ الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent the merciful

There is no god except Allah

the Forbearing, the Generous

There is no god except Allah

the High the Almighty

Glory be to Allah

Lord of the seven heavens

and Lord of the seven earths

and whatever is in them, and between them

and above them and below them,

Lord of the Mighty Throne.

Peace be on the Messengers.

All praise is for Allah Lord of the worlds.

O Allah bless Muhammad and his pure family.

b) Recite 70 times this prayer for forgiveness

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَبِّي وَ أَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

I seek forgiveness of Allah my Lord and I turn to Him

c) Ask for the forgiveness of forty believers, men and women, who have died or are living, by repeating forty times:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي

O' Allah, forgive

Fill in the names of believers. Apart from relatives and friends, it is recommended to remember the Ulama (Scholars) who have served and propagated Islam. If it is not possible to name forty believers, name as many as possible and then say:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ

O Allah forgive all believers, male and female

Then say:

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ الَّذِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لَجَمِيعِ ظُلْمِي وَ جُرْمِي وَ إِسْرَافِي
عَلَى نَفْسِي وَ أَتُوبُ إِلَيْهِ

I seek forgiveness of Allah, He who there is no god but He, the Ever living, the subsisting, from all my oppressions and my sins and my excesses on my soul, and I turn (repentant) to Him

d) Repeat seven times:

هَذَا مَقَامُ الْعَائِدِ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ

This is the position of one who seeks refuge in You from the fire

e) Say three hundred times: أَلْعَفُوْ

(I ask for Your) pardon

Then say:

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَ ارْحَمْنِي وَ تُبْ عَلَيَّ

إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ الرَّحِيمُ

My Lord, forgive me and have mercy on me, and turn to me Surely You are the Oft-returning, the Merciful

Basic Du'as

Du'a before beginning Salatul Layl

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَتَوَجَّهُ إِلَيْكَ بِنَبِيِّكَ

نَبِيِّ الرَّحْمَةِ وَآلِهِ

وَأُقَدِّمُهُمْ بَيْنَ يَدَيَّ حَوَائِجِي

فَاجْعَلْنِي بِهِمْ وَجِيهًا

فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ

وَ مِنْ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ

اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْنِي بِهِمْ

English translation of Du'a before beginning Salat Layl

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family

O Allah I turn to You through Your Prophet

the Prophet of mercy

and (through) his family

and I place them in front of my needs

so make me
through them,
respected, in the world
and in the hereafter
and from the near ones
O Allah have mercy on me
through them

وَلَا تُعَذِّبْنِي بِهِمْ

وَ اِهْدِنِي بِهِمْ

وَلَا تُضِلَّنِي بِهِمْ

وَ ارْزُقْنِي بِهِمْ

وَلَا تَحْرِمْنِي بِهِمْ

وَ اقْضِ لِي حَوَائِجَ الدُّنْيَا وَ الْآخِرَةِ

إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

وَ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ عَلِيمٌ

and do not punish me
through them
and guide me
through them
and do not lead me astray
through them
and grant me sustenance
through them
and do not deny me
through them
and fulfill my needs
of the world and the hereafter
Surely You have power over all things
and (You) are aware of all things

Du'a after 8 raka'ats of Nafilah of Layl

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰی مُحَمَّدٍ وَّ اٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

