Dua Iftitah

It is recommended to recite the following $Du \bar{a}' al$ -Iftif $\bar{a}h$ every night in Ramadān:

O Allah: I begin the glorification of You with praising You:

And You always guide us to the right out of Your favoring upon us.

And I am certain that You are the most Merciful of all those who show mercy in situations of pardon and mercy

But You are the very exacting in situations of giving exemplary punishment and chastisement (to the wrongdoers),

And You are the greatest Omnipotent in the domain of absolute power and might.

O Allah: You have permitted me to pray and beseech You.

So, listen, O the All-hearer, to my words of praise,

فَاسْمَعْ يَا سَمِيعُ مِدْحَتِي،

And please reply my prayer; O the All-merciful.

And please overlook my slips; O the Oft-Forgiving.

You, O my God, have relieved so many of my griefs,

And You have dispelled so many of my sorrows

And You have overlooked so many of my slips,

And You have spread over me many of Your mercies

And You have unlocked so many of rings of misfortunes (in which I was detained).

All praise be to Allah Who has not betaken wife or son,

And Who has no partner in the sovereignty,

وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَرِيكٌ فِي الْمُلْكِ

nor has He any protecting friend through dependence. And Magnify Him with all magnificence.

All praise be to Allah with full gratitude for all His bounties.

All praise be to Allah Who has no opposition in His rule,

nor there is any challenge to His commands.

All praise be to Allah Who has no counsel to meddle with His operation of creation,

nor there is anything similar to Him in His greatness.

All praise be to Allah Whose commandments are active in the creation and the praising of Whom is incumbent.

His glory is evident through His kindness,

الظَّاهِرِ بِالْكَرَمِ مَجْدُهُ،

His distinct overflowing generosity is freely available,

His unlimited bestowals do not exhaust,

and He does not swell the numerous benefits except because of generosity and kindness.

وَلا تَزِيدُهُ كَثْرَةُ الْعَطَاءِ إِلاَّ جُوداً وَكَرَماً

Verily He is Mighty, Generous.

O Allah, I ask for some from much,

in the midst of my many needs for which I entirely depend on You,

and You since eternity, are able to do without them, but for me it is a titanic effort

and for You it is very easy and simple.

O Allah, truly, as You pardon my sins,

And You overlook my mistakes;

And You take a lenient view of my disorderly conduct,

And You cover up my foul actions,

And You show consideration in spite of my many transgressions committed willfully or negligently,

All that tempted me to ask for that which I do not deserve, from You, on account of Your mercy, that You may give me the daily bread;

And You may provide with that which is suitable for me, through Your control;

And You may distinguish me with favorable reply to my requests.

وَعَرَّفْتَني مِنْ إِجَابَتِكَ،

So, I persist in calling out, believing in You,

فَصِرْتُ أَدْعُوكَ آمِناً،

and I invoke You, talking familiarly, not afraid, nor shy,

but assured of Your love and kindness whenever I turn to You.

A temporary setback and I, out of ignorance, begin to despair,

although perhaps slowing down may be a blessing in disguise, because You alone knows (all) the consequences.

I do not know a generous Master who is more accommodating to the dissatisfied servants than You are to me.

And You become familiar with me but I do not care for You,

And You show affection to me but I do not correspond to You

as if You are overreaching me!

Yet You do not abstain from having mercy upon me and doing favors to me

and blessing me out of Your magnanimity and generosity,

So, (please) have mercy on Your ignorant servant and bestow upon him with the favors of Your beneficence

Verily, You are Generous and Kind.

All praise be to Allah: the owner of the sovereignty,

Who sets the course of skies and the stars,

Who controls the winds,

مُسَخِّرِ الرِّيَاحِ،

Who causes the day break,

and Who administers the authority:

the Lord of the worlds.

All praise be to Allah for His indulgence although He has full acquaintance with all things.

All praise be to Allah for His amnesty although He has full power over all things.

All praise be to Allah for the respite that He allows inspite of provocation.

He is able to do whatever He wills.

All praise be to Allah, the Creator of all the created beings,

الْحَمْدُ لِلّهِ خَالِقِ الْخَلْقِ،

Who makes the sustenance freely available,

بَاسِطِ الرِّزْق،

Who starts the day,

فَالِقِ الإِصْبَاحِ،

Who is the Owner of glory, might, favours, and bounties,

And Who is so far away that none can ever see Him,

And, in the same time, He is so near that He is fully aware of even the whispering secrets.

Blessed and Exalted be He.

All praise be to Allah Who has no equal to challenge Him,

nor is there an image comparable to Him,

nor is there a helper to assist Him.

وَلا ظَهِيرٌ يُعَاضِدُهُ،

He tames the powerful by (His) force,

and disgraced are the great ones before His Greatness,

so He, through His power, fulfills that which He wills.

