

Four Qur'anic Passages to be read after Salaat

According to a Hadith of Imam Ja'far al-Sādiq (a), when the following four passages were being revealed they complained to Almighty Allah. Clinging to the throne they said: *Where are You sending us, O Our Lord, to those that do wrong and commit sins?* The Almighty replied: *I swear by my Might and my Honor, whenever a Shia of Muhammad and his family reads you after every Salaat, I will look at him with mercy seventy times every day, at each look I will fulfill seventy of his wishes, and I will fulfill his wishes even if he is disobedient to me. (Mafātih al-Jinān).*

We pray to Allah to give us *tanfiq* to recite the four passages after each and every prayer or after every other prayer or to recite them at least after one of the daily five prayers. May Allah grant us the rewards of their recitation!

Surat al-Fātiha (1: 1-7)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ (1)
الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ (2) الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
(3) مَالِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ (4) إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ
نَسْتَعِينُ (5) اهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ
(6) صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرِ
الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الضَّالِّينَ (7)

1: 1 In the Name of God, the All-beneficent, the All-merciful 1: 2 All praise belongs to God, Lord of all the worlds, 1: 3 the All-beneficent, the All-merciful, 1: 4 Master of the Day of Retribution. 1:5 You [alone] do we worship, and to You [alone] do we turn for help. 1: 6 Guide us on the straight path, 1: 7 the path of those whom You have blessed —such as have not incurred Your wrath, nor are astray.

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Āyat al-Kursī (2:255-257)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْحَيُّ الْقَيُّومُ لَا تَأْخُذُهُ سِنَّةٌ وَلَا
نَوْمٌ لَهُ مَا فِي السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمَا فِي الْأَرْضِ مَنْ ذَا
الَّذِي يَشْفَعُ عِنْدَهُ إِلَّا بِإِذْنِهِ يَعْلَمُ مَا بَيْنَ أَيْدِيهِمْ
وَمَا خَلْفَهُمْ وَلَا يُحِيطُونَ بِشَيْءٍ مِّنْ عِلْمِهِ إِلَّا بِمَا
شَاءَ وَسِعَ كُرْسِيُّهُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ وَلَا يَئُودُهُ
حِفْظُهُمَا وَهُوَ الْعَلِيُّ الْعَظِيمُ (255) لَا إِكْرَاهَ
فِي الدِّينِ قَدْ تَبَيَّنَ الرُّشْدُ مِنَ الْعِْيِ فَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ
بِالطَّاغُوتِ وَيُؤْمِنِ بِاللَّهِ فَقَدِ اسْتَمْسَكَ بِالْعُرْوَةِ
الْوُثْقَى لَا انْفِصَامَ لَهَا وَاللَّهُ سَمِيعٌ عَلِيمٌ (256)
اللَّهُ وَلِيُّ الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا يُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ الظُّلُمَاتِ إِلَى
النُّورِ وَالَّذِينَ كَفَرُوا أَوْلِيَاؤُهُمُ الطَّاغُوتُ
يُخْرِجُهُم مِّنَ النُّورِ إِلَى الظُّلُمَاتِ أُولَئِكَ
أَصْحَابُ النَّارِ هُمْ فِيهَا خَالِدُونَ (257)

2:255 God—there is no god except Him— is the Living One, the All-sustainer. Neither drowsiness befalls Him nor sleep. To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth. Who is it that may intercede with Him except with His permission? He knows that which is before them and that which is behind them, and they do not comprehend anything of His knowledge except what He wishes. His seat embraces the heavens and the earth, and He is not wearied by their preservation, and He is the All-exalted, the All-supreme. 2:256 There is no compulsion in religion: rectitude has become distinct from error. So one who disavows the Rebels and has faith in God has held fast to the firmest handle for which there is no breaking; and God is all-hearing, all-knowing. 2:257 God is the Master of the faithful: He brings them out of darkness into light. As for the faithless, their patrons are the Rebels, who drive them out of light into darkness. They shall be the inmates of the Fire, and they shall remain in it [forever].

Āyat al-Shahadah (3: 18-19)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 شَهِدَ اللَّهُ أَنَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ وَأُولُو
 الْعِلْمِ قَائِمًا بِالْقِسْطِ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ الْعَزِيزُ
 الْحَكِيمُ (18) إِنَّ الدِّينَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ الْإِسْلَامُ وَمَا
 اخْتَلَفَ الَّذِينَ أُوتُوا الْكِتَابَ إِلَّا مِنْ بَعْدِ مَا
 جَاءَهُمُ الْعِلْمُ بَعِيًا بَيْنَهُمْ وَمَنْ يَكْفُرْ بِآيَاتِ
 اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ اللَّهَ سَرِيعُ الْحِسَابِ (19)

3: 18 God bears witness that there is no god except Him —and [so do] the angels and those who possess knowledge— maintainer of justice, there is no god but Him, the Almighty, the All-wise. 3: 19 Indeed, with God religion is Islam, and those who were given the Book did not differ except after knowledge had come to them, out of envy among themselves. And whoever defies God's signs [should know that] God is swift at reckoning.

Āyat al-Mulk (3:26-27)

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
 قُلِ اللَّهُمَّ مَالِكِ الْمُلْكِ تُؤْتِي الْمُلْكَ مَنْ تَشَاءُ
 وَتَنْزِعُ الْمُلْكَ مِمَّنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُعِزُّ مَنْ تَشَاءُ وَتُذِلُّ
 مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِيَدِكَ الْخَيْرُ إِنَّكَ عَلَىٰ كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ
 (26) تُوجِبُ اللَّيْلَ فِي النَّهَارِ وَتُوجِبُ النَّهَارَ فِي
 اللَّيْلِ وَتُخْرِجُ الْحَيَّ مِنَ الْمَمِيتِ وَتُخْرِجُ الْمَمِيتَ مِنَ
 الْحَيِّ وَتَرزُقُ مَنْ تَشَاءُ بِغَيْرِ حِسَابٍ (27)

3: 26 O God, Master of all sovereignty! You give sovereignty to whomever You wish, and strip of sovereignty whomever You wish; You make mighty whomever You wish, and You abase whomever You wish; all good is in Your hand. Indeed You have power over all things. 3: 27 You make the night pass into the day and You make the day pass into the night. You bring forth the living from the dead and You bring forth the dead from the living, and You provide whomever You wish without any reckoning.