اَللّٰهُمَّ اَنْتَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّوْمُ

اَلْعَلِیُّ الْعَظِیْمُ

اَلْخَالِقُ الرَّازِقُ الْمُحِیُّ الْمُمِیْتُ

اَلْبَدِیُّ اَلْبَدِیْعُ

لَكَ الْكَرَمُ وَ لَكَ الْجُودُ

وَ لَكَ الْمَنُّ وَ لَكَ الْأَمْرُ

وَ حُدُكَ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ

English translation of Du'a after 8 raka'ats of Nafilah of Layl

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family

O Allah You are the Ever Living, the Eternal

the Elevated, the Mighty

the Creator, the Sustainer

the One who gives life

and the One who causes to die

the Beginner, the Unique

For You is nobility

and for You is generosity

and for You is grace

and for You is the command

You are One

there is no partner for You

يَا خَالِقُ يَا رَازِقُ

يَا مُحْيِي يَا مُمِيتُ

يَا بَدِيعُ يَا رَفِيعُ

أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

وَأَنْ تَرْحَمَ ذُلَّ بَيْنِ يَدَيْكَ

وَتَضَرُّعِي إِلَيْكَ

وَحَشْتِي مِنَ النَّاسِ

وَأُنْسِي بِكَ

O Creator, O Sustainer
O the One who gives life
and the One who causes to die
O the Unique, the Sublime
I ask you to bless Muhammad and his family
and to have mercy on my lowliness
before You
and my beseeching You
and my loneliness from people
and my intimacy with You

Du'a after Salat al-Shaf'a

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

اِلٰهِي تَعَرَّضَ لَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ الْمُتَعَرِّضُونَ

وَ قَصَدَكَ فِيهِ الْقَاصِدُونَ

وَ اَمَّلَ فَضْلَكَ وَ مَعْرُوفَكَ الطَّالِبُونَ

وَ لَكَ فِي هَذَا اللَّيْلِ نَفَحَاتُ

وَ جَوَائِزُ وَ عَطَايَا وَ مَوَاهِبُ

تَمَنُّ بِهَا عَلٰى مَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ

وَ تَمْنَعُهَا مَنْ لَمْ تَسْبِقْ لَهُ الْعِنَايَةَ مِنْكَ

English translation of Du'a after Salat al-Shaf'a

In the name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family

O Allah, on this night

the seekers have sought You

and the aspirers have aspired for You

and the searchers have hoped

for Your blessings and grace

For You have in this night, hidden bounties
and rewards and presents and gifts
which You bestow upon whom you please
from Your servants
and You deny them to one who has not reached Your regard

وَهَا أَنَا ذَا عُبَيْدِكَ الْفَقِيرُ إِلَيْكَ

الْمُؤْمِلُ فَضْلَكَ وَ مَعْرُوفَكَ

فَإِنْ كُنْتَ يَا مَوْلَايَ تَفَضَّلْتَ فِي هَذِهِ اللَّيْلَةِ

عَلَى أَحَدٍ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ

وَ عُدْتَ عَلَيْهِ بِعَائِدَةٍ مِنْ عَطْفِكَ

فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

الطَّيِّبِينَ الطَّاهِرِينَ

الْخَيْرِينَ الْفَاضِلِينَ

وَ جُدُّ عَلِيٍّ بِطَوْلِكَ وَ مَعْرُوفِكَ

يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ

Here I am,
Your abject servant
in need of You
hopeful of Your blessings and grace
So, O my Master
if You have bestowed blessings
on this night
on anyone of Your creatures
and turned to him with affection
then bless Muhammad and his family
the pure, the purified,
the virtuous ones
the excellent ones
and favor me with Your grace and bounty
O Lord of the worlds

وَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ

وَ آلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَ سَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا

إِنَّ اللَّهَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَدْعُوكَ كَمَا أَمَرْتَ

فَاسْتَجِبْ لِي كَمَا وَعَدْتَ

إِنَّكَ لَا تُخْلِفُ الْمِيعَادَ

And send blessings on Muhammad
the seal of the Prophets
and his family, the Purified
and salute them with
a perfect salutation
Surely Allah is praiseworthy, Glorious
O Allah I have supplicated to You
as You have commanded
then answer me as You have promised
Surely You do not break Your promises.

