

*A Supplication for Recitation on
Commencing a Reading of the Qur'an*

اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا، O Allah! Our Lord!
لَكَ الْحَمْدُ، To You belongs all praise.
أَنْتَ الْمُتَوَكَّدُ بِالْقُدْرَةِ You alone possess all power
وَالسُّلْطَانِ الْمَيِّبِينَ، and the firmest authority,
وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ، and to You belongs all praise.
أَنْتَ الْمُتَعَالِي بِالْعِزِّ وَالْكَبِيرِ بِأَيِّ You are exalted in Your might and supremacy
وَفَوْقَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ. and over and above the heavens and the Great Throne.

رَبَّنَا وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ، Our Lord, to You belongs all praise!
أَنْتَ الْمُكْتَفِي بِعِلْمِكَ You are self-sufficient in Your knowledge,
وَالْمُخْتِاجُ إِلَيْكَ كُلُّ ذِي عِلْمٍ. and every possessor of knowledge stands in need of You.
رَبَّنَا وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ، Our Lord, to You belongs all praise,
يَا مُنْزِلَ الْآيَاتِ وَالذِّكْرِ الْعَظِيمِ، O sender of the signs and the Great Reminder!
رَبَّنَا فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ Our Lord, to You belongs all praise
بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنَا مِنَ الْحِكْمَةِ for what You have taught us of wisdom
وَالْقُرْآنِ الْعَظِيمِ الْمُبِينِ. and the great manifest Qur'an.

اللَّهُمَّ O Allah!
أَنْتَ عَلَّمْتَنَاهُ You taught it to us
قَبْلَ رَغْبِنَا فِي تَعَلُّمِهِ، before we could be eager to learn it,
وَإِخْتِصَّصْتَنَا بِهِ and singled us out for it
قَبْلَ رَغْبِنَا بِنَفْعِهِ. before we could desire its benefit.

اللَّهُمَّ O Allah!
فَإِذَا كَانَ ذَلِكَ مَتًّا مِنْكَ، As such has been Your favour toward us,

وَفَضْلاً وَجُوداً وَ لُطْفاً بِنَا،
 وَ رَحْمَةً لَنَا وَ اٰمِنَانَا عَلَيْنَا،
 مِنْ غَيْرِ حَوْلِنَا،
 وَ لَا حِيلَتِنَا،
 وَ لَا قُوَّتِنَا،
 اَللّٰهُمَّ
 فَحَبِّبْ اِلَيْنَا
 حُسْنَ تِلَاوَتِهِ،
 وَ حِفْظَ آيَاتِهِ،
 وَ اِيْمَاناً بِمُتَشَابِهِهِ،
 وَ عَمَلًا بِمُحْكَمِهِ،
 وَ سَبَباً فِي تَاْوِيْلِهِ،
 وَ هُدًى فِي تَدْبِيْرِهِ،
 وَ بَصِيْرَةً بِنُوْرِهِ.

and Your grace, generosity, and kindness to us
 and Your mercy and favour toward us
 —not because of any power that we possessed,
 nor because of any devising on our part,
 nor because of any strength that we had—

O Allah,
 grant us the passion
 for the charm of its recitation,
 and memorization of its verses,
 faith in its metaphorical parts,
 pursuance of its univocal parts,
 the means to interpreting it,
 guidance in contemplating it,
 and inner vision through its light.

اَللّٰهُمَّ
 وَ كَمَا اَنْزَلْتَهُ
 شِفَاءً لِاَوْلِيَانِكَ،
 وَ شِقَاءً عَلٰى اَعْدَائِكَ،
 وَ عَمًى عَلٰى اَهْلِ مَعْصِيَّتِكَ،
 وَ نُوْراً لِاَهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ،
 اَللّٰهُمَّ فَاجْعَلْهُ لَنَا
 حِصْنًا مِنْ عَذَابِكَ،
 وَ حِزْزًا مِنْ غَضَبِكَ،
 وَ حَاجِزًا عَنْ مَعْصِيَّتِكَ،
 وَ عِصْمَةً مِنْ سَخَطِكَ،
 وَ دَلِيْلًا عَلٰى طَاعَتِكَ،
 وَ نُوْراً يَوْمَ تَلْقَاكَ،
 نَسْتَضِيْ بِهٖ فِي خَلْقِكَ،
 وَ نَجُوْرُ بِهٖ عَلٰى صِرَاطِكَ،

O Allah,
 even as You have sent it down
 as healing for Your friends,
 wretchedness for Your enemies,
 blindness for the disobedient,
 and a light for the obedient,
 so also, O Allah, make it for us
 a shield against Your punishment,
 a bulwark against Your wrath,
 a safeguard against Your disobedience,
 a protection from Your displeasure,
 a guide to Your obedience,
 and, on the day we shall encounter You, a light
 whereby we may walk amid Your creatures,
 cross safely Your bridge [over hell],

وَنَهْتِدِي بِهِ إِلَى جَنَّتِكَ. to be led by it into Your paradise.

