

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

Peace of Allah—perfect, complete,	salāmu allāhi alkāmilu alttāmmu	سَلَامُ اللَّهِ الْكَامِلُ التَّامُّ
comprehensive, and thorough;	alshshāmilu al`āmmu	الشَّامِلُ الْعَامُّ
and His endless benedictions	wa ṣalawātuhū alddā'imatu	وَصَلَوَاتُهُ الدَّائِمَةُ
and His everlasting, perfect blessings	wa barakātuhū alqā'imatu alttāmmatu	وَبَرَكَاتُهُ الْقَائِمَةُ التَّامَّةُ
be upon the Argument of Allah,	`alā ḥujjati allāhi	عَلَى حُجَّةِ اللَّهِ
His representative in His lands and realm,	wa waliyyihī fī arḍihī wa bilādihī	وَوَلِيِّهِ فِي أَرْضِهِ وَبِلَادِهِ
His viceroy among His creatures and servants,	wa khalīfatihī `alā khalqihī wa `ibādihī	وَخَلِيفَتِهِ عَلَى خَلْقِهِ وَعِبَادِهِ
the offspring of Prophethood,	wa sulālati alnubuwwati	وَسُلَالَةِ النَّبُوَّةِ
the completion of the (Holy) Progeny and the Choice Ones,	wa baqiyyati al`itrati walṣṣafwati	وَبَقِيَّةِ الْعِتْرَةِ وَالصَّفْوَةِ
the Patron of the Age,	ṣāḥibi alzzamāni	صَاحِبِ الزَّمَانِ
the demonstrator of the (true) faith,	wa muḥhiri al-īmāni	وَمُظْهِرِ الْإِيمَانِ
the teacher of the laws of the Qur`ān,	wa mulaqqini aḥkāmi alqur`āni	وَمُلَقِّنِ أَحْكَامِ الْقُرْآنِ
the purger of the earth,	wa muṭahhiri al-arḍi	وَمُطَهِّرِ الْأَرْضِ
the spreader of justice all over the earth,	wa nāshiri al`adli fī alṭṭūli wal`arḍi	وَتَاشِرِ الْعَدْلِ فِي الطُّولِ وَالْعَرْضِ
the Argument (al-°ujjah), the Riser (al-Qi`im), the Well-guided (al-Mahdī),	walḥujjati alqā'imi almahdiyyi	وَالْحُجَّةِ الْقَائِمِ الْمَهْدِيِّ
the Leader, the Awaited, the Pleasèd,	al-imāmi almuntaẓari almarḍiyyi	الْإِمَامِ الْمُنْتَظَرِ الْمَرْضِيِّ
the descendant of the Infallible Imams,	wabni al-a'immati alṭṭāhirīna	وَأَبْنِ الْأَيْمَةِ الطَّاهِرِينَ
the Successor, the son of the Pleasèd Successors (of the Prophets),	alwaṣiyyi ibni al-awṣiyā'i almarḍiyyīna	الْوَصِيِّ ابْنِ الْأَوْصِيَاءِ الْمَرْضِيِّينَ
the Guide, the Immaculate,	alhādī alma`ṣūmi	الْهَادِي الْمَعْصُومِ
and the son of the Imams—the guides and immaculate.	ibni al-a'immati alhudati alma`ṣūmīna	ابْنِ الْأَيْمَةِ الْهُدَاةِ الْمَعْصُومِينَ

Peace be upon you, O grantor of dignity to the oppressed and faithful ones.

alssalāmu `alayka
yā mu`izza almu'minīna
almustaḍ`afīna

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مُعِزَّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ

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

alssalāmu `alayka
yā mudhilla alkāfirīna
almutakabbirīna alzzālimīna

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مُذِلَّ الْكَافِرِينَ
الْمُتَكَبِّرِينَ الظَّالِمِينَ

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

alssalāmu `alayka
yā mawlāya yā šāhibā
alzzamāni

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا صَاحِبَ
الزَّمَانِ

Peace be upon you, O son of Allah's Messenger.

alssalāmu `alayka yabna
rasūli allāhi

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

Peace be upon you, O son of the Commander of the Believers.

alssalāmu `alayka yabna
amīri almu'minīna

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَنَ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

Peace be upon you, O son of Fatimah the Luminous and the Doyenne of the women of the world.

alssalāmu `alayka yabna
fātimata alzzahrā'i
sayyidati nisā'i al`ālamīna

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَنَ فَاطِمَةَ الزَّهْرَاءِ
سَيِّدَةَ نِسَاءِ الْعَالَمِينَ