Du'a after Salatul Witr

This du'a is called Du'a al-Hazeen, the sorrowful du'a. It should be recited softly and sorrowfully

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

أُنَاجِيكَ يَا مَوْجُودًا فِي كُلِّ مَكَانٍ

لَعَلَّكَ تَسْمَعُ نِدَائِي

فَقَدْ عَظُمَ جُرْمِي وَ قَلَّ حَيَائِي

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ

أَيُّ الْأَهْوَالِ أَتَذَكَّرُ وَ أَيُّهَا أَنْسَى

وَ لَوْ لَمْ يَكُنْ إِلَّا الْمَوْتُ لَكَفَى

كَيْفَ وَ مَا بَعْدَ الْمَوْتِ أَعْظَمُ وَ أَدْهَى

English translation of Du'a after Salatul Witr

In the name of Allah, The Beneficent, the Merciful

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family

I whisper unto You

O one who is present in every place

so that You may hear my call

for surely my sin is excessive

and my shame is less

My Master, O my Master

which of the terrifying states shall I remember

and which of them shall I forget

for if there was nothing except death

it would be enough

then what about after death

greater and much worse?

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ حَتَّى مَتَى وَ إِلَى مَتَى

أَقُولُ لَكَ الْعُتْبَى مَرَّةً بَعْدَ أُخْرَى

ثُمَّ لَا تَجِدُ عِنْدِي صِدْقًا وَ لَا وِفَاءً

فِيَا غَوْنَاهُ ثُمَّ وََا غَوْنَاهُ بِكَ يَا اللَّهُ

مِنْ هَوَى قَدْ غَلَبَنِي

وَ مِنْ عَدُوٍّ قَدْ اسْتَكَلَبَ عَلَيَّ

وَ مِنْ دُنْيَا قَدْ تَزَيَّنَتْ لِي

وَ مِنْ نَفْسٍ أَمَّارَةٍ بِالسُّوءِ إِلَّا مَا رَحِمَ رَبِّي

مَوْلَايَ يَا مَوْلَايَ

إِنْ كُنْتَ رَحِمْتَ مِثْلِي فَارْحَمْنِي

My master O my Master
up to when and till when
will I say, I am to blame,
again and again,
but then You do not find any truth or loyalty in me?

I call for help
and I call for help, O Allah
from desires which have overpowered me
and from the enemy which has pounced on me
and from the world which attracts me
and from **the soul that leads towards evil except that on which my Lord has mercy (12:53)**

My master O my master
if You have had mercy on the likes of me
then have mercy on me

وَإِنْ كُنْتَ قَبِلْتَ مِثْلِي فَأَقْبَلْنِي

يَا قَابِلَ السَّحَرَةِ اقْبَلْنِي

يَا مَنْ لَمْ أَزَلْ أَتَعَرَّفُ مِنْهُ الْحُسْنَى

يَا مَنْ يُغَذِّيَنِي بِالنِّعَمِ صَبَاحًا وَ مَسَاءً

ارْحَمْنِي يَوْمَ آتِيكَ فَرْدًا

شَاخِصًا إِلَيْكَ بَصْرِي مُقَلِّدًا عَمَلِي

قَدْ تَبَرَّأَ جَمِيعُ الْخَلْقِ مِنِّي

نَعَمْ وَ أَبِي وَ أُمِّي وَ مَنْ كَانَ لَهُ كَدِّي وَ سَعْيِي

فَإِنْ لَمْ تَرْحَمْنِي فَمَنْ يَرْحَمُنِي

وَ مَنْ يُؤْنِسُ فِي الْقَبْرِ وَحْشَتِي

and if You have accepted from the likes of me
then accept from me
O One who accepts the early morning prayer
accept me,
O One who, I still know only good from Him
O One who nourishes me with blessings
morning and evening
have mercy on me when I come to You
alone,
my glance fixed on You
my actions carried on my neck
When all of creation
will withdraw away from me
yes, even my father and mother
and those for whom I worked and struggled
then if You will not have mercy on me
who will have mercy on me
who will give me solace
from the loneliness of the grave

وَ مَنْ يُنْطِقُ لِسَانِي إِذَا خَلَوْتُ بِعَمَلِي

وَ سَأَلْتَنِي عَمَّا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنِّي

فَإِنْ قُلْتُ نَعَمْ فَأَيْنَ الْمَهْرَبُ مِنْ عَدْلِكَ

وَ إِنْ قُلْتُ لَمْ أَفْعَلْ

قُلْتَ أَلَمْ أَكُنِ الشَّاهِدَ عَلَيْكَ

فَعَفُوكَ عَفُوكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ قَبْلَ سَرَابِيلِ الْقَطِرَانَ

عَفُوكَ عَفُوكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ قَبْلَ جَهَنَّمَ وَ النَّيِّرَانَ

عَفُوكَ عَفُوكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ

قَبْلَ أَنْ تُغَلَّ الْأَيْدِي إِلَى الْأَعْنَاقِ

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ وَ خَيْرَ الْغَافِرِينَ

and who will make me speak
when I am alone with my deeds
and when You will ask me
about what You know better than me?

