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Another responsibility is to supplicate to Allah and thank Him for placing us amongst the lovers, friends, and true Shi'a of the Imam both in this world and the next.

As we know, the only way true success can be achieved in either of the two worlds is through friendship and love for the Imam and to be recognized as his Shi'a.

In this regards, there are many supplications which can be recited, including Du'a al-'Ahd (The Supplication of the Pact)<sup>1</sup> which is as follows:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّ النُّورِ الْعَظِيمِ وَ رَبَّ الْكُرْسِيِّ الرَّفِيعِ وَ رَبَّ الْبَحْرِ الْمَسْجُورِ وَ مُنْزِلَ  
التَّوْرَةِ وَ الْإِنْجِيلِ وَ الزَّبُورِ وَ رَبَّ الظِّلِّ وَ الْحَرُورِ وَ مُنْزِلَ الْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ وَ رَبَّ  
الْمَلَائِكَةِ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ وَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ وَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ

“O’Allah! Lord of the Great Light, Lord of the Exalted Throne, Lord of the tempestuous sea, the Revealer of the Taurat, the Injil and the Zabur; Lord of the shade and the heat; the Revealer of the great Qur`an, Lord of the Honoured Angels, the Prophets and the Messengers.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِوَجْهِكَ الْكَرِيمِ وَبِنُورِ وَجْهِكَ الْمُنِيرِ وَبِمُلْكِكَ الْقَدِيمِ يَا حَيُّ يَا قَيُّوْمُ أَسْأَلُكَ بِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي أَشْرَقَتْ بِهِ السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالْأَرْضُونَ وَبِاسْمِكَ الَّذِي يَصْلُحُ بِهِ الْأَوْلَادُ وَالْآخِرُونَ يَا حَيًّا قَبْلَ كُلِّ حَيٍّ وَيَا حَيًّا بَعْدَ كُلِّ حَيٍّ وَيَا حَيًّا حِينَ لَا حَيٍّ يَا مُحْيِيَ الْمَوْتَى وَبِاسْمِكَ الْأَحْيَاءِ يَا حَيُّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ

O' Allah I ask you by your benevolent countenance and by the illumination of your brilliance and your eternal kingdom. O' the Ever-Living, O' the Self Subsisting! I ask you through your Name by which the heavens and the earth are illuminated, and through your Name by which the predecessors and the successors are reformed.

O' the Ever-Living before any living thing existed, and the Ever-Living even after all life will cease. O' Ever-Living even when there was no life at all, O' One Who gives life to the dead and brings death to the living, O' Ever-Living, there is none worthy of worship except you.

اللَّهُمَّ بَلِّغْ مَوْلَانَا الْإِمَامَ الْهَادِيَ الْمَهْدِيَّ الْقَائِمَ بِأَمْرِكَ صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَى آبَائِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ عَنْ جَمِيعِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَالْمُؤْمِنَاتِ فِي مَشَارِقِ الْأَرْضِ وَمَغَارِبِهَا سَهْلِهَا وَجَبَلِهَا وَبَرِّهَا وَبَحْرِهَا وَعَنِّي وَعَنْ وَالِدِيَّ مِنَ الصَّلَوَاتِ زِنَةَ عَرْشِ اللَّهِ وَ مِدَادَ كَلِمَاتِهِ وَ مَا أَحْصَاهُ عِلْمُهُ وَأَحَاطَ بِهِ كِتَابُهُ

O' Allah, convey to our Master, the Imam, the guide, the guided, the establisher of Your authority, may Your blessings be on him and his pure forefathers, from all the believing men and women, in the east and the west of the world, in the plains and on the mountains, on the lands and in the sea, and from me and my parents, the blessings that are equal in weight to the Throne of Allah, the ink of His words and such as only encompassed by His knowledge and covered by His book.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أُجَدِّدُ لَهُ فِي صَبِيحَةِ يَوْمِي هَذَا وَ مَا عِشْتُ مِنْ أَيَّامِي عَهْدًا وَ عَقْدًا وَ بَيْعَةً لَهُ فِي عُنُقِي لَا أَحُولُ عَنْهَا وَ لَا أَزُولُ أَبَدًا

