In his book of *al-Kalim al-Ṭayyib*, Sayyid `Ali Khân says, “The following is a form of seeking aid from The Argument of Allah and the Patron of the Age (Imam al-Mahdî)—peace be upon him: Wherever you are, you may offer a two-unit prayer, reading Sûrah al-Fâtiḥah and any other one in each unit. Yet, it is advisable to read Sûrah al-Fâtiḥah (No. 48) in the first unit and Sûrah al-Naṣr (No. 110) in the second. You may then stand up, facing the kiblah direction under the sky and then say the following:

**Dua Isteghâsa Imam Mahdi-atfs**  

*Peace of Allah—perfect, complete,*

salâmu allâhi alkâmîlu  
alttâmmu

*comprehensive, and thorough;*  
alshshâmîlu al` âmmu

*and His endless benedictions*  
wa šalawâtuhû alدد’imatu  
wa barakâtuhû alqâ’imatu

*and His everlasting, perfect blessings*  
` âlâ ḥujjatî allâhi  
wa walîyyîhi fi ardıhi wa bilâdihî

*be upon the Argument of Allah,*  
wa sulâlatî alnubuwwati

*His representative in His lands and realm,*  
wa baqiyyati al`itrati

*His viceroy among His creatures and servants,*  
wa sulâtul al-qur’âni

*the offspring of Prophethood,*  
wa mužhîri al-imâni  
wa mulaqqini âhkâmi alqur’âni

*the completion of the (Holy) Progeny and the Choice Ones,*  
wa muţâhîri al-arðî  
wa nâshîri al` adîli fi alŧttûli

*the Patron of the Age,*  
walẖujjati alqâ’imi almahdiyyi

*the demonstrator of the (true) faith,*  
al-imâmi almuntazari

*the teacher of the laws of the Qur’în,*  
almardîyyi

*the purger of the earth,*  
wabni al-a’immati alŧttâhirina

*the spreader of justice all over the earth,*  
alwaşîyyi ibni al-awšiyâ’i

*the Argument (al-’ujjah), the Riser (al-Q’îm), the Well-guided (al-Mahdî),*  
almardîyyina

*the Leader, the Awaited, the Pleased,*  
alhâdî alma` şûmi

*the descendant of the Infallible Imams,*  
ibni al-a’immati alhudati

*the Successor, the son of the Pleased Successors (of the Prophets),*  
alma` şûmîna

*the Guide, the Immaculate,*  
ibnî al-a’immati alhudatî

*and the son of the Imams—the guides and immaculate.*
Peace be upon you, O granter of dignity to the oppressed and faithful ones.

Peace be upon you, O humiliator of the arrogant and oppressing unbelievers.

Peace be upon you, O my master, the Patron of the Age.

Peace be upon you, O son of Allah’s Messenger.
Peace be upon you, O son of the Commander of the Believers.
Peace be upon you, O son of Fatimah the Luminous and the Doyenne of the women of the world.

Peace be upon you, O son of the Imams—the arguments (of Allah) and Immaculate

and the leader of all creatures.

Peace be upon you, O my master addressed by him who is loyal to your (divinely commissioned) leadership.

I bear witness that you are the well-guided Imam in word and deed,
it is you who shall fill the earth with justice and impartiality after it will be filled with wrong and partiality.
So, may Allah hasten your reappearance,
make easy your advent,
make nearer the time of your coming,
increase the number of your supporters and backers,
and fulfill for you all that which He has promised you.
He is surely the most truthful of all those who can speak (and He has said):

"We desired to bestow a favor upon those who were deemed weak in the land,

make them the Imams, and make them the heirs."

O my master! O Patron of the Age!

O son of Allah’s Messenger!

My request is...

Mention your need and then go on saying:

So, intercede for me so that it will be settled, for I am turning my face towards you for settling my request, since I know for sure that you enjoy with Allah admissible word of intercession, and praiseworthy standing.

So, I ask you in the name of Him Who granted you (i.e. the Ahl al-Bayt) exclusively the right of representing Him, and admitted you all to keep His secrets, and I ask you in the name of the standing that you exclusively enjoy with Allah, to ask Allah, the Exalted, to render successful my request, to answer my prayer, and to relieve my grief.

You may then ask for whatever you want, and it will be settled for you, by Allah’s permission.