Then if I say yes (to my sins)
where will be the escape from Your Justice?
And if I say I did not commit it
You will say was I not a witness over you?
So (I beseech) Your Forgiveness
Your Pardon
O my master
before the wearing of the clothes of Hell
Your Forgiveness Your Pardon O my Master
before the Hell and the Fire
Your Forgiveness Your Forgiveness
O my Master
before the hands are tied to the necks
O the most Merciful
and the best of Forgivers

Additional Du'as

Du'a before Salat Layl

This is a beautiful du'a which Imam Zaynul 'Abidin (a) used to recite before he began Salat Layl.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

إِلَهِي غَارَتْ نُجُومُ سَمَائِكَ

وَ نَامَتْ عِيُونُ أَنَامِكَ

وَ هَدَاتُ أَصْوَاتُ عِبَادِكَ وَ أَنْعَامِكَ

وَ غَلَّقَتِ الْمُلُوكُ عَلَيْهَا أَبْوَابَهَا

وَ طَافَ عَلَيْهَا حُرَّاسُهَا

وَ احْتَجَبُوا عَمَّنْ يَسْأَلُهُمْ حَاجَةً

English translation of Du'a before Salatul Layl

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful
O Allah bless Muhammad and his family
My God, the stars of Your sky have sunk
and the eyes of Your people are sleeping
and the voices of Your servants
and Your animals
have become silent
and the kings have locked their doors
and its guards are moving around it
and they are covered
from he who wishes to ask them for a need

أَوْ يَنْتَجِعُ مِنْهُمْ فَائِدَةً

وَ أَنْتَ إِلَهِي حَيٌّ قَيُّومٌ

لَا تَأْخُذُكَ سِنَةٌ وَ لَا نَوْمٌ

وَلَا يَشْغُوكَ شَيْءٌ عَنِ شَيْءٍ

أَبْوَابُ سَمَائِكَ لِمَنْ دَعَاكَ مُفْتَحَاتٌ

وَخَزَائِنُكَ غَيْرُ مَغْلَقَاتٍ

وَأَبْوَابُ رَحْمَتِكَ غَيْرُ مَحْجُوبَاتٍ

وَفَوَائِدُكَ لِمَنْ سَأَلَكَ غَيْرُ مَحْظُورَاتٍ

بَلْ هِيَ مَبْدُولَاتٌ

أَنْتَ إِلَهِي الْكَرِيمُ

or to get a benefit from them

But You my God, are **Ever Living, Subsistent, slumber or sleep does not overtake you (2:255)**

and one thing does not occupy You from another

the doors of Your sky are open

for he who asks You

and Your treasures are never locked

and the doors of Your mercy are never covered

and Your benefits are never forbidden

for he who asks You

rather they are given generously

You are my God, the Generous

الَّذِي لَا تَرُدُّ سَائِلًا مِّنَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ سَأَلَكَ

وَلَا تَحْتَجِبُ عَنْ أَحَدٍ مِنْهُمْ أَرَادَكَ

لَا وَ عِزَّتِكَ وَ جَلَالِكَ وَ لَا تُخْتَزَلُ حَوَائِجَهُمْ دُونَكَ وَ لَا يَقْضِيهَا أَحَدٌ غَيْرُكَ

اللَّهُمَّ وَ قَدْ تَرَانِي وَ وُقُوفِي

وَ ذُلِّ مَقَامِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ وَ تَعْلَمُ سِرِّي