O' Allah, I renew on the dawn of this day and all the remaining days of my life, my pledge, covenant and allegiance to him, which I shall neither contravene, nor neglect ever.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنْ أَنْصَارِهِ وَ أَعْوَانِهِ وَ الذَّابِّينَ عَنْهُ وَ الْمُسَارِعِينَ إِلَيْهِ فِي قَضَائِهِ

حَوَائِجِهِ وَ الْمُؤْتَمِّتِينَ لِأَوْامِرِهِ وَ الْمُحَامِينَ عَنْهُ وَ السَّابِقِينَ إِلَى إِرَادَتِهِ وَ  
الْمُسْتَشْهَدِينَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْهِ

O' Allah include me among his helpers, supporters, protectors, those fulfilling his commands, his defenders, the fore-runners to carry out his wishes and those to be martyred in his presence.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ حَالَ بَيْنِي وَ بَيْنَهُ الْمَوْتُ الَّذِي جَعَلْتَهُ عَلَى عِبَادِكَ حَتْمًا مَقْضِيًّا  
فَأَخْرِجْنِي مِنْ قَبْرِي مُؤْتَرًّا كَفْنِي، شَاهِرًا سَيْفِي، مُجَرِّدًا قَنَاتِي، مُلَبِّيًا دَعْوَةَ  
الدَّاعِي فِي الْحَاضِرِ وَ الْبَادِي

O' Allah should death come between me and his reappearance the death which You have made inevitable on your servants then bring me out from my grave covered in my shroud, my sword unsheathed, my spear poised, responding to the call of the caller in the cities and the deserts.

اللَّهُمَّ أَرِنِي الطَّلْعَةَ الرَّشِيدَةَ وَ الْغُرَّةَ الْحَمِيدَةَ وَ الْكُحْلَ نَاطِرِي بِنَظْرَةٍ مَنِّي إِلَيْهِ وَ  
عَجْلَ فَرَجِهِ وَ سَهْلَ مَخْرَجِهِ وَ أَوْسَعَ مَنَهْجِهِ وَ اسْأَلْكَ بِي مَحَجَّتَهُ وَ أَنْفِذْ أَمْرَهُ  
وَ اشْدُدْ أَرْزَهُ

O' Allah grace me with a sight of the appearance of one rightly guided and the finest of the praise-worthy, and cool my eyes with a glance towards him, and hasten his return; ease his re-appearance; widen his course; lead me onto his path; cause his orders to be executed, and strengthen his back.

وَاعْمُرِ اللَّهُمَّ بِهِ بِلَادَكَ وَ أَحْيِي بِهِ عِبَادَكَ فَإِنَّكَ قُلْتَ وَ قَوْلُكَ الْحَقُّ ۚ ظَهَرَ الْفَسَادُ  
فِي الْبَرِّ وَ الْبَحْرِ بِمَا كَسَبَتْ أَيْدِي النَّاسِ ۚ

**O' Allah populate your cities through him and revive your servants by him, for indeed you have said and your words are true: "Corruption has appeared in land and sea on account of what the hands of the people have wrought." (Al-Qur`an 30:41)**

فَأَظْهِرِ اللَّهُمَّ لَنَا وَ لِيكَ وَ ابْنِ بِنْتِ نَبِيِّكَ الْمُسَمَّى بِاسْمِ رَسُولِكَ حَتَّى لَا يَظْفَرَ بِشَيْءٍ

مِنَ الْبَاطِلِ إِلَّا مَزَقَهُ وَيُحِقِّ الْحَقَّ وَيُحَقِّقُهُ

O' Allah make appear for us your friend and the son of the daughter of your Prophet who bears the name of Your Messenger, until nothing false remains but that he destroys all of it and manifests the truth fully and implements it.

وَاجْعَلْهُ اللَّهُمَّ مَفْزَعًا لِمَظْلُومِ عِبَادِكَ وَ نَاصِرًا لِمَنْ لَا يَجِدُ لَهُ نَاصِرًا غَيْرَكَ وَ  
مُجَدِّدًا لِمَا عَطِلَ مِنْ أَحْكَامِ كِتَابِكَ وَ مُشِيدًا لِمَا وَرَدَ مِنْ أَعْلَامِ دِينِكَ وَ سُنَنِ  
نَبِيِّكَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ

O' Allah! Make him a refuge for your oppressed servants; a helper for him who has no other helper besides you, a reviver of the commandments of your book which have been neglected; the strengthener of the teachings of your religion, and the traditions of Your Prophet. May Allah's blessing be upon him and his progeny.

