

DU`Ā' AL-TAWBAH  
SUPPLICATORY PRAYER FOR ACCEPTING REPENTANCE

Mentioning repentance and praying for its acceptance, Imam Zayn al-`Ābidīn (`a) used to say this supplicatory prayer:

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

اللَّهُمَّ يَا مَنْ لَا يَصِفُهُ نَعْتُ الْوَاصِفِينَ

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

وَيَا مَنْ لَا يُجَاوِزُهُ رَجَاءُ الرَّاجِينَ

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

وَيَا مَنْ لَا يَضِيعُ لَدَيْهِ أَجْرُ

الْمُحْسِنِينَ

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

وَيَا مَنْ هُوَ مُنْتَهَى خَوْفِ الْعَابِدِينَ

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

وَيَا مَنْ هُوَ غَايَةُ خَشْيَةِ الْمُتَّقِينَ

This is the station of him whom sins have passed from hand to hand,

هَذَا مَقَامٌ مَنْ تَدَاوَلَتْهُ أَيْدِي الذُّنُوبِ

offenses' reins have led him on,

وَقَادَتْهُ أَرْمَةٌ الْخَطَايَا

and Satan has gained mastery over him.

وَأَسْتَحْوَذَ عَلَيْهِ الشَّيْطَانُ

He fell short of what You have commanded through neglect

فَقَصَرَ عَمَّا أَمَرْتَ بِهِ تَفْرِيطًا

and he pursued what You have prohibited in delusion,

وَتَعَاطَى مَا نَهَيْتَ عَنْهُ تَغْرِيبًا

like one ignorant of Your power over him

كَالْجَاهِلِ بِقُدْرَتِكَ عَلَيْهِ

or one who denies the bounty of Your beneficence toward him,

أَوْ كَالْمُنْكَرِ فَضْلَ إِحْسَانِكَ إِلَيْهِ

until, when the eye of guidance was opened for him

حَتَّى إِذَا انْفَتَحَ لَهُ بَصَرُ الْهُدَى

and the clouds of blindness were dispelled,

وَتَقَشَّعَتْ عَنْهُ سَحَابُ الْعَمَى

he reckoned that through which he had wronged himself

أَحْصَى مَا ظَلَمَ بِهِ نَفْسَهُ

and reflected upon that in which he had opposed his Lord.

وَفَكَّرَ فِيمَا خَالَفَ بِهِ رَبَّهُ

He saw his vast disobedience as vast

فَرَأَى كَبِيرَ عِصْيَانِهِ كَبِيرًا

and his great opposition as great.

وَجَلِيلَ مُخَالَفَتِهِ جَلِيلًا

So he turned to You, hoping in You

فَأَقْبَلَ نَحْوَكَ مُؤَمِّلًا لَكَ

and ashamed before You,

مُسْتَحْيِيًا مِنْكَ

and he directed his beseeching toward You,  
having trust in You.

وَوَجَّهَ رَغْبَتَهُ إِلَيْكَ ثِقَةً بِكَ

He repaired to You in his longing with certitude

فَأَمَّكَ بِطَمَعِهِ يَقِينًا

and he went straight to You in fear with sincerity.

وَقَصَدَكَ بِخَوْفِهِ إِخْلَاصًا

His longing was devoid of every object of longing  
but You,

قَدْ خَلَا طَمَعُهُ مِنْ كُلِّ مَطْمُوعٍ فِيهِ

غَيْرِكَ

and his fright departed from every object of fear  
but You.

وَأَفْرَحَ رَوْعُهُ مِنْ كُلِّ مَخْذُورٍ مِنْهُ

سِوَاكَ

So he stood before You pleading,

فَمَثَلَ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ مُتَضَرِّعًا

his eyes turned toward the ground in humbleness,

وَعَمَّضَ بَصَرَهُ إِلَى الْأَرْضِ مُتَخَشِّعًا

his head bowed before Your might in lowliness;

وَطَاطَأَ رَأْسَهُ لِعِزَّتِكَ مُتَذَلِّلًا

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

وَأَبْتَكَ مِنْ سِرِّهِ مَا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مِنْهُ

خُضُوعًا

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

وَعَدَّدَ مِنْ ذُنُوبِهِ مَا أَنْتَ أَحْصَى لَهَا

خُشُوعًا

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

وَأَسْتَعَاثَ بِكَ مِنْ عَظِيمٍ مَا وَقَعَ بِهِ

فِي عِلْمِكَ

and the ugly which has disgraced him in Your  
judgment

وَقَبِيحٍ مَا فَضَحَهُ فِي حُكْمِكَ

the sins whose pleasures have turned their backs  
and gone

مِنْ ذُنُوبٍ أَدْبَرَتْ لَذَاتِهَا فَذَهَبَتْ

and whose evil consequences have stayed and  
stuck fast.

