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Opening supplication دعاء الإستفتاح

a اللَّهُمَّ بَاعِذْ بَيْنَ حَطَابِيَّيِّي وَبَيْنَ حَطَابِيَّيِّي كَمَا باعِذْ بَيْنَ الشَّرْقِ وَالْمَغْرِبِ ، اللَّهُمَّ تَقْنِي مِنْ حَطَابِيَّيِّي كَمَا تُيَقْنِي الشُّوْبَ الْأَبْيَضَ مِنَ الدَّنَسِ ، اللَّهُمَّ اغْسِلْنِي مِنْ حَطَابِيَّيِّي بِالثَّلَاجِ وَالْمَاءِ وَالْبَرَدِ .

'O Allah, distance me from my sins just as You have distanced The East from The West, O Allah, purify me of my sins as a white robe is purified of filth, O Allah, cleanse me of my sins with snow, water, and ice.'

b) وَجَهْتُ وَجْهِي لِلَّذِي فَطَرَ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضَ حَنِيفًا وَمَا أَنَا مِنَ الْمُشْرِكِينَ ، إِنَّ صَلَاتِي ، وَنُسُكِي ، وَمَحْيَايِي ، وَمَمَاتِي لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ ، لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِذَلِكَ أَمْرَتُ وَأَنَا مِنَ الْمُسْلِمِينَ . اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الْمَالِكُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ ، أَنْتَ رَبِّي وَأَنَا عَبْدُكَ ، ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي وَاعْتَرَفْتُ بِذَنْبِي فَاغْفِرْ لِي ذُنُوبِي جَمِيعاً إِنَّهُ لَا يَغْفِرُ الذُّنُوبَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ . وَاهْدِنِي لِأَحْسَنِ الْأَخْلَاقِ لَا يَهْدِي لِأَحْسَنِهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ ، وَاصْرِفْ عَنِّي سَيِّئَهَا ، لَا يَصْرِفْ عَنِّي سَيِّئَهَا إِلَّا أَنْتَ ، لَبَيْكَ وَسَعْدَيْكَ ، وَالْحَيْرُ كُلُّهُ بِيَدِكَ ، وَالشَّرُّ لَيْسَ إِلَيْكَ ، أَنَا بِكَ وَإِلَيْكَ ، تَبَارَكْتُ وَتَعَالَيْتُ أَسْتَغْفِرُكَ وَأَتُوبُ إِلَيْكَ

'I have turned my face sincerely towards He who has brought forth the heavens and the Earth and I am not of those who associate (others with Allah). Indeed my prayer, my sacrifice, my life and my death are for Allah, Lord of the worlds, no partner has He, with this I am commanded and I am of the Muslims. O Allah, You are the Sovereign, none has the right to be worshipped except You. You are my Lord and I am Your servant, I have wronged my own soul and have acknowledged my sin, so forgive me all my sins for no one forgives sins except You. Guide me to the best of characters for none can guide to it other than You, and deliver me from the worst of characters for none can deliver me from it other than You. Here I am, in answer to Your call, happy to serve you. All good is within Your hands and evil does not stem from You. I exist by your will and will return to you. Blessed and High are You, I seek Your forgiveness and repent unto You.'

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ وَبِحَمْدِكَ وَتَبَارَكَ اسْمُكَ وَتَعَالَى جَدُّكَ وَلَا إِلَهَ غَيْرُكَ (c)

‘How perfect You are O Allah, and I praise You. Blessed be Your name, and lofty is Your position and none has the right to be worshipped except You.’

Other opening du'as:

