O Allah, O He whom the depiction of the describers fails to describe!

O He beyond whom passes not the hope of the hopers!

O He with whom is not lost the wage of the good-doers!

O He who is the ultimate object of the fear of the worshipers!

O He who is the utmost limit of the dread of the god-fearing!

This is the station of him whom sins have passed from hand to hand, offenses' reins have led him on, and Satan has gained mastery over him.

He fell short of what You have commanded through neglect and he pursued what You have prohibited in delusion, like one ignorant of Your power over him or one who denies the bounty of Your beneficence toward him, until, when the eye of guidance was opened for him and the clouds of blindness were dispelled, he reckoned that through which he had wronged himself and reflected upon that in which he had opposed his Lord.

He saw his vast disobedience as vast and his great opposition as great.

وَيَا مَنْ لَا يُصِفِّيهَا نَعْتُ الوَاصِفِينَ
وَيَا مَنْ لَا يَجَاوِرِهْ رَجَاءَ الْرَّجَاهِينَ
وَيَا مَنْ لَا يُصِبْعُ لَدِيَهُ أَجْرُ الْأَمْحَسَنِينَ
وَيَا مَنْ هُوَ مُنْتَهِيٌّ حَوْفُ الْأَعاَبِيَّينَ
وَيَا مَنْ هُوُ عَيْنُهُ حَسْبَ الْمَتَّقِينَ
هَذَا مَقَامُ مِنْ تَدَاوْلَتِهِ أَيْدِيٌّ آلَذَنَوْبٍ وَقَادَةُ أَزْمَةٌ الْحَطَائَا وَأَسْتَحْوَّدُ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهِ عَلَيْهِ فَقَصُّ عَمَّا أَمَرْتَ بِهِ تَفْرِيطًا وَتَعَاطَىٰ مَا نَهْيْتَ عَنْهُ تَغَرِيرًا كَالَّجَاهِلِ يُقَدِّرُ بَلَكَ عَلَيْهِ أَوْ كَالَمَنْكِرُ فَضَلْ إِحْسَانَكَ إِلَيْهِ حَتَّىٰ إِذَا أَنفَتْحَ لَهُ بَصَرُّ الْهَدَىٰ وَتَقَشَّعَتْ عَنْهُ سَحَابَتُ الْعَمَى أَحْصَىٰ مَا ظَلَّلَ بِهِ نَفْسَهُ وَفَقَرَ فَيَنَا حَالَفَ بِهِ رَبِّهِ فَرَأَىٰ كَبِيرَ عَصِيَّهِ كَبِيرًا وَجَلِيلَ مَخَالِفَتِهِ جَلِيلًا.
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So he turned to You, hoping in You
and ashamed before You,
and he directed his beseeching toward You, having trust in You.
He repaired to You in his longing with certitude
and he went straight to You in fear with sincerity.

His longing was devoid of every object of longing but You,
and his fright departed from every object of fear but You.

So he stood before You pleading,
his eyes turned toward the ground in humbleness,
his head bowed before Your might in lowliness;

he revealed to You in meekness those secrets of his which You know better than he;

he numbered for You in humility those sins of his which You count better than he;

he sought help from You before the dreadful into which he has fallen in Your knowledge

and the ugly which has disgraced him in Your judgment
the sins whose pleasures have turned their backs and gone

فَأَقِِّبَلْ نَحْوُكَ مُؤَمِّلًا لَكَ
مُسْتَجِبًا مِنكَ
وَوَجَّهَ رَبِّيْتَهُ إِلَيْكَ يَقِهًّا بِكَ
فَأَمَّكَ بَطْمَعِهِ يقِيّتًا
وَقَصَدَكَ بَخُوفِهِ إِخْلَاصًا
قَدْ خَلَّ طَمَعُهُ مِنْ كُلِّ مَطْمَعٍ فِيهِ
عِيْرَكَ
وَأَفْرَحَ رَوْعَهُ مِنْ كُلِّ مُحْذُورٍ مِنْهُ سُوَاكَ
فَمْتَلَّ بِنَّ يَدِيْكَ مُتَضَرِّعًا
وَعَمَّضَ بَصَرُّهُ إِلَى الأَرْضِ مَنْحَشُعًا
وَطًَاطُةً رَأْسُهُ لِعَزْتِكَ مُدَّلْلاً
وَأَبْنَكَ مِنْ سِرْهُ مَا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنْهُ
خَضُوَعًا
وَعَدُّدَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِهِ مَا أَنْتَ أَحْصَى لَهَا
خَشُوَعًا
وَأَسْتَعْجَ بَيْكَ مِنْ عَظِيمٍ مَا وَقَعَ بِهِ فِي
عَلْمِكَ
وَقَضِيحُ مَا فَصَحَّهُ فِي حُكْمِكَ
مِنْ ذُنُوبٍ أَدْبَرَتْ لَدَائِتُهَا فَذَهَبْتَ
and whose evil consequences have stayed and stuck fast.

He will not deny Your justice, my God, if You punish him,

nor will he consider Your pardon great if You pardon him and hast mercy upon him,

for You are the Generous Lord

for whom the forgiveness of great sins is nothing great!

O Allah, so here I am: I have come to You obeying Your command

for You have commanded supplication

and asking the fulfillment of Your promise,

for You have promised to respond:

You have said, “Supplicate Me and I will respond to you.”

O Allah, So bless Muhammad and his Household,

meet me with Your forgiveness just as I have met You with my confession,

lift me up from the fatal infirmities of sins

just as I have let myself down before You,

and cover me with Your covering

just as You have shown no haste to take vengeance on me!

