

DUAS FOR THE DECEASED

For the Esaale Thawab of
all Marhumeen



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Dua for Forgiveness and Mercy:

A well-known supplication for the deceased is to ask Allah for their forgiveness and mercy:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لَهُ، وَارْحَمْهُ، وَعَافِهِ، وَأَعْفُ عَنْهُ

Allahumma aghfir lahu, warhamhu, wa 'afihi, wa 'fu anhu

Translation: “O Allah, forgive him, have mercy on him, pardon him, and overlook his faults.”

Dua for the Deceased (Common Supplication):

Another general dua that is recited frequently for the deceased:

اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْ مَوْتَانَا وَمَوْتِي الْمُسْلِمِينَ

Allahumma arham mawtaana wa mowt al-Muslimeen

Translation: “O Allah, have mercy on our dead and the dead of all Muslims.”

Dua for Forgiveness and Removal of Punishment:

This supplication can be recited for any deceased person to seek forgiveness and to alleviate any punishment they may be facing:

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ قَبْرَهُ رَوْضَةً مِنْ رِيَاضِ الْجَنَّةِ، وَلَا تَجْعَلْهُ حَفْرَةً مِنْ حَفْرِ النَّارِ

*Allahumma ajil qabrahhu rawdatun min riyaadhil jannah
wa la taj'alahu hufwatan min hufaril naar*

Translation: “O Allah, make his/her grave a garden from the gardens of Paradise and do not make it a pit from the pits of the Hellfire.”

Duas from hadith

Perhaps the most popular dua for the deceased is the following supplication attributed to the Prophet (s) in Sahih Muslim (963):

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لَهُ وَارْحَمْهُ وَعَافِهِ وَاعْفُ عَنْهُ وَأَكْرِمْ نُزُلَهُ وَوَسِّعْ مَدْخَلَهُ

O Allah, forgive him/her and have mercy on him/her, protect and pardon, honor their station, and make their resting ground spacious.

وَاغْسِلْهُ بِمَاءٍ وَالْتَلُجِ وَالْبَرْدِ وَنَقِّهِ مِنَ الْخَطَايَا كَمَا نَقَّيْتَ الثَّوْبَ الْأَبْيَضَ مِنَ الدَّنَسِ

And wash him/her with pure, fresh and cold water and purify him/her from any mistakes as white clothes is purified

وَأَبْدِلْهُ دَارًا خَيْرًا مِنْ دَارِهِ، وَأَهْلًا خَيْرًا مِنْ أَهْلِهِ

O Allah, make his/her abode in the Hereafter better than his/her own home and his/her company better than his/her company [in this life].

وَأَدْخِلْهُ الْجَنَّةَ وَقِهِ فِتْنَةَ الْقَبْرِ وَعَذَابَ النَّارِ

And cause him/her to enter paradise and protect him/her from the torment of the grave and the torment of the fire.

Dua of Ibrahim for the Deceased:

A supplication from the Qur'an that Prophet Ibrahim (PBUH) made for his father, asking for forgiveness:

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي وَلِوَالِدَيَّ وَلِلْمُؤْمِنِينَ يَوْمَ يَقُومُ الْحِسَابُ

Rabbighfir li waliwalidayya walil-mu'minina yawma yaqoomu al-hisaab

Translation: "My Lord, forgive me and my parents and the believers on the Day the account is established."

Duas from hadith

A powerful dua mentioned in Sahih Ibn Maja (1/251) and Musnad Ahmad b. Hanbal (2/368) is the following:

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِحَيِّينَا وَمَيِّتِنَا

O Allah, forgive our living and our dead

وَشَاهِدِنَا وَغَائِبِنَا

those who are with us, and those who are absent

وَصَغِيرِنَا وَكَبِيرِنَا

our young and our old

وَذَكَرِنَا وَأُنْثَانَا

our menfolk and our womenfolk

اللَّهُمَّ مَنْ أَحْيَيْتَهُ مِنَّا

O Allah, whomever you give life from among us

فَأَحْيِهِ عَلَى الْإِسْلَامِ

give him life in Islam

وَمَنْ تَوَفَّيْتَهُ مِنَّا فَتَوَفَّهُ عَلَى الْإِيمَانِ

and whomever you take away from us

اللَّهُمَّ لَا تَحْرِمْنَا أَجْرَهُ

take him away in faith.