وَ تَطَّلِعُ عَلَيَّ مَا فِي قَلْبِي

وَ مَا يَصْلِحُ بِهِ أَمْرُ آخِرَتِي وَ دُنْيَايَ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ ذِكْرَ الْمَوْتِ وَ أَهْوَالَ الْمَطْلَعِ

وَالْوُقُوفَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

who does not turn away a beseecher
who asks from You
and You do not conceal Yourself
from anyone of the believers

who intends You
No, by Your Honor and Your Majesty
no one removes their needs
other than You
and no one fulfills their needs apart from You

O Allah You see me,
and my standing (before You)
and my humble position in front of You
and You know my secrets
and are aware of what is in my heart
and of what will improve my affairs
of the Hereafter and the world

O Allah, the remembrance of death
and the frightening conditions of the observer
and standing before You

نَغِّصْنِي مَطْعَمِي وَ مَشْرَبِي

وَ أَغْصِنِي بِرِيقِي أَقْلَقْنِي عَنْ وَسَادِي

وَ مَنْعْنِي رُقَادِي

كَيْفَ يَنَامُ مَنْ يَخَافُ مَلَكَ الْمَوْتِ

فِي طَوَارِقِ اللَّيْلِ وَ طَوَارِقِ النَّهَارِ

بَلْ كَيْفَ يَنَامُ الْعَاقِلُ وَ مَلَكُ الْمَوْتِ لَا يَنَامُ

لَا بِاللَّيْلِ وَلَا بِالنَّهَارِ وَيَطْلُبُ رُوحَهُ بِالْبَيَاتِ

وَفِي آنَاءِ السَّاعَاتِ

أَسْأَلُكَ الرُّوحَ وَالرَّاحَةَ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ

وَالْعَفْوَ عَنِّي حِينَ الْقَاكَ

makes me stay away
from my food and drink
and makes me choke
keeps me away from my pillow
and prevents me from sleeping
How can one sleep
who fears the angel of death?
in the calamities of the night
and the calamities of the day
rather how can an intelligent person sleep
while the angel of death does not sleep
neither at night nor in the day
and seeks his soul in the state of sleep
and in the middle of the hours
I beseech You to give me ease and comfort
at the time of death
and forgiveness when I meet You

Du'a for Qunut of Salat Layl

It is recommended to lengthen the Qunut in the 8 raka'ats of salat Layl, whenever possible. The following Du'a for Qunut in Salat Layl is by Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq (a). It is allowed to use a book in qunut of mustahab prayers.

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

اللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰی مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

اِلٰهِيْ كَيْفَ اَدْعُوْكَ وَ قَدْ عَصَيْتُكَ

وَ كَيْفَ لَا اَدْعُوْكَ وَ قَدْ عَرَفْتُ حُبَّكَ فِيْ قَلْبِيْ

وَ اِنْ كُنْتُ عَاصِيًا

مَدَدْتُ اِلَيْكَ يَدًا بِالذُّنُوْبِ مَمْلُوْءَةً

وَ عَيْنًا بِالرَّجَاۗءِ مَمْدُوْدَةً

English translation of Du'a for Qunut of Salat Layl

In the name of Allah the Beneficent the Merciful

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family

My God, how can I beseech You

when I have disobeyed You

and how can I not beseech You

when I have known Your love in my heart

As I am a sinner

I have stretched my hand to You, full of sins,

and my eyes with stretched out hope

مَوْلَايَ أَنْتَ عَظِيمُ الْعُظَمَاءِ وَ أَنَا أَسِيرُ الْأَسْرَاءِ

أَنَا الْأَسِيرُ بِذَنْبِي الْمُرْتَهَنُ بِجُرْمِي

إِلَهِي لئن طالبتني بذنبي لأطالبنك بكرمك

و لئن طالبتني بجريرتي لأطالبنك بعفوك

و لئن أمرت بي إلى النار لأخبرن أهلها

أني كنت أقول

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ مُحَمَّدٌ رَسُولُ اللَّهِ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ الطَّاعَةَ تَسْرُكُ وَ الْمَعْصِيَةَ لَا تَضُرُّكَ