وَأَقَامَتْ تَبِعَاتِهَا فَلَزِمَتْ

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,

لَا يُنْكِرُ يَا إِلَهِي عَدْلَكَ إِنْ عَاقَبْتَهُ

وَلَا يَسْتَعْظِمُ عَفْوَكَ إِنْ عَفَوْتَ عَنْهُ

وَرَحِمَتَهُ

لَأَنَّكَ الرَّبُّ الْكَرِيمُ

الَّذِي لَا يَتَعَاطَمُهُ غُفْرَانُ الذَّنْبِ

الْعَظِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ فَهَا أَنَا ذَا قَدْ جِئْتُكَ مُطِيعاً

لِأَمْرِكَ

فِيمَا أَمَرْتَ بِهِ مِنْ الدُّعَاءِ

مُتَنَجِّزاً وَعَدَكَ

فِيمَا وَعَدْتَ بِهِ مِنَ الإِجَابَةِ

إِذْ تَقُولُ: «أَدْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ.»

اللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

وَأَلْقِنِي بِمَغْفِرَتِكَ كَمَا لَقَيْتَكَ

بِإِقْرَارِي

وَأَرْفَعْنِي عَنْ مَصَارِعِ الذُّنُوبِ

كَمَا وَضَعْتَ لَكَ نَفْسِي

وَأَسْتُرْنِي بِسِتْرِكَ

كَمَا تَأَنَّنَيْتَنِي عَنِ الإِلْتِقَامِ مِنِّي

اللَّهُمَّ وَثَبَّتْ فِي طَاعَتِكَ نِيَّتِي

وَأَحْكِمْ فِي عِبَادَتِكَ بَصِيرَتِي

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 Muḥammad, upon  
him be peace, when You take me.