وَلَا تُضِلَّنَا بَعْدَهُ

O Allah, do not forbid us its reward,

Dua for the Dead on the Day of Judgment:

On behalf of a deceased loved one, it is beneficial to ask Allah for their good outcome on the Day of Judgment:

اللَّهُمَّ ثَبِّتْهُ عِنْدَ السُّؤَالِ

Allahumma thabbit-hu 'inda su'aal

Translation: "O Allah, make him firm when questioned (in the grave)."

Reciting Surah Al-Fatiha:

Reciting Surah Al-Fatiha and sending its reward to the deceased is one of the simplest and most beneficial acts you can do for the dead.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

All praise is for Allah, the
Lord of the universe

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ
Alhamdu lillāhi rabbil 'ālamīn

the most Merciful, the most Kind

الرَّحْمَنُ الرَّحِيمُ
Arrahmā nir rahīm

Master of the day of judgment

مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ
Māliki yaw middīn

You alone we worship, and
from You alone we seek help

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ
Iyyāka na 'budu wa iyyāka nasta 'īn

Guide us along the straight path

إِهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Ihdinas sirātal mustaqīm

The path of those whom
you have favored

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ

Sirātal ladhīna an ‘amta ‘alayhim

(and) not of those who earned
your anger or have gone astray.

غَيْرِ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا

الضَّالِّينَ

*Ghairil maghdūbi ‘alayhim wa
laddāllīn. Āmīn*

Reciting Surah Al-Ikhlās, Al-Falaq, and An-Nas:

Reciting these three short surahs and dedicating their reward to the deceased is also a beneficial act. These surahs are:

Surah Al-Ikhlās

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Say, He is Allah, the One

قُلْ هُوَ اللَّهُ أَحَدٌ

Qul huwallāhu ahad

Allah is eternal and absolute

اللَّهُ الصَّمَدُ

Allāh hus samad

None is born of Him nor is He
born

لَمْ يَلِدْ وَلَمْ يُولَدْ

Lam yalid wa lam yūlad

and there is none equal to Him.

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ كُفُوًا أَحَدٌ

*Wa lam yakul lahū kufurwan
ahad*

Surah Al-Falaq

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Say, I seek shelter with the Lord
of the Daybreak

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ الْفَلَقِ
Qul a'ūdhu bi rabbil falaq

from (all) the evil of what He
has created

مِنْ شَرِّ مَا خَلَقَ
Min sharri mā khalaq

and from the evil of the
darkness when it is intense
(and spreads)

وَمِنْ شَرِّ غَاسِقٍ إِذَا وَقَبَ
Wa min sharri ghāsiqin
idhā waqab

and from the evil of those
who blow on knots (those
involved in witchcraft)

وَمِنْ شَرِّ النَّفَّاثَاتِ فِي الْعُقَدِ
Wa min sharrin naffā thāti fil
'uqad

and from the evil of the
envier when he envies.

وَمِنْ شَرِّ حَاسِدٍ إِذَا حَسَدَ
Wa min sharri hāsadin idhā
hasad

Surah An-Nas

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

Say, I seek shelter with the Lord
of mankind

قُلْ أَعُوذُ بِرَبِّ النَّاسِ
Qul a 'ūdhu birabbinnās

the King of mankind

مَلِكِ النَّاسِ
Malikin nās

the God of mankind

إِلَهِ النَّاسِ
Ilāhin nās

from the mischief of the
sneaking whisperer

مِنْ شَرِّ الْوَسْوَاسِ الْخَنَّاسِ
Min sharril was 'wāsīl khannās

who whispers

الَّذِي يُوسْوِسُ
Alladhī yuwas wisu

into the hearts of mankind

فِي صُدُورِ النَّاسِ
fī sudūrin nās

from among jinn and mankind.