All praise be to Allah Who gives answer to me whenever I call Him;

And He covers up my shortcomings, yet I disobey Him;

And He gives me the largest part of the bounties, yet I do not show his gratitude.

Many a auspicious favors had He given me;

And many a terrible dangers had He turned off,

And many a blossoming joys had He made available for me,

وَبَهْجَةٍ مُونِقَةٍ قَدْ أُرَانِي؟

Therefore, I sing His praises and recite His glorifications.

And mention Him with exaltation.

All praise be to Allah Whose screen cannot be penetrated

And Whose door is not blocked;

And Whose beseecher is not rejected;

And one who hopes Him is not disappointed.

All praise be to Allah Who secures the frightened ones,

Who comes to the help of the upright ones,

Who promotes the cause of the weak ones,

وَيَرْفَعُ الْمُسْتَضْعَفِينَ،

annihilates the autocrats,

وَيَضَعُ الْمُسْتَكْبِرِينَ،

Who destroys rulers and appoints others instead.

وَيُهْلِكُ مُلُوكاً ويَسْتَخْلِفُ آخرين؟

All praise be to Allah; the Eradicator of the tyrants,

وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ قَاصِمِ الْجَبَّارِينَ،

The Terminator of the unjust ones,

مُبير الظَّالِمِينَ،

The Catcher of the fugitives,

مُدْرِكِ الْهَارِبِينَ،

The Punisher of the unjust ones,

نَكَالِ الظَّالِمِينَ،

The aide of the seekers of aid,

صَرِيخِ الْمُسْتَصْرِخِينَ،

The Settler of the needs of the beseechers,

مَوْضِعِ حَاجَاتِ الطَّالِبِينَ،

And the support of the the faithful believers.

مُعْتَمَدِ الْمُؤْمِنينَ.

All praise be to Allah! In His awe-inspiring fear the heavens and its dwellers tremble and shiver,

And the earth and its inhabitants shake and quiver,

And the oceans and all that which float and swim in their waters flow together in excitement and tumult.

All praise be to Allah Who has guided us to this. We could not truly have been led aright if Allah had not guided us.

All praise be to Allah Who creates but He is not created;

And He gives subsistence but He needs no provisions;

And He gives food to eat but He takes no nourishment,

And He makes the living dead

وَيُمِيتُ الأَحْيَاءَ،

And He brings the dead to life,

But He is the Everliving, there is no death for Him,

in His hands is all the good,

and He is able to do all things.

O Allah: (please do) send blessings on Muḥammad, Your servant and Messenger,

And Your confidant, friend, and beloved intimate,

And the choicest of Your created beings,

And the bearer of Your sacraments,

And the quotient of Your Messengers,

وَمُبَلِّغِ رِسَالاتِكَ

With the most superior, the most exquisite, the most handsomer,

the most perfect, the most upright, the most prospering,

the most pleasant, the most thoroughly purified, the most sublime;

The most and the best blessings, advantages,

mercies, affections

And salutations that You have ever made available to anyone of Your servants and Prophets,

And Messengers and choicest people and those honored by You from among Your created beings.

O Allah: (please do) send blessings on `Alī, the Commander of the Believers,

اللَّهُمَّ وَصَلِّ عَلَى عَلِيٍّ أُمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنينَ،

And the successor of the Messenger of the Lord of the worlds:

Your servant, Your beloved representative, and the brother of Your Messenger,

عَبْدِكَ وَوَلِيِّكَ وَأُخِي رَسُولِكَ

and Your decisive argument over the mankind,

And Your most important sign,

And the great news (from You).

وَالنَّبَأُ الْعَظِيمِ،

And (please do) send blessings on the truthful, pure Lady,

Fāṭimah: the Doyenne of the women of the world.

And (please do) send blessings on the sons of 'the mercy to the worlds'

And the two leaders of true guidance,

وَإِمَامَيِ الْهُدَى

Al-Ḥasan and al-Ḥusayn,

الْحَسَنِ وَالْحُسَيْنِ

the two Chiefs of the dwellers of Paradise.

And (please do) send blessings on the leaders of the Muslims,

وَصَلِّ عَلَى أَئِمَّةِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ:

`Alī bin al-Ḥusayn,

عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ،

Muḥammad bin `Alī,

وَمُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ،

Ja`far bin Muhammad,

وَجَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ،

Mūsā bin Ja`far,

وَمُوسَى بْنِ جَعْفَرٍ،

`Alī bin Mūsā,

وَعَلِيِّ بْنِ مُوسَى،

Muḥammad bin 'Alī,

وَمُحَمَّدِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ،

'Alī bin Muḥammad,

وَعَلِيٍّ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ،

Al-Ḥasan bin `Alī,

وَالْحَسَنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ،

and the successor, the guide, and the rightly guided

وَالْخَلَفِ الْهَادِي الْمَهْدِيِّ،

(Those Imams are) Your decisive arguments over Your servants,

حُجَجك عَلَى عِبَادِك،

Your trustworthy confidants in Your lands—

وَأُمَنَائِكَ فِي بِلادِكَ

Blessings that are numerous and non-stop.