وَاجْعَلْهُ اللَّهُمَّ مِمَّنْ حَصَنْتَهُ مِنْ بَأْسِ الْمُعْتَدِينَ

O' Allah place him among those whom you have protected from the evil of the transgressors.

اللَّهُمَّ وَ سِرِّ نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدًا صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ بِرُؤْيَيْتِهِ وَ مَنْ تَبِعَهُ عَلَى دَعْوَتِهِ  
وَ أَرْحَمِ اسْتِكَانَتَنَا بَعْدَهُ

O' Allah please Your Prophet Muhammad, may the blessings of Allah be upon him and his progeny, and those who accept the invitation of the Imam and have mercy on our state of abasement after his appearance.

اللَّهُمَّ اكْشِفْ هَذِهِ الْغُمَّةَ عَنِ هَذِهِ الْأُمَّةِ بِحُضُورِهِ وَ عَجِّلْ لَنَا ظُهُورَهُ إِنَّهُمْ يَرَوْنَهُ  
بَعِيدًا وَ نَرَاهُ قَرِيبًا بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

O' Allah remove this grief from this Ummah by his presence and hasten his reappearance for "verily they

(the hypocrites) regard it to be distant and we see it very near” (al-Qur`an 70:6–7) by Your mercy, O’ the Most Merciful.”

One should then strike one’s right hand on the right thigh three times, and each time recites the following:

أَعَجَلَ الْعَجَلَ يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا صَاحِبَ الزَّمَانِ

“Hasten, Hasten, O’ my Master O’ Master of the time.”

It has been narrated that after Prophet Ibrahim saw the celestial lights of the fourteen Infallibles, he said to Allah:

إِلٰهِي وَ سَيِّدِي أَرَى عِدَّةَ أَنْوَارٍ حَوْلَهُمْ لَا يُحْصِي عِدَّتَهُمْ إِلَّا أَنْتَ. قَالَ يَا إِبْرَاهِيمُ هُوَ لَأَيُّ شَيْعَتِهِمْ وَ مُحِبُّوهُمْ. قَالَ إِلٰهِي وَ بِمَا يَعْرِفُونَ شَيْعَتَهُمْ وَ مُحِبُّوهُمْ؟ قَالَ بِصَلَاةِ الْإِحْدَى وَ الْخَمْسِينَ وَ الْجَهْرِ بِبِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ وَ الْقُنُوتِ قَبْلَ الرُّكُوعِ وَ سَجْدَةِ الشُّكْرِ وَ التَّخْتُمِ بِالْيَمِينِ. قَالَ إِبْرَاهِيمُ: اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنِي مِنْ شَيْعَتِهِمْ وَ مُحِبِّيهِمْ. قَالَ قَدْ جَعَلْتُكَ فَأَنْزَلَ اللَّهُ فِيهِ: [؟] وَ إِنَّ مِنْ شَيْعَتِهِ لِإِبْرَاهِيمَ إِذْ جَاءَ رَبَّهُ بِقَلْبٍ سَلِيمٍ [؟]

“O’ my Lord and my Master! I see lights encircling around these (fourteen celestial lights) of which none know the number except You!” Allah replied: “O’ Ibrahim! These are their Shi’a and their lovers (of the Ahlul Bayt).” Ibrahim said: “O’ my Lord! How are their Shi’a and lovers known?”

Allah replied: “Through their fifty–one Rak’at of Salat their pronouncing the phrase [؟] In the Name of Allah, the Most Compassionate, the Most Merciful [؟] out loud (in their Salat); their performance of the Qunut before going into the Ruku’, the prostration of thanks and wearing a ring on their right hand.”

Ibrahim then said: “O’ Allah! Please place me among their Shi’a and their lovers (too).” Allah replied to him: “I have placed you among them.” At this point, Allah revealed the following, [And surely from amongst their Shi’a was Ibrahim when he went into the presence of his Lord with a pure and submissive heart (Qalb–e–Saleem).]2

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1. This supplication is mentioned in Biharul Anwar, vol. 102, pg. 110, sec. 7. It can also be seen in Mafatih al–Jinan after Du’a al–Nudbah and we have also included it in this responsibility.

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