مِنَ الْجِنَّةِ وَالنَّاسِ
Minal jinnati wan nās

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

تَبْرَكَ الَّذِي فِي يَدَيْهِ الْمُلْكُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ

قَدِيرٌ ١ الَّذِي خَلَقَ الْمَوْتَ وَالْحَيَاةَ لِيَبْلُوَكُمْ

أَيْكُمْ أَحْسَنُ عَمَلًا ٢ وَهُوَ الْعَزِيزُ الْغَفُورُ ٣ الَّذِي

خَلَقَ سَبْعَ سَمَاوَاتٍ طِبَاقًا مَا تَرَى فِي خَلْقِ الرَّحْمَنِ

مِنْ تَفَوُّتٍ ٤ فَارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ ٥ هَلْ تَرَى مِنْ فُطُورٍ ٦

ثُمَّ ارْجِعِ الْبَصَرَ كَرَّتَيْنِ يَنْقَلِبْ إِلَيْكَ الْبَصَرُ

خَاسِئًا وَهُوَ حَسِيرٌ ٧ وَلَقَدْ زَيَّنَّا السَّمَاءَ الدُّنْيَا

بِمُصَابِيحٍ ٨ وَجَعَلْنَاهَا رُجُومًا لِلشَّيْطَانِ وَأَعْتَدْنَا لَهُمْ

عَذَابَ السَّعِيرِ ٩ وَاللَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا يَدْرِبُهُمْ عَذَابُ

جَهَنَّمَ ١٠ وَيُبَّسُّ الْمَصِيرُ ١١ إِذَا أُلْقُوا فِيهَا سَمِعُوا

لَهَا شَهيقًا وَهِيَ تَفُورٌ ١٢ تَكَادُ تَمَيِّزُ مِنَ الْغَيْظِ ١٣

كَلِمًا أُلْقِيَ فِيهَا فَوْجٌ سَأَلْتَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا أَلَمْ يَأْتِكُمْ

نَذِيرٌ ٥ قَالُوا بَلَىٰ قَدْ جَاءَنَا نَذِيرٌ هَ فَكَذَّبْنَا

وَقُلْنَا مَا نَزَّلَ اللَّهُ مِنْ شَيْءٍ ؤَّ إِن أَنْتُمْ إِلَّا فِي

ضَلَالٍ كَبِيرٍ ٩ وَقَالُوا لَوْ كُنَّا نَسْمَعُ أَوْ نَعْقِلُ مَا

كُنَّا فِي أَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ ١٠ فَاعْتَرَفُوا بِذُنُوبِهِمْ ه

فَسُحْقًا لِأَصْحَابِ السَّعِيرِ ١١ إِنَّ الَّذِينَ يَخْشَوْنَ

رَبَّهُمْ بِالْغَيْبِ لَهُمْ مَغْفِرَةٌ وَأَجْرٌ كَبِيرٌ ١٢ وَأَسْرُوا

قَوْلَكُمْ أَوِ اجْهَرُوا بِهِ ؕ إِنَّهُ عَلِيمٌ بِذَاتِ الصُّدُورِ ١٣

أَلَا يَعْلَمُ مَنْ خَلَقَ ؕ وَهُوَ اللَّطِيفُ الْخَبِيرُ ١٤ هُوَ

الَّذِي جَعَلَ لَكُمْ الْأَرْضَ ذُلُولًا فَأَمْشُوا فِي مَنَاكِبِهَا

وَكُلُوا مِنْ رِزْقِهِ ؕ وَإِلَيْهِ النُّشُورُ ١٥ ءَأَمِنْتُمْ مَّنْ

فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يَخْسِفَ بِكُمْ الْأَرْضَ فَإِذَا هِيَ

تَمُورُ ١٦ ءَأَمِنْتُمْ مَّنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ أَنْ يُرْسِلَ عَلَيْكُمْ