فَهَبْ لِي مَا يَسْرُكُ وَ اغْفِرْ لِي مَا لَا يَضُرُّكَ

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

My Master, You are the Greatest of the Great
and I am the most wretched of prisoners
I am a prisoner of my sins
a mortgagee of my crimes
My God if You seek me out for my sins
I will seek You out for Your generosity

and if You seek me for my crimes
I will seek You for Your pardon
and if You command me to the Fire
I will inform the people of the Fire
that I used to say **there is no god but Allah (47:19)**

Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah (48:29)

O Allah obedience pleases You
and disobedience does not harm You
so grant me what pleases You
and forgive me what does not harm You
O most Merciful

Du'a after every 2 raka'ats of Nafilah of Layl

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ وَ لَمْ يُسْأَلْ مِثْلَكَ

أَنْتَ مَوْضِعُ مَسْئَلَةِ السَّائِلِينَ

وَ مُنْتَهَى رَغْبَةِ الرَّائِبِينَ

أَدْعُوكَ وَلَمْ يُدْعَ مِثْلَكَ

وَ أَرُغِبُ إِلَيْكَ وَ لَمْ يُرْغَبْ إِلَى مِثْلِكَ

أَنْتَ مُجِيبُ دَعْوَةِ الْمُضْطَرِّينَ

وَ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ

أَسْأَلُكَ بِأَفْضَلِ الْمَسَائِلِ وَ أَنْجَحِهَا وَ أَعْظَمِهَا

English translation of Du'a after every 2 raka'ats of Nafilah of Layl

In the name of Allah

the Beneficent, the Merciful

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family

O Allah I ask from You

and there is none like You who is asked

You are the Object of the seeking of the seekers

and the ultimate aim of the desire of the desirers

I call to You

for there is none like You who is called

and I wish from You

for there is none like You who is wished from

You are the One who answers the call of the distressed, and the most Merciful

I ask You,

by the best of requests

and the most successful of them

and the most mighty of them

يَا اللَّهُ يَا رَحْمَنُ يَا رَحِيمُ

وَبِأَسْمَائِكَ الْحُسْنَى

وَأَمْثَالِكَ الْعُلْيَا وَنِعْمَتِكَ الَّتِي لَا تُحْصَى

وَبِأَكْرَمِ أَسْمَائِكَ وَ أَحَبِّهَا إِلَيْكَ

وَ أَقْرَبِهَا مِنْكَ وَسَيْلَةً

وَ أَشْرَفِهَا عِنْدَكَ مَنْزِلَةً

وَ أَجْزَلِهَا لَدَيْكَ ثَوَابًا

وَ أَسْرَعِهَا فِي الْأُمُورِ إِجَابَةً

وَ بِاسْمِكَ الْمَكْنُونِ الْأَكْبَرِ الْأَعَزِّ الْأَجَلِّ الْأَعْظَمِ الْأَكْرَمِ الَّذِي تُحِبُّهُ وَ تَهْوَاهُ وَ
تَرْضَى بِهِ عَمَّنْ دَعَاكَ

O Allah O Beneficent O Merciful
by Your beautiful names
and Your elevated examples

and Your favors which cannot be counted
and by the most noble of Your names
and the ones You love most
and the ones closest to You in means
and the one most honored with You in status
and most plentiful with You in reward
and ones fastest in getting an answer in the matters
and by Your hidden name
the Greatest, the most Honorable
the most Glorious
the Mighty, the Generous
the one which You like
and the one You want
and the one that makes You pleased
with the one who calls You