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

alssalāmu `alayka yabna al-
a'immati alḥujaji
alma`šūmīna

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَنَ الْأَيْمَةِ الْحُجَجِ
الْمَعْصُومِينَ

and the leader of all creatures.

wal-imāmu `alā alkhalqī
ajma`īna

وَالْإِمَامُ عَلَى الْخَلْقِ أَجْمَعِينَ

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

alssalāmu `alayka
yā mawlāya

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ

I bear witness that you are the well-guided Imam in word and deed,

ash-hadu annaka al-imāmu
almahdiyyu qawlan wa fi`lan

أَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ الْإِمَامُ الْمَهْدِيُّ قَوْلًا وَفِعْلًا

it is you who shall fill the earth with justice and impartiality after it will be filled with wrong and partiality.

wa anta alladhī tamla'u al-
arḍa qīṣṭan wa `adlan
ba`damā muli'at ḡulman wa
jawran

وَأَنْتَ الَّذِي تَمَلَأُ الْأَرْضَ قِسْطًا وَعَدْلًا
بَعْدَ مَا مَلَأَتْ ظُلْمًا وَجَوْرًا

So, may Allah hasten your reappearance,

fa`ajjala allāhu farajaka

فَعَجَّلَ اللَّهُ فَرَجَكَ

make easy your advent,

wa sahhala makhrajaka

وَسَهَّلَ مَخْرَجَكَ

make nearer the time of your coming,

wa qarraba zamānaka

وَقَرَّبَ زَمَانَكَ

increase the number of your supporters and backers,

wa kaththara anšāraka wa
a`wānaka

وَكَثَّرَ أَنْصَارَكَ وَأَعْوَانَكَ

and fulfill for you all that which He has promised you.

wa anjaza laka mā wa
`adaka

وَأَنْجَزَ لَكَ مَا وَعَدَكَ

He is surely the most truthful of all those who can speak (and He has said):

fahuwa aṣḍaqu alqā'ilīna

فَهُوَ أَصْدَقُ الْقَائِلِينَ:

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

wa nurīdu an namunna
`alā alladhīna istuḍ`ifū fī al-
arḍi

(وَتُرِيدُ أَنْ نَمُنَّ عَلَى الَّذِينَ اسْتَضَعُوا

فِي الْأَرْضِ

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

wa naj`alahum a'immatan
wa naj`alahumu alwāarithīna

وَتَجْعَلَهُمْ أُمَّةً وَتَجْعَلَهُمُ الْوَارِثِينَ)

O my master! O Patron of the Age!

yā mawlāya yā sāhibā
alzzamāni

يَا مَوْلَايَ يَا صَاحِبَ الزَّمَانِ

O son of Allah's Messenger!

yabna rasūli allāhi

يَا بَنَ رَسُولِ اللَّهِ

My request is...

ḥājati...

حَاجَتِي ...

Mention your need and then go on saying:

So, intercede for me so that it will be settled,

fashfa` lī fī najāḥihā

فَأَشْفَعْ لِي فِي نَجَاحِهَا

for I am turning my face towards you for settling my request,

faqad tawajjahtu ilayka
biḥājati

فَقَدْ تَوَجَّهْتُ إِلَيْكَ بِحَاجَتِي

since I know for sure that you enjoy with Allah admissible word of intercession,

li`ilmī anna laka `inda allāhi
shafā`atan maqbūlatan

لِعِلْمِي أَنَّ لَكَ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ شَفَاعَةً
مَقْبُولَةً

and praiseworthy standing.

wa maqāman maḥmūdan

وَمَقَامًا مَحْمُودًا

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,

fabiḥaqqi man ikhtaṣṣakum
bi-amrihī

فَبِحَقِّ مَنْ اخْتَصَّكُمْ بِأَمْرِهِ

and I ask you in the name of the standing that you exclusively enjoy with Allah,

wa bilshsha'ni alladhī lakum
`inda allāhi baynahū

وَبِالْشَّانِ الَّذِي لَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ بَيْنَكُمْ
وَبَيْنَهُ

to ask Allah, the Exalted, to render successful my request,

sal(i) allāha ta`ālā fī nujḥi
ṭalibatī

سَلِ اللَّهَ تَعَالَى فِي نُجْحِ طَلِبَتِي

to answer my prayer,

wa ijābati da`watī

وَإِجَابَةَ دَعْوَتِي

and to relieve my grief.

wa kashfi kurbatī

وَكَشْفِ كُرْبَتِي

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