

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ يُجِيبُ مَنْ دَعَاهُ، وَمَنْ سَأَلَهُ أَعْطَاهُ، وَمَنْ تَوَكَّلَ عَلَيْهِ كَفَّاهُ، أَحْمَدُهُ
تَعَالَى حَمْدًا يُبَلِّغُنَا رِضَاهُ، وَأَشْكُرُهُ شُكْرَ مَنْ تَضَرَّعَ إِلَيْهِ فَحَقَّقَ رِجَاءَهُ وَمُنَاهُ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ،
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ سَيِّدَنَا مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُ اللَّهِ وَرَسُولُهُ، وَصَفِيُّهُ مِنْ خَلْقِهِ وَخَلِيلُهُ ، أَخْلَصُ
مَنْ دَعَا مَوْلَاهُ، وَتَقَرَّبَ إِلَيْهِ وَرَجَاهُ فَاللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَلَى
آلِهِ وَأَصْحَابِهِ، وَعَلَى مَنْ تَبِعَهُمْ بِإِحْسَانٍ إِلَى يَوْمِ الدِّينِ.

All praise is due to Allah, The Most Generous Who responds to those who call upon Him and gives to those who ask Him. Whosoever puts trust in Allah, The Most High, then He *will suffice him*. I duly praise Allah no less than His most pious servants have done: they have supplicated to their Creator and He, The Most Bountiful, satisfied their hopes and wishes in return.

I bear witness there is no deity except Him. I also bear witness that our Master Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah and His dearest Servant. He was the most sincere in his Dua to Allah, The Most Gracious is He. I pray to Allah, The Most Compassionate, to grant His blessings upon our Master Muhammad, his kin and kith and all those who will follow them in righteousness until the day of Judgment.

Allah Al-Qareeb & The Power Of Du'a

وَلَقَدْ خَلَقْنَا الْإِنْسَانَ وَنَعْلَمُ مَا تُوَسْوِسُ بِهِ نَفْسُهُ وَنَحْنُ أَقْرَبُ إِلَيْهِ مِنْ حَبْلِ الْوَرِيدِ

“And We have already created man and know what his soul whispers to him, and We are closer to him than his jugular vein.” (50:16)

Some relationships change with distance, sometimes those people who are supposed to be close to us don't know us at all. Sometimes you want to tell someone something, but the words get stuck in your throat, so they misunderstand. And at other times, the fear of being hurt prevents us from being close to people and others.

وَإِذَا سَأَلَكَ عِبَادِي عَنِّي فَإِنِّي قَرِيبٌ

“And when My servants ask you concerning Me – Indeed I am Qareeb.” (2:186)

For all those times you have wondered whether Allah ﷻ is near or far, Allah doesn't use an intermediary to answer this question. He does not instruct the Prophet ﷺ - **Tell Them**". He answers you directly in the verse above: **“I Am Near.”**

For all those times you have wondered whether Allah ﷻ hears you, He answers:

إِنَّهُ سَمِيعٌ قَرِيبٌ “Indeed, He is Hearing and near,” (34:50)

For all those times you have wondered if He has heard the silent Du'a of your heart, He answers: **إِنَّ رَبِّي قَرِيبٌ مُّجِيبٌ** - “Indeed, my Lord is near and responsive,” (11:61)

Allah Al-Qareeb & The Power Of Du'a

Sometimes even our best friend does not understand what we are going through. Allah ﷻ is so close to us He hears our thoughts, our reflections, our unuttered questions and our secret *Du'as*

Know That Allah ﷻ Is With You: One of the fruits of being close to someone is feeling safe and understood. And if you have ever felt lonely **وَهُوَ مَعَكُمْ أَيْنَ مَا كُنْتُمْ** “and He is with you wherever you are,” (57:4)

***Al-Qareeb* and Ramadan “If you feel far from Allah ﷻ, ask yourself: who moved?”**

Ramadan comes to quench our thirst. It does not matter how far you have been. It does not even matter if you have never felt that closeness to Him; Allah ﷻ tells us that He is near because He wants you to learn to feel that. He gives us Ramadan so that we can recharge and reconnect – so make use of this month for that purpose.

Gaining Nearness To The One Who Is Near

- 1: Understand His Names - You can only be close to people whom you know well**
- 2: Prayer** - The root of the word *Salah* is *Sila*, which means ‘a connection’
- 3: Ask Him: “I respond to the invocation of the supplicant when he calls upon Me. So let them respond to Me (by obedience) and believe in Me that they may be guided.” (2:186)**
- 4: Be There For His People:** Being close to Allah ﷻ means being close to His creation. Visit the sick, stand in solidarity with the oppressed & you will find nearness to Him.

“ثَلَاثَةٌ لَا تُرَدُّ دَعْوَتُهُمُ الْإِمَامُ الْعَادِلُ وَالصَّائِمُ حَتَّى يُفْطِرَ وَدَعْوَةُ الْمَظْلُومِ”

“The supplications of three persons are never turned away: a just ruler, a fasting person until he breaks his fast, and the supplication of an oppressed person”

(Ibn Majah)

“ قَالَ اللَّهُ يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ إِنَّكَ مَا دَعَوْتَنِي وَرَجَوْتَنِي غَفَرْتُ لَكَ عَلَى مَا كَانَ فِيكَ وَلَا أُبَالِي يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ لَوْ بَلَغَتْ ذُنُوبُكَ عَنَانَ السَّمَاءِ ثُمَّ اسْتَغْفَرْتَنِي غَفَرْتُ لَكَ وَلَا أُبَالِي يَا ابْنَ آدَمَ إِنَّكَ لَوْ أَتَيْتَنِي بِقُرَابِ الْأَرْضِ خَطَايَا ثُمَّ لَقَيْتَنِي لَا تُشْرِكُ بِي شَيْئًا لَأَتَيْتَكَ بِقُرَابِهَا مَغْفِرَةً ”

“Allah, Blessed is He and Most High, said: ‘O son of Adam! Verily as long as you called upon Me and hoped in Me, I forgave you, despite whatever may have occurred from you, and I did not mind. O son of Adam! Were your sins to reach the clouds of the sky, then you sought forgiveness from Me, I would forgive you, and I would not mind. So son of Adam! If you came to me with sins nearly as great as the earth, and then you turned to Me not associating anything with Me, I would come to you with forgiveness nearly as great as it.’” (Tirmidhi)