فَاسْتَجِبْتَ لَهُ دُعَائِهِ

وَ حَقٌّ عَلَيْكَ أَنْ لَا تُحْرِمَ سَائِلَكَ وَ لَا تُرُدَّهُ

وَ بِكُلِّ اسْمٍ هُوَ لَكَ فِي التَّوْرَاتِ وَ الْإِنْجِيلِ

وَ الزَّبُورِ وَ الْفُرْقَانِ الْعَظِيمِ

وَ بِكُلِّ اسْمٍ دَعَاكَ بِهِ حَمَلَةٌ عَرْشِكَ وَ مَلَائِكَتُكَ

وَ أَنْبِيَائِكَ وَ رُسُلِكَ وَ أَهْلُ طَاعَتِكَ مِنْ خَلْقِكَ

أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

وَ أَنْ تُعَجِّلَ فَرَجَ وَلِيِّكَ وَ تُعَجِّلَ خِزْيَ أَعْدَائِهِ

وَ أَنْ تَفْعَلَ بِي . . . (حَاجَات)

so You answer his prayer
and it is right that You do not deny
the one who asks from you
and do not reject him
and by every name that is with You
in Tawrat and Injil
and Zabur
and the Noble Qur'an
and by every name that
the carriers of Your throne
and the angels
and Your Prophets
and Your Messengers
and the obedient ones from Your creation
have called You with
(I ask) that You bless Muhammad and his family
and that You hasten the appearance of your vicegerent (Wali)
and that You hasten the humiliation of his enemies
and that you do for me.... (ask for your needs)

Du'a for Qunut of Salatul Witr

The Qunut of Salatul Witr should be recited slowly and with a lot of sadness due to one's sins. The following du'a was recited by Imam al-Baqir (a) at the beginning of this Qunut.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْكَرِيمُ

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ السَّمَاوَاتِ السَّبْعِ

وَرَبِّ الْأَرْضِينَ السَّبْعِ

وَمَا فِيهِنَّ وَمَا بَيْنَهُنَّ

وَمَا فَوْقَهُنَّ وَمَا تَحْتَهُنَّ

وَرَبِّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ

English translation of Du'a for Qunut of Salatul Witr

In the name of Allah

the Beneficent, the Merciful

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family

There is no god but Allah

the Forbearing the Noble

There is no god but Allah

the High, the Mighty

Glory be to the Lord of the seven heavens

and the Lord of the seven earths

and what is in them

and what is between them

and what is above them

and what is under them

Lord of the Mighty throne

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ نُورُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

وَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ زَيْنُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

وَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ جَمَالُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

وَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ عِمَادُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

وَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ قَوَامُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ

وَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ صَرِيحُ الْمُسْتَصْرِخِينَ

وَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ غِيَاثُ الْمُسْتَعِيثِينَ

وَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ الْمُفْرِجُ عَنِ الْمَكْرُوبِينَ

وَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ الْمُرَوِّحُ عَنِ الْمَغْمُومِينَ

وَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ مُجِيبُ دَعْوَةِ الْمُضْطَرِّينَ

وَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ إِلَهُ الْعَالَمِينَ

وَ أَنْتَ اللَّهُ الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ

O Allah

You are Allah

the Light of the heavens and the earth

You are Allah

the Ornament of the heavens and the earth

You are Allah

the Beauty of the heavens and the earth

You are Allah

the Pillar of the heavens and the earth

You are Allah

the Support of the heavens and the earth

You are Allah

the Object of those who call out for help

You are Allah

the Helper of those who seek help

You are Allah, the Reliever of those in distress

You are Allah

the one who gives happiness to the grieved

You are Allah, the one who answers the call of the distressed

You are Allah, God of the worlds

You are Allah, the most merciful

Du'a at the end of Qunut of Salatul Witr

بِسْمِ اللّٰهِ الرَّحْمٰنِ الرَّحِیْمِ

اَللّٰهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلٰی مُحَمَّدٍ وَ اٰلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

