

This is an excerpt from the book *Spiritual Journey of the Mystics (Saluk-e-Arifan)* - which is the translation of Arabic book: *al-Muraqabat fi Amal al-Sunnah*, written by the most eminent perfect mystic Late Haj Mirza Javad Agha Maliki Tabrizi;

A prudent wayfarer should not forget during the first night of this holy month *tawassul* to the impeccable ones (Ma'sumin) in this night. It is up to him to stretch his hand sincerely towards the threshold of those exalted saintly personalities, should present their blessed, glorious, and beautiful faces as intercessors for our unblessed and polluted (with sins), faces, thus, looking towards the Lord through their splendour and magnanimity because, it is not appropriate and desirable to look towards Him directly with a face blackened with sins, and cheeks rusted with transgressions. Instead, he should plead with them, should open his tongue full of grief and anxiety, should request them to act as intercessors for pleading his case.

It might be that their hearts would become soft with love for him, with their greatness they might accept him by acting as his intercessors as well as might request Allah (the Glorious, the Exalted), that may He accept him and bestow upon him the grace and favour so that he would become the way his Lord desires him to be. Because, Allah (the Glorious, the Exalted), being the most Compassionate and most Merciful, undoubtedly would accept the plea and intercession of those compassionate and exalted personalities, especially, those Sinless noble ones, to whom He himself has taught generosity and compassion as well as has allowed them to act as intercessors.

Yes! By resorting sincerely, truly and honestly to these noble exalted personalities one may attain such gains, prosperity, and salvation which can't even be attained through engaging in worship for one complete year. Therefore, it is up to us to make our best endeavours, by treating the time as our best available opportunity; we should extend our hands towards their threshold; by offering salutations and thanks should open our tongues for needs, and saying the following sincerely and honestly:

O' my masters! Tonight you are the support and shelter of everyone

you are the most exalted and generous among all exalted and generous ones, you like inviting guests and want to be generous towards them

Allah (the Glorious, the Exalted), has commanded you to provide refuge and shelter for the wretched and unsheltered people

أنت يا سيّدي في هذه الليلة
حامي الأمة وخفيّهم

وأكرم الخلائق ، تحبّ الضيافة

ومأمور من الله جلّ جلاله
بالإجارة ، عبدك ضيف الله
وضيفك ، وجار الله وجارك

now here is one of the Allah's
unsheltered servants who has come
to attend your as well as Allah's feast
has attached his heart upon your
support and well as Allah's support
and hospitality

be hospitable and allow him to sit
upon the table of your generosity and
treat him in the following manner:

Consider him as your friend and
supporter and do not deprive him
from your best support and
endeavors; do not deprive him from
your prayer, backing, and
intercession

ask Allah (the Glorious, the Exalted),
not to deprive him from His
Forgiveness and Benevolence;
shouldn't deprive him from His
mercy and compassion

then look at him with love and
pleasure; becoming so happy and
pleased with him that after that He
should never become unhappy and
angry with him, should regard him as
His sincere friend and worthy
servant...

O' my masters! Please beseech Allah
(the Glorious, the Exalted), to bestow
upon me these things; He will accept
your prayer and intercession, because
your splendour and majesty, and
your worth and prestige before Him
is far greater than what could be
perceived by the human mind and
understanding.

I swear to you by your splendour and
majesty, which Allah (the Glorious,
the Exalted), has bestowed upon you,
to look towards me with kindness

فأجر عبدك وأضفه

واجعل قرابي منك الليلة أن
تدخلني في همّك وحزبك ،
ودعائك وحمایتك ، وشفاعتك
وولايتك وشيعتك

وارغب إلى الله لي في كرم
عفوه ، وقبوله ، ورضاه

وأن ينظر إليّ نظرة رحيمة بها
عني رضا لا سخط عليّ بعده
أبدًا ، ويلحقني بشيعتكم
المقربين ، وأوليائكم السابقين

فإنه لا يردّ شفاعتك ، فإنّ لك
عند الله شأنًا من الشأن ،
وقدرًا من القدر ، فبحقّ هذا
الشأن الذي جعل الله لك

يا مولاي أسألك أن تسمح
في حقّي بما سألتك ، وتزيدني

بمقدار كرامتك

and do not deprive me from
whatever I have desired; reward me
more than whatever I have asked in
accordance with your generosity

ولا تنظر يا سيدي إلى حقارتي

وذللّ مقامي وسوء حالي

don't look upon my worthlessness,
disobedience, and deviations,
because the generosity of the
generous ones and the hospitality
shown by the exalted ones are in
accordance with their generosity and
exaltedness and not in proportion
with the worth and merit of their
recipients.

ولا تنظر يا سيدي إلى حقارتي

وذللّ مقامي وسوء حالي ، فإنّ

الكرام لا يعظم عليهم في قرى

ضيفهم شيء من العطايا ، ولا

يقدرّون كرامتهم وعطاياهم

بقدر الضيوف السائلين ، فإنّ

العطاء بقدر المعطي ، والقرى

بقدر المضيف.

O' my masters! You are the ones who
have taught greatness to the exalted
ones, generosity to the generous
ones, and benevolence to the
benevolent ones;

سادتي أنتم الذين علّمتم

الكرام آداب الكرامة ، والأجواد

شيم الجود والسماحة

if there is a discussion about the
benevolence you are the first and the
last as well as the roots and the
branches

إن ذكر الجود كنتم أوّله

وأخره ، وأصله وفرعه

ومنتهاه

if there is a discussion about the
magnanimity and greatness you are
their fountainhead;

وإن قيل الكرم فأنتم معدنه

ومأواه

you are the ones who never returned
any one hopeless and empty-handed

لا يردّ سائلكم ولا يخيب

أملككم.

as you yourself have proclaimed:

سادتي أنتم الذين قلتهم

"Your generosity and reward like rain water pour upon the righteous ones as well as upon the bad ones, likewise;"

do not deprive me from the rain of your generosity

saturate me with the rain of your generosity,

(do not deprive me from the pouring of your love) because I am thirsty for your generosity and hungry for your love and affection;

you don't like that your guests who have taken shelter in your threshold and have tied their hopes upon your benevolence should remain thirsty and hungry.

O' my masters! If you will deprive me from your hospitality I will die with hunger under your shelter sitting upon the side of your tablecloth.

No! No! You wouldn't treat me in this manner; you are not the ones who would deprive the guests from your hospitality so that he would return heart-broken, hopeless and hungry. Never! Never!

مثل المعروف مثل المطر ،

يصب البرّ والفاجر

فلا تمنعوني سحاب رافتكم

فليصبني أمطار جودكم

فإني من جودكم جائع ، ومن

كرمكم ظمآن

لا ترضوا لضيغكم أن يببت في

حماكم جائعاً ضمّاناً

فأنت يا مولاي متى ما منعتني

قراك ، بتُّ طاوياً في حماك ،

ووصلت إلى الهلاك ،

حاشاك من هذه المعاملة مع

ضيغك ثمّ حاشاك.