The Prophet (s) would say (as an opening supplication in prayer) when rising from sleep to perform prayers during the night:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ نُورُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ ، وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ قَيْمُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ ، [وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ رَبُّ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ] [وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ لَكَ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ] [وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَنْتَ مُلْكُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ] [وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ] أَنْتَ الْحَقُّ وَوَعْدُكَ الْحَقُّ ، وَقَوْلُكَ الْحَقُّ ، وَلِقَاؤُكَ الْحَقُّ ، وَالْجَنَّةُ حَقٌّ ، وَالنَّارُ حَقٌّ ، وَمُحَمَّدٌ حَقٌّ ، وَالسَّاعَةُ حَقٌّ] [اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ أَسْلَمْتُ ، وَعَلَيْكَ تَوَكَّلْتُ ، وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ ، وَإِلَيْكَ أَتَبَتُ ، وَبِكَ خَاصَّتُ ، وَإِلَيْكَ حَاكَمْتُ . فَاغْفِرْ لِي مَا قَدَّمْتُ ، وَمَا أَخْرَتُ ، وَمَا أَسْرَرْتُ ، وَمَا أَعْلَمْتُ] [أَنْتَ الْمُقْدَمُ وَأَنْتَ الْمُؤَخِّرُ ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ] [أَنْتَ إِلَهِي لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ .

الله أَكْبَرُ كَبِيراً ، الله أَكْبَرُ كَبِيراً ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ كَثِيرًا ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ كَثِيرًا ، وَالْحَمْدُ لِلّٰهِ كَثِيرًا
(٥٠) ، وَسُبْحَانَ اللّٰهِ بَكْرَةً وَأَصِيلًا . (ثَلَاثًا)
أَعُوذُ بِاللّٰهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ مِنْ نَفْخِهِ وَنَفْتِهِ وَهَمْزَهِ

Isti'adah

أعوذ بالله من الشيطان الرجيم

Surah al-Fatihah (Virtues, Names & Wisdoms)

Basmalah

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ

[All] praise is [due] to Allah, Lord of the worlds

الْرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

The Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful

مَلِكِ يَوْمِ الدِّينِ

Sovereign of the Day of Recompense

إِيَّاكَ نَعْبُدُ وَإِيَّاكَ نَسْتَعِينُ

It is You we worship and You we ask for help

أَهْدِنَا الصِّرَاطَ الْمُسْتَقِيمَ

Guide us to the straight path

صِرَاطَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ عَلَيْهِمْ غَيْرَ الْمَغْضُوبِ عَلَيْهِمْ وَلَا الظَّالِمِينَ

The path of those upon whom You have bestowed favor, not of those who have earned [Your] anger or of those who are astray.

أمين
Ameen

Surahs recited after Fatihah

Takbir

الله أكْبَر

Allah is the Greatest

Du'as in Rukoo'

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيَ الْعَظِيمُ

How perfect my Lord is, The Supreme

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا وَبِحَمْدِكَ ، اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي

How perfect You are O Allah, our Lord and I praise You. O Allah, forgive me.

سُبُّوحٌ فُدُوسٌ، رَبُّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحُ

Perfect and Holy (He is), Lord of the angles and the Rooh (i.e. Jibra-eel)

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ رَكِعْتُ وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ، وَلَكَ أَسْلَمْتُ، حَسْنَعَ لَكَ سَمْعِي، وَبَصَرِي، وَمُحْكَيٌ، وَعَظْمِيٌّ، وَعَصَبَيٌّ،
وَمَا اسْتَقَلَّ بِهِ قَدْمَيٌ

O Allah, unto You I have bowed, and in You I have believed, and to You I have submitted. My hearing, sight, mind, bones, tendons and what my feet carry are humbled before You.

سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْجَبَرُوتِ ، وَالْمَلَكُوتِ ، وَالْكَبْرِيَاءِ ، وَالْعَظَمَةِ

How perfect He is, The Possessor of total power, sovereignty, magnificence and grandeur.

Dua coming up from rukoo'

سَمِعَ اللَّهُ لِمَنْ حَمَدَهُ

May Allah answer he who praises Him.

Du'a While standing after rukoo'

رَبَّنَا وَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ حَمْدًا كَثِيرًا طَيْبًا مُبَارَكًا فِيهِ (a)

‘Our Lord, for You is all praise, an abundant beautiful blessed praise.’

بـ) مِلْءُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَمِلْءُ الْأَرْضِ، وَمَا بَيْنَهُمَا، وَمِلْءُ مَا شِئْتَ مِنْ شَيْءٍ بَعْدُ. أَهْلُ الثَّنَاءِ وَالْمَجْدِ، أَحَقُّ مَا قَالَ الْعَبْدُ، وَكُلُّنَا لَكَ عَبْدٌ. اللَّهُمَّ لَا مَانِعٌ لِمَا أَعْطَيْتُ، وَلَا مُغْطِيٌّ لِمَا مَنَعْتُ، وَلَا يَنْفَعُ ذَا الْجَنَاحَ مِثْكَ الْجَنَاحِ.