اللَّهُمَّ
إِنَّا نَعُوذُ بِكَ
مِنَ الشَّقْوَةِ فِي حَمَلِهِ،
وَالْعَمَى عَنِ عَمَلِهِ،
وَالْجَوْرِ عَنْ حُكْمِهِ،
وَالْعُلُوِّ عَنْ تَصَدُّهِ،
وَالْتَفْصِيرِ دُونَ حَقِّهِ.

O Allah!
We seek Your protection
from wretchedness in bearing it,
from blindness in practising it,
from deviating from its precepts,
from swerving from its middle path
and disregarding its right.

اللَّهُمَّ
اخْمِلْ عَنَّا ثِقَلَهُ،
وَأَوْجِبْ لَنَا أَجْرَهُ،
وَأَوْزِعْنَا شُكْرَهُ،
وَاجْعَلْنَا نُرَاعِيهِ وَنَحْفَظُهُ.

O Allah!
Lighten for us its burden,
appoint for us its reward,
inspire us to give thanks for it,
and enable us to observe it and secure it.

اللَّهُمَّ
اجْعَلْنَا تَتَّبِعُ حَالَهُ،
وَنَجْتَنِبُ حَرَامَهُ،
وَنُقِيمُ حُدُودَهُ،
وَنُؤَدِّي فَرَائِضَهُ.

O Allah!
Enable us to pursue what it declares as lawful,
to avoid what it asserts to be unlawful,
to observe its bounds,
and to fulfill its obligations.

اللَّهُمَّ
ارزُقْنَا حَلَاوَةً فِي تِلَاوَتِهِ،
وَنَشَاطَةً فِي قِيَامِهِ،
وَوَجَالَ فِي تَرْتِيلِهِ،
وَقُوَّةً فِي اسْتِعْمَالِهِ،
فِي آنَاءِ اللَّيْلِ وَأَطْرَافِ النَّهَارِ.

O Allah!
Grant us sweetness of its recitation,
animation in its performance,
awe in its recitals,
and strength in putting it into practice
in the watches of the night and at the ends of the day.

اللَّهُمَّ
وَ اشْفِنَا مِنَ النَّوْمِ بِالنَّوْمِ،
وَ اَيْقِظْنَا فِي سَاعَةِ اللَّيْلِ،
مِنْ رُقَادِ الرَّاقِدِينَ،
وَ تَهَيِّئْنَا عِنْدَ الْآحْيَاءِ،
الَّتِي يُسْتَجَابُ فِيهَا الدُّعَاءُ،
مِنْ سِنَّةِ الْوَسْطَانِينَ.

O Allah!

Refresh us with a little amount of sleep
and awaken us in the hour of the night
from the sleep of the slumberers,
and arouse us, at the moments
wherein supplications are granted,
from the drowsiness of the drowsy.

اللَّهُمَّ
اجْعَلْ لِقُلُوبِنَا
ذِكْرًا عِنْدَ عَجَائِبِهِ
الَّتِي لَا تَنْقُضِي،
وَ لَذَاذَةً عِنْدَ تَرْدِيدِهِ،
وَ عِبْرَةً عِنْدَ تَرْجِيحِهِ،
وَ نَفْعًا بَيِّنًا
عِنْدَ اسْتِفْهَامِهِ.

O Allah!

Make our hearts
perceptive of its wonders,
which are never exhausted,
relish murmuring it in soft tones,
take lesson from it when consulting it,
and benefit manifestly
when seeking an answer from it to our queries.

اللَّهُمَّ
إِنَّا نَعُوذُ بِكَ
مِنْ تَخَلُّفِهِ فِي قُلُوبِنَا،
وَ تَوَسُّدِهِ عِنْدَ رُقَادِنَا،
وَ تَنْبِيذِهِ وَرَاءَ ظُهُورِنَا،
وَ نَعُوذُ بِكَ
مِنْ قَسَاوَةِ قُلُوبِنَا
لِمَا بِهِ وَعَظَّمْتَنَا.

O Allah!

We seek Your protection
from letting it languish in our hearts,
from our turning it into a soporific,
and from casting it behind our backs.
We seek Your protection
from hardening of our hearts
to what You have advised us.

اللَّهُمَّ
انْفَعْنَا
بِمَا صَرَفْتَ فِيهِ مِنَ الْآيَاتِ،
وَ ذَكَّرْنَا بِمَا صَرَبْتَ فِيهِ مِنَ الْمَثَلَاتِ،

O Allah!