سَيِّدِي سَيِّدِي

هٰذِهِ يَدَايِ قَدْ مَدَدْتُهُمَا اِلَيْكَ

بِالذُّنُوْبِ مَمْلُوْءَةً

وَ عَيْنَايِ بِالرَّجَاۗءِ مَمْدُوْدَةً

وَ حَقُّ بِمَنْ دَعَاكَ بِالنَّدَمِ تَذُلًا

اَنْ تُجِیْبَهُ بِالكَرَمِ تَفَضُّلاً

English translation of Du'a at the end of Qunut of Salatul Witr

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful

O Allah bless Muhammad and his family

My Master

My Master

I have stretched out these hands to You

full of sins

and my eyes

stretched out with hope

and it is the right of the one who calls You

with regret and humility

that You answer him

with Generosity and Grace

سَيِّدِي أَمِنْ أَهْلِ الشَّقَاءِ خَلَقْتَنِي

فَأَطِيلُ بُكَائِي

أَمْ مِنْ أَهْلِ السَّعَادَةِ خَلَقْتَنِي

فَأُبَشِّرُ رَجَائِي

سَيِّدِي لَوْ أَنَّ عَبْدًا اسْتَطَاعَ الْهَرَبَ

مِنْ مَوْلَاهُ

لَكُنْتُ أَوَّلَ الْهَارِبِينَ مِنْكَ

لَكِنِّي أَعْلَمُ أَنِّي لَا أَفُوتُكَ

إِلَهِي وَ سَيِّدِي

إِرْحَمْنِي مَصْرُوعًا عَلَى الْفِرَاشِ

تُقَلِّبُنِي أَيْدِي أَحِبَّتِي

My master
have You created me from the unfortunate ones
so I should lengthen my weeping?
or have You created me from the fortunate ones
so I should give glad tidings to my hopes?
My master, if a servant was able to escape
from his Master
then I would be the first of those who escape
from You
but I know that I cannot escape You
My God and my master
have mercy on me
when I am lying on my bed [dead]
and the hands of my loved ones turn me

وَ اِرْحَمْنِي مَطْرُوحًا عَلَى الْمُغْتَسَلِ

يُغَسِّلُنِي صَالِحُ جِيرَتِي

وَ ارْحَمْنِي مَحْمُولًا

قَدْ تَنَاوَلَ الْأَقْرَبَاءُ أَطْرَافَ جَنَازَتِي

وَ ارْحَمْ فِي ذَلِكَ الْبَيْتِ الْمُظْلِمِ

وَ حُشَّتِي وَ غُرْبَتِي وَ وَحْدَتِي

have mercy on me
when I am placed on the place of ghusl (washing)
and the virtuous near ones wash me
have mercy on me
when I am being carried
and my relatives have surrounded my coffin
have mercy on me
in that dark house
on my fear, my separation, and my loneliness.

Du'a after rising from ruku' of Salatul Witr

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

هَذَا مَقَامٌ مِنْ حَسَنَاتِهِ نِعْمَةٌ مِنْكَ

وَ شُكْرُهُ ضَعِيفٌ وَ ذَنْبُهُ عَظِيمٌ

وَ لَيْسَ لِدَلِكِ إِلَّا رِفْقٌ وَ رَحْمَةٌ

فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ فِي كِتَابِكَ الْمُنْزَلِ

عَلَى نَبِيِّكَ الْمُرْسَلِ

صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ

English translation of Du'a after rising from ruku' of Salatul Witr

In the name of Allah, the Beneficent, the Merciful
O Allah bless Muhammad and his family
This is the position of one whose good deeds
are (on account) of Your favors
his gratitude is deficient
and his sins are mighty
and there is nothing for him except Your kindness and mercy
for Surely You have said in Your Book
revealed to Your sent Prophet
blessing of Allah be on him and his family

كَانُوا قَلِيلًا مِنَ الَّذِينَ مَا يَهْجَعُونَ

وَ بِالْأَسْحَارِ هُمْ يَسْتَغْفِرُونَ

طَالَ هُجُوعِي

وَ قَلَّ قِيَامِي وَ هَذَا السَّحَرُ

وَ أَنَا أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ لِذُنُوبِي

إِسْتِغْفَارَ مَنْ لَا يَجِدُ لِنَفْسِهِ

ضَرًّا وَ لَا نَفْعًا

وَ لَا مَوْتًا وَ لَا حَيَاةً

وَ لَا نُشُورًا

they slept little of the night and sought forgiveness at dawn (51: 17-18)

my sleep has lengthened

and my rising is less

this dawn

I seek Your forgiveness for my sins

a seeking of forgiveness of one

who does not find for himself any

harm, or benefit, or death, or life, or rising [except from You]

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