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,

وَوَفَّقْنِي مِنَ الْأَعْمَالِ لِمَا تَغْسِلُ بِهِ

دَسَّ الْخَطَايَا عَنِّي

وَتَوَفَّقْنِي عَلَىٰ مِلَّتِكَ

وَمِلَّةِ نَبِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ إِذَا

تَوَفَّقْتَنِي

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ فِي مَقَامِي

هَذَا

مِنْ كَبَائِرِ ذُنُوبِي وَصَغَائِرِهَا

وَبَوَاطِنِ سَيِّئَاتِي وَظَوَاهِرِهَا

وَسَوَالِفِ زَلَّاتِي وَحَوَادِثِهَا

تَوْبَةً مَنْ لَا يُحَدِّثُ نَفْسَهُ بِمَعْصِيَةٍ

وَلَا يُضْمِرُ أَنْ يَعُودَ فِي خَطِيئَةٍ

وَقَدْ قُلْتَ يَا إِلَهِي فِي مُحْكَمِ كِتَابِكَ

إِنَّكَ تَقْبَلُ التَّوْبَةَ عَنْ عِبَادِكَ

وَتَعْفُو عَنِ السَّيِّئَاتِ

وَتُحِبُّ التَّوَّابِينَ

فَأَقْبَلْ تَوْبَتِي كَمَا وَعَدْتَ

وَأَعْفُ عَنِ سَيِّئَاتِي كَمَا ضَمِنْتَ

وَأَوْجِبْ لِي مَحَبَّتَكَ كَمَا شَرَطْتَ

وَلَكَ يَا رَبِّ شَرْطِي أَنْ لَا أَعُودَ فِي

مَكْرُوهِكَ

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

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

وَصَمَانِي أَنْ لَا أَرْجِعَ فِي مَذْمُومِكَ  
وَعَهْدِي أَنْ أَهْجُرَ جَمِيعَ مَعَاصِيكَ  
اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ أَعْلَمُ بِمَا عَمِلْتُ  
فَاغْفِرْ لِي مَا عَلِمْتَ  
وَأَصْرِفْنِي بِقُدْرَتِكَ إِلَيَّ مَا أَحْبَبْتَ  
اللَّهُمَّ وَعَلَيَّ تَبِعَاتٌ قَدْ حَفِظْتُهُنَّ  
وَتَبِعَاتٌ قَدْ نَسِيتُهُنَّ  
وَكُلُّهُنَّ بِعَيْنِكَ الَّتِي لَا تَنَامُ  
وَعِلْمِكَ الَّذِي لَا يَنْسَى  
فَعَوِّضْ مِنْهَا أَهْلَهَا  
وَأَحْطِطْ عَنِّي وَزَرَهَا  
وَخَفِّفْ عَنِّي ثِقَلَهَا  
وَأَعْصِمْنِي مِنْ أَنْ أَقَارِفَ مِثْلَهَا  
اللَّهُمَّ وَإِنَّهُ لَا وَفَاءَ لِي بِالتَّوْبَةِ إِلَّا  
بِعِصْمَتِكَ  
وَلَا أَسْتَمْسَاكَ بِي عَنِ الْخَطَايَا إِلَّا  
عَنْ قُوَّتِكَ  
فَقَوِّتِي بِقُوَّةٍ كَافِيَةٍ  
وَتَوَلَّنِي بِعِصْمَةٍ مَانِعَةٍ  
اللَّهُمَّ أَيُّمَا عَبْدٍ تَابَ إِلَيْكَ  
وَهُوَ فِي عِلْمِ الْغَيْبِ عِنْدَكَ فَاسِخٌ

لِتَوْبَتِهِ

and return to his sin and offense,

وَعَائِدُ فِي ذَنْبِهِ وَخَطِيئَتِهِ

I seek refuge in You lest I be like that!

فَإِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ أَنْ أَكُونَ كَذَلِكَ

So, make this my repentance

فَاجْعَلْ تَوْبَتِي هَذِهِ

a repentance after which I will need no  
repentance

تَوْبَةً لَا أَحْتَاجُ بَعْدَهَا إِلَى تَوْبَةٍ

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

تَوْبَةً مُوجِبَةً لِمَحْوِ مَا سَلَفَ

and safety in what remains!

وَالسَّلَامَةَ فِي مَا بَقِيَ

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

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَعْتَذِرُ إِلَيْكَ مِنْ جَهْلِي

and I ask You to disregard my evil acts!

وَأَسْتَوْهَبُكَ سُوءَ فِعْلِي

So join me to the shelter of Your mercy through  
graciousness

فَأَضْمُنِي إِلَى كَنْفِ رَحْمَتِكَ تَطَوُّلاً

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

وَأَسْتُرْنِي بِسِتْرِ عَافِيَتِكَ تَفَضُّلاً

O Allah, I repent to You

اللَّهُمَّ وَإِنِّي أَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

from everything opposed to Your will

مِنْ كُلِّ مَا خَالَفَ إِرَادَتَكَ

or far from Your love—

أَوْ زَالَ عَنِ مَحَبَّتِكَ

the thoughts of my heart,

مِنْ خَطَرَاتِ قَلْبِي

the glances of my eye,

وَلِحَظَاتِ عَيْنِي

the tales of my tongue—

وَحِكَايَاتِ لِسَانِي

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

تَوْبَةً تَسْلِمُ بِهَا كُلُّ جَارِحَةٍ عَلَيَّ

حِيَالِهَا مِنْ تَبَعَاتِكَ

and remain secure from Your painful penalties  
feared by transgressors!

وَتَأْمَنُ مِمَّا يَخَافُ الْمُعْتَدُونَ مِنْ أَلِيمِ

سَطَوَاتِكَ

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,

اللَّهُمَّ فَارْحَمْ وَحْدَتِي بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

وَوَجِيبَ قَلْبِي مِنْ خَشْيَتِكَ

وَأَضْطِرَابَ أَرْكَانِي مِنْ هَيْبَتِكَ

فَقَدْ أَقَامْتَنِي يَا رَبُّ ذُنُوبِي مَقَامَ

الْخِزْيِ بِفِنَائِكَ

فَإِنْ سَكَتُ لَمْ يَنْطِقْ عَنِّي أَحَدٌ

وَإِنْ شَفَعْتُ فَلَسْتُ بِأَهْلِ الشَّفَاعَةِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ

وَشَفِّعْ فِي خَطَايَايَ كَرَمَكَ

وَعُدْ عَلَيَّ سَيِّئَاتِي بِعَفْوِكَ

وَلَا تَجْزِنِي جَزَائِي مِنْ عِقُوبَتِكَ

وَأَبْسُطْ عَلَيَّ طَوْلَكَ

وَجَلِّلْنِي بِسِتْرِكَ

وَأَفْعَلْ بِي فِعْلَ عَزِيزٍ

تَضَرَّعَ إِلَيْهِ عَبْدٌ ذَلِيلٌ فَرَحِمَهُ

أَوْ غَنِيَ تَعَرَّضَ لَهُ عَبْدٌ فَقِيرٌ فَنَعَشَهُ

اللَّهُمَّ لَا خَفِيرَ لِي مِنْكَ

فَلِيخْفُرْنِي عِزُّكَ

وَلَا شَفِيعَ لِي إِلَيْكَ

فَلِيَشْفَعْ لِي فَضْلُكَ

وَقَدْ أَوْجَلَّتْنِي خَطَايَايَ

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,

فَلْيُؤْمِنِي عَفْوِكَ

فَمَا كُلُّ مَا نَطَقْتُ بِهِ عَنْ جَهْلِ مَنِي

بِسُوءِ أَثْرِي

وَلَا نَسِيَانٍ لِمَا سَبَقَ مِنْ ذَمِيمٍ فِعْلِي

وَلَكِنْ لِتَسْمَعَ سَمَاوُكَ وَمَنْ فِيهَا

وَأَرْضُكَ وَمَنْ عَلَيْهَا

مَا أَظْهَرْتُ لَكَ مِنَ النَّدَمِ

وَلَجَأْتُ إِلَيْكَ فِيهِ مِنَ التَّوْبَةِ

فَلَعَلَّ بَعْضَهُمْ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَرْحَمُنِي مِنْ

سُوءِ مَوْقِفِي

أَوْ تُدْرِكُهُ الرَّقَّةُ عَلَيَّ لِسُوءِ حَالِي

فَيَنَالَنِي مِنْهُ بِدَعْوَةٍ

هِيَ أَسْمَعُ لَدَيْكَ مِنْ دُعَائِي

أَوْ شَفَاعَةٍ أَوْ كَدُّ عِنْدَكَ مِنْ شَفَاعَتِي

تَكُونُ بِهَا نَجَاتِي مِنْ غَضَبِكَ وَقَوْزِي

بِرِضَاكَ

اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ يَكُنِ النَّدَمُ تَوْبَةً إِلَيْكَ

فَأَنَا أُنْدَمُ النَّادِمِينَ

وَإِنْ يَكُنِ التَّرْكُ لِمَعْصِيَتِكَ إِنَابَةً

فَأَنَا أَوَّلُ الْمُتَنِيبِينَ

وَإِنْ يَكُنِ الْأَسْتِغْفَارُ حِطَّةً لِلذُّنُوبِ



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.

فَإِنِّي لَكَ مِنَ الْمُسْتَغْفِرِينَ  
اللَّهُمَّ فَكَمَا أَمَرْتَ بِالتَّوْبَةِ وَضَمِنْتَ  
الْقَبُولَ  
وَحَثَّتْ عَلَيَّ الدُّعَاءِ وَوَعَدْتَ  
الْإِجَابَةَ  
فَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ  
وَأَقْبَلْ تَوْبَتِي  
وَلَا تَرْجِعْنِي مَرْجِعَ الْخَيْبَةِ مِنْ  
رَحْمَتِكَ  
إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ التَّوَّابُ عَلَيَّ الْمُذْنِبِينَ  
وَالرَّحِيمُ لِلْخَاطِئِينَ الْمُنِيبِينَ  
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ كَمَا  
هَدَيْتَنَا بِهِ  
وَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ كَمَا  
أَسْتَنْقِذْتَنَا بِهِ  
وَصَلِّ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ  
صَلَاةً تَشْفَعُ لَنَا يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ وَيَوْمَ  
الْفَاقَةِ إِلَيْكَ  
إِنَّكَ عَلَيَّ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ  
وَهُوَ عَلَيْكَ يَسِيرٌ