Give us the benefit
of the signs You have variegated in it,
admonish us by the parables You have drawn in it,

وَكَفَّرْ عَنَّا بِتَأْوِيلِهِ السَّيِّئَاتِ،
 وَضَاعِفْ لَنَا بِهِ جَزَاءً فِي الْحَسَنَاتِ،
 وَارْفَعْنَا بِهِ ثَوَاباً فِي الدَّرَجَاتِ،
 وَلَقِّنَا بِهِ الْبُشْرَى بَعْدَ الْمَمَاتِ.

remedy our ills through its interpretation,
 double through it our reward of good deeds,
 elevate us in rank through it as a reward,
 and give us good news through it after death!

اللَّهُمَّ
 اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا
 زَاداً تُقَوِّينَا بِهِ
 فِي الْمَوْقِفِ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ،
 وَطَرِيقاً وَاضِحاً نَسْلُكُ بِهِ إِلَيْكَ،
 وَعِلْماً نَأْتِ بِهَا
 نَشْكُرُ بِهِ نِعْمَاءَكَ،
 وَتَخْشَعُ صَادِقاً
 نُسَبِّحُ بِهِ أَسْمَاءَكَ،
 فَإِنَّكَ اتَّخَذْتَ بِهِ عَلَيْنَا حُجَّةً،
 قَطَعْتَ بِهِ عُذْرَنَا،
 وَاضْطَنْعْتَ بِهِ عِنْدَنَا نِعْمَةً
 قَصَرَ عَنْهَا شُكْرُنَا.

O Allah!
 Make it for us
 a provision with which You may fortify us
 in the halt before You,
 a clear path by which we may travel towards You,
 a beneficial knowledge
 by which we may thank You for Your blessings,
 a true veneration
 with which we may glorify Your Names,
 for You have made it an argument against us
 whereby You have cut off our excuses,
 and granted thereby a blessing
 for which we can never thank You enough!

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا
 وَابِتاً يَنْبِتُنَا مِنَ الرَّأْسِ،
 وَدَلِيلاً يَهْدِينَا لِصَالِحِ الْعَمَلِ،
 وَعَوْناً هَادِياً يَقْوِمُنَا مِنَ الْمَيْلِ،
 وَعَوْناً يَقْوِينَا مِنَ الْمَلَلِ،
 حَتَّى يَبْلُغَ بِنَا أَفْضَلَ الْأَمَلِ.

O Allah! Make it for us
 a guardian that saves us from stumbles,
 a guide that directs us to righteous conduct,
 a guiding helper that saves us from deviation,
 a helper that gives us vigour in weariness,
 thus enabling us to realize our best aspirations.

اللَّهُمَّ
 اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا شَافِعاً يَوْمَ الْقِيَامِ،
 وَسِلَاحاً يَوْمَ الْإِرْتِقَاءِ،
 وَحَاجِجاً يَوْمَ الْقَضَاءِ،

O Allah! Make it for us
 an intercessor on the day of encounter,
 a conveyance for the day of soaring,
 a pleader on the day of judgement,

وَنُورًا يَوْمَ الظُّلُمَاءِ،
يَوْمَ لَا أَرْضَ وَلَا سَمَاءَ،
يَوْمَ يُجْزَى كُلُّ سَاعٍ
بِمَا سَعَى.

a light on the day of darkness
—a day when there will be neither earth nor heaven,
a day when every worker will be rewarded
for his endeavour.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا
رِيًّا يَوْمَ الظَّمَا،
وَقَوْرًا يَوْمَ الْجَزَاءِ
مِنْ نَارِ حَامِيَةِ
قَلِيلَةَ الْبُقْيَا عَلَى مَنْ بِهَا اضْطَلَى
وَبَحْرَهَا تَلَطَّى.

O Allah! Make it for us
a means of slaking our thirst on the day of thirst,
a means of deliverance on the day of retribution
from the scorching Fire
unsparing to anyone who enters it
and is inflamed by its heat.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْهُ لَنَا
بُرْهَانًا عَلَى رُءُوسِ الْمَلَائِكَةِ،
يَوْمَ يُجْمَعُ فِيهِ
أَهْلُ الْأَرْضِ وَأَهْلُ السَّمَاءِ.

O Allah! Make it for us
an evidence before the assembly of the Elite,
on the day wherein are gathered
the inhabitants of the earth and the heaven.

اللَّهُمَّ ارْزُقْنَا
مَنَازِلَ الشُّهَدَاءِ،
وَعَيْشَ السُّعَدَاءِ،
وَمُرَافَقَةَ الْأَنْبِيَاءِ،
إِنَّكَ سَمِيعُ الدُّعَاءِ.

O Allah! Grant us
the stations of the martyrs,
the life of the felicitous
and the company of the prophets.
Indeed You hear all supplications!¹

¹ Al-Kulaynī, *Uṣūl al-Kāfī*, (Beirut: Dār al-Aḥwā' lil-Ṭabā'ah wal-Nashr wal-Tawzī', 1413/1992) Kitāb al-Du'ā', bāb al-du'ā' 'inda qirā'at al-Qur'ān, vol. 2, pp. 550-552, narrated from al-Imām al-Ṣādiq (ع).