حَاصِبًا ۖ فَسَتَعْلَمُونَ كَيْفَ نَذِيرٍ ﴿١٤﴾ وَلَقَدْ كَذَّبَ

الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِمْ فَكَيْفَ كَانَ نَكِيرٍ ﴿١٥﴾ أَوَلَمْ يَرَوْا

إِلَى الطَّيْرِ فَوْقَهُمْ صَفْتٍ وَيَقْبِضْنَ ۗ مَا يُمَسِّكُهُنَّ

إِلَّا الرَّحْمَنُ ۗ إِنَّهُ بِكُلِّ شَيْءٍ بَصِيرٌ ﴿١٦﴾ أَمَّنْ هَذَا

الَّذِي هُوَ جُنْدٌ لَكُمْ يَنْصَرُكُمْ مِنْ دُونِ الرَّحْمَنِ ۗ

إِنَّ الْكُفْرُونَ إِلَّا فِي غُرُورٍ ﴿١٧﴾ أَمَّنْ هَذَا الَّذِي

يَرْزُقُكُمْ إِنْ أَمْسَكَ رِزْقَهُ ۗ بَلْ لَجُّوا فِي عُتُوٍّ وَ

نُفُورٍ ﴿١٨﴾ أَمَّنْ يَمْشِي مَكْبًا عَلَا وَجْهَهُ أَهْدَاةَ

أَمَّنْ يَمْشِي سَوِيًّا عَلَا صِرَاطٍ مُسْتَقِيمٍ ﴿١٩﴾ قُلْ هُوَ

الَّذِي أَنْشَأَكُمْ وَجَعَلَ لَكُمْ السَّمْعَ وَالْأَبْصَارَ

وَالْأَفْئِدَةَ ۗ قَلِيلًا مَّا تَشْكُرُونَ ﴿٢٠﴾ قُلْ هُوَ الَّذِي

ذَرَأَكُمْ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَإِلَيْهِ تُحْشَرُونَ ﴿٢١﴾ وَيَقُولُونَ

مَتَى هَذَا الْوَعْدُ إِنْ كُنْتُمْ صَادِقِينَ ﴿٢٢﴾ قُلْ

إِنَّمَا الْعِلْمُ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ وَإِنَّمَا أَنَا نَذِيرٌ مُّبِينٌ ﴿٢٦﴾

فَلَمَّا رَأَوْهُ زُلْفَةً سَيِّئَتْ وُجُوهُ الَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا

وَقِيلَ هَذَا الَّذِي كُنْتُمْ بِهِ تَدَّعُونَ ﴿٢٧﴾ قُلْ

أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ أَهْلَكَنِي اللَّهُ وَمَنْ مَعِيَ أَوْ رَحِمَنَا ۖ

فَمَنْ يَجِيرُ الْكَافِرِينَ مِنْ عَذَابٍ أَلِيمٍ ﴿٢٨﴾ قُلْ هُوَ

الرَّحْمَنُ أَمَّا بِهٖ وَعَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْنَا ۖ فَسْتَعْلَمُونَ

مَنْ هُوَ فِي ضَلَالٍ مُّبِينٍ ﴿٢٩﴾ قُلْ أَرَأَيْتُمْ إِنْ

أَصْبَحَ مَاؤُكُمْ غَوْرًا فَمَنْ يَأْتِيكُمْ بِمَاءٍ مَعِينٍ ﴿٣٠﴾

VIRTUE OF SURAH MULK

Hadhrat Abu Hurayrah (radiyallahu anhu) narrates that Rasulullah ﷺ said, “There is in the Qur-aan a Surah consisting of thirty aayaat which will intercede for its reader until he is forgiven. This is Surah Tabarakallazi.” (Sunan Tirmizi #2891)

2. Ibn Abbas (radiyallahu anhu) reports that Rasulullah ﷺ said, “I wish that this surah be in the heart of every believer.” (Shu’abul Imaan #2277)