صَلاةً كَثِيرَةً دَائِمَةً.

O Allah: (please do) send blessings on the custodian of Your commandments,

اللَّهُمَّ وَصَلِّ عَلَى وَليِّ أَمْرِكَ

The vigilant guardian, the reliable patron,

الْقَائِمِ الْمُؤَمَّلِ،

And the awaited justice.

وَالْعَدْلِ الْمُنْتَظَرِ،

And (please) surround him with Your favorite Angels,

وَحُفَّهُ بِمَلائِكَتِكَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ،

And assist him with the Holy Spirit.

وَأُيِّدْهُ بِرُوحِ الْقُدُسِ

O the Lord of the worlds.

O Allah: (please) choose him to be the caller to Your Book and the for establisher of Your religion,

and make him succeed in the earth as You caused those who were before him to succeed,

اسْتَخْلِفْهُ فِي الأَرْضِ كَمَا اسْتَخْلَفْتَ الَّذِينَ مِنْ قَبْلِهِ،

and establish for him his faith which You have approved for him

And give him in exchange safety after the fear.

He serves You. He ascribes nothing as partner to You.

O Allah: (please) give him power and authority, and through him strengthen the people,

And give him the necessary assistance, and through him support the people,

And help him with a mighty help

And make him prevail over all with easiness

And delegate him Your controlling authority.

O Allah: (please) give currency to Your religion and to Your Prophet's traditions through him

So that nothing which is just and genuine is kept concealed from anyone of the human beings.

O Allah: we ardently desire that You confer upon us a respectful government

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَرْغَبُ إِلَيْكَ فِي دَوْلَةٍ كَرِيمَةٍ

Through which You may reactivate Islam and stimulate its followers,

and humble and humiliate the imposters and their double-dealing shams,

and include us among those who invite people to the obedience to You and lead them to Your approved path,

and give us the good of this world and the world to come.

O Allah: let us bear out and hold up that which You make known to us as the truth,

and let us be fully aware of that which we fall short of doing.

O Allah: through him, set in order our disorder;

gather and unite our flock;

وَاشْعَبْ بِهِ صَدْعَنَا،

stitch together our ripped open separation;

turn our want and poverty into enough,

lift us up from our degradation;

free us from our misery,

وَأُغْنِ بِهِ عَائِلَنَا،

pull us out from our debts,

وَاقْضِ بِهِ عَنْ مُغْرَمِنَا،

Set up our poverty

وَاجْبُرْ بِهِ فَقْرَنَا،

fill the gap created by confusion among us;

وَسُدَّ بِهِ خَلَّتَنَا،

let our difficulties be easy to deal with;

وَيَسِّرْ بِهِ عُسْرَنَا،

refine our substance and style,

وَبَيِّضْ بِهِ وُجُوهَنَا،

untie our ropes and straps;

وَفُكَّ بِهِ أُسْرِنَا،

let our efforts succeed well and secure success;

وَأُنْجِحْ بِهِ طَلِبَتَنَا،

make us fulfil our promises;

وَأُنْجِزْ بِهِ مَواعِيدَنَا،

give answer to our prayers;

واسْتَجِبْ بِهِ دَعْوَتَنَا،

listen to our requests;

وَأَعْطِنَا بِهِ سُوَّلَنَا،

cause us to obtain the good of this world and the Hereafter;

وَبَلِّغْنَا بِهِ مِنَ الدُّنْيَا وَالآخِرَةِ آمَالَنَا،

give us much and more than our expectations

وَأَعْطِنَا بِهِ فَوْقَ رَغْبَتِنَا،

O the Best of givers and bestowers;

يَا خَيْرَ الْمَسْؤُولِينَ، وَأُوْسَعَ الْمُعْطِينَ،

and cleanse our hearts,

اشْفِ بهِ صُدُورِنَا،

unburden our emotions from hate and anger,

and in the event of dispute in the matter of truth show us the right path,

verily You guides whosoever You wills to the Right Path.

Let us, through him, get the better of Your enemies and our opponents,

O the true God: Be it so!

O Allah: we complain to You

About the departure of our Prophet —Your blessings be on him and on his Household—

And about the absence of our leader,

And about the big numbers of our enemies,

وَكَثْرَةَ عَدُوِّنَا،

And about our few number,

وَقِلَّةً عَدَدِنَا،

And about widespread disorder,

and about vicissitudes of time against us.

So, (please do) send blessings on Muḥammad and on his Househod

And help us overcome all that through victory from You that You expedite

And through relieving us from our injurites

And through Your help that You confirm

And through bringing in the rule of justice and fairplay,

And through mercy that You expand over us

ورَحْمَةٍ مِنْكَ تُجَلِّلُنَاهَا

And through good health that You cover us with,

Out of Your mercy, O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.