O Allah, make firm my intention to obey You,

strengthen my insight in worshiping You,
O Allah, I repent to You in this my station from my sins, great and small, my evil deeds, inward and outward, and my lapses, past and recent, with the repentance of one who does not tell himself that he might disobey or secretly think that he might return to an offense. You have said, my God, in the firm text of Your Book, that You accept repentance from Your servants, pardon evil deeds, and love the repentant, so accept my repentance as You have promised, pardon my evil deeds as You have guaranteed, and make obligatory toward me Your love as You have stipulated! To You, my Lord, belongs my stipulation that I will not return to what is disliked by You,

give me the success of works which will wash away the defilement of offenses,

and take me following Your religion

and the creed of Your prophet Muhammad, upon him be peace, when You take me.

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my guarantee that I will not go back to what You blame,

and my covenant that I will stay away from acts of disobedience to You.

O Allah, You know better what I have done,

so forgive me what You know

and turn me through Your power to what You love.

O Allah, counted against me are claims that stay in my memory

and claims that I have forgotten,

while all of them remain in Your eye that does not sleep

and Your knowledge that does not forget!

So, compensate their owners,

lighten their load upon me,

lift up their weight from me,

and preserve me from approaching their like!

O Allah, but I cannot be faithful to my repentance without Your preservation,

nor can I refrain from offenses without Your strength.

So, strengthen me with a sufficient strength

وَضَمَّنِيْ أَنْ لَا أَرْجِعَ فِي مَدْمُومٍ
وَعَهْدِي أَنْ أُهْجِرِ جَمِيعَ مَعاصِيكَ
أَلَهُمُ إِنَّكَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا عَمِلْتُ
فَاغْفِرْ لِي مَا عَلِمْتَ
وَأَصْرِفْ عَنْي بِقُدْرَتِكَ إِلَىٰ مَا أَحْبَتْ
أَلَهُمُ وَأَعْلَيْ تَبَعُّاتٍ قَدْ حَفَظَتْهُنَّ
وَتَبَعُّاتٍ قَدْ نُسِيتَهُنَّ
وَكَلِمَهُ بِعَينَكَ الَّذِي لَا نَامُ
وَعَلِمَكَ الَّذِي لَا يَنْسَى
فَعَوْضُ مِنْهَا أَهْلُهَا
وَأَحْطَطُ عَنِي وَزَرُّهَا
وَحَفَفَ عَنِي ثَقَلَهَا
وَأَعْصِمْنِي مِنْ أَنْ أَفَارِفَ مَثَلَهَا
أَلَهُمُ وَإِنَّهُ لَا وَقَاءٌ لِي بِالْتُّوْبَةِ إِلَّا
بِعَصْمِهِكَ
وَلَا أسِتَمْسَاكَ بِي عَنْ الْحَطَّاَيَا إِلَّا عِنْ
فَوْتُكَ
فَقُوْنِي بِقُوَّةٍ كَافِيَةٍ
and attend to me with a defending preservation!

O Allah, if any servant repents to You,

while in Your knowledge of the Unseen will break his repentance

and return to his sin and offense,

I seek refuge in You lest I be like that!

So, make this my repentance

a repentance after which I will need no repentance

and a repentance which will obligate the erasing of what has gone by

and safety in what remains!

O Allah, I ask pardon from You for my ignorance,

and I ask You to disregard my evil acts!

So join me to the shelter of Your mercy through graciousness

and cover me with the covering of Your well-being through bounteousness!

O Allah, I repent to You

from everything opposed to Your will

or far from Your love—

the thoughts of my heart,

the glances of my eye,
the tales of my tongue—

with a repentance through which each bodily part will by itself stay safe from ill consequences with You

and remain secure from Your painful penalties feared by transgressors!

O Allah, so have mercy on my being alone before You,

the pounding of my heart in dread of You,

and the trembling of my limbs in awe of You!

My sins, my God, have stood me in the station of degradation in Your courtyard.

If I remain silent, none will speak for me;

if I seek an intercessor, I am not worthy for intercession.

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his Household,

make Your generosity intercede for my offenses,

follow up my evil deeds with Your pardon,

repay me not with the punishment that is my proper repayment,

spread over me Your graciousness,

wrap me in Your covering,

and do with me what is done by a mighty man,
when a lowly slave pleads to him and he shows him mercy,
or a rich man, when a poor slave submits himself and he raises him to wealth!

O Allah, I have no protector against You,
so let Your might be my protector!

I have no intercessor with You,
so let Your bounty be my intercessor!

My offenses have set me quaking,
so let Your pardon give me security!

Not all that I have said rises up from my ignorance of my evil footsteps
or forgetfulness of my blameworthy acts in the past,
but in order that Your heaven and those within it
and Your earth and those upon it
may hear the remorse which I have professed to You
and the repentance through which I have sought asylum with You.

Then perhaps one of them, through Your mercy, may show mercy upon my evil situation
or be seized by tenderness for my evil state.

There may come from him for my sake a supplication
to which You give ear more than to my supplication
or an intercession surer with You than my intercession

through which I may be delivered from Your wrath and attain to Your good pleasure!

O Allah, if remorse is a repentance toward You, then I am the most remorseful of the remorseful!

If refraining from disobedience is a turning back to You, then I am the first of those who turn back!

If praying for forgiveness alleviates sins, surely I am one of those who pray for Your forgiveness!

O Allah, as You have commanded repentance and guaranteed acceptance, as You have urged supplication, and promised to respond, so bless Muhammad and his Household, accept my repentance, and return me not to the returning place of disappointment in Your mercy!

Surely, You are Ever-turning toward the sinners and All-compassionate toward the offenders who turn back!

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his Household just as You have guided us by him!
Bless Muhammad and his Household just as You have rescued us through him!

Bless Muhammad and his Household, with a blessing that will intercede for us on the Day of Resurrection, the day of neediness toward You!

You are powerful over everything, and this is easy for You.