‘The heavens and the Earth and all between them abound with Your praises, and all that You will abounds with Your praises. O Possessor of praise and majesty, the truest thing a slave has said (of You) and we are all Your slaves. O Allah, none can prevent what You have willed to bestow and none can bestow what You have willed to prevent, and no wealth or majesty can benefit anyone, as from You is all wealth and majesty.’

(This supplication is made optionally only in conjunction with the previous one.)

Du'as in Sujood

سُبْحَانَ رَبِّيِّ الْأَعْلَى (a)

How perfect my Lord is, The Most High

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ذَنْبِي كُلَّهُ ، دَقَّهُ وَجَلَّهُ ، وَأَوَّلَهُ وَآخِرَهُ وَعَلَانِيَّهُ وَسِرَّهُ (b)

O Allah, forgive me all of my sins, the small and great of them, the first and last of them, and the seen and hidden of them.

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعُلْ فِي قَلْبِي نُورًا، وَفِي بَصَرِي نُورًا، وَفِي سَمْعِي نُورًا، وَعَنْ يَمِينِي نُورًا، وَعَنْ يَسَارِي نُورًا،
وَفَوْقِي نُورًا، وَتَحْتِي نُورًا، وَأَمَامِي نُورًا، وَخَلْفِي نُورًا، وَاجْعُلْ لِي نُورًا

O Allah, place light in my heart and light on my tongue. Place light in my hearing and light in my seeing. Place light behind me and light in front of me. Place light above me and light below me. O Allah, grant me light!

سُبْحَانَكَ اللَّهُمَّ رَبَّنَا وَبِحَمْدِكَ اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي (d)

Exalted [from unbecoming attributes] Are you O Allah our Lord, and by Your praise [do I exalt you]. O Allah! Forgive me

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ سَجَدْتُ وَبِكَ آمَنْتُ ، وَلَكَ أَسْلَمْتُ ، سَجَدَ وَجْهِي لِلَّذِي خَلَقَهُ وَصَوَرَهُ وَشَقَّ سَمْعَهُ وَبَصَرَهُ ، تَبَارَكَ اللَّهُ أَحْسَنُ الْخَالِقِينَ (e)

O Allah, to You I prostrate myself and in You I believe. To You I have submitted. My face is prostrated to the One Who created it, fashioned it, and gave it hearing and sight. Blessed is Allah, the Best of creators

سُبُّوحٌ فَلُوْسٌ رَبُّ الْمَلَائِكَةِ وَالرُّوحِ (f)

Perfect and Holy (He is), Lord of the angles and the Rooh

سُبْحَانَ ذِي الْجَلَوْتِ وَالْمَلْكُوتِ وَالْكَبْرَيَاءِ وَالْعَظَمَةِ (g)
**How perfect He is, The Possessor of total power, sovereignty,
magnificence and grandeur**

Supplication between the two prostrations

رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي ، رَبِّ اغْفِرْ لِي (a)
‘My Lord forgive me, My Lord forgive me.’

اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِي ، وَارْحَمْنِي ، وَاهْدِنِي ، وَاجْبُرْنِي ، وَاعِفْنِي وَارْزُقْنِي وَارْفَعْنِي (b)
**‘O Allah, forgive me, have mercy upon me, guide me, enrich me, give me
health, grant me sustenance and raise my rank.’**

The Tashahhud

الْتَّحْيَاتُ لِلَّهِ وَالصَّلَوَاتُ وَالطَّيَّبَاتُ ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا النَّبِيُّ وَرَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ وَبَرَكَاتُهُ ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْنَا وَعَلَى عَبْدِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ . أَشْهُدُ أَنَّ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ ، وَأَشْهُدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّداً عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

‘At-tahiyyat is for Allah. All acts of worship and good deeds are for Him. Peace and the mercy and blessings of Allah be upon you O Prophet. Peace be upon us and all of Allah’s righteous servants. I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.’

(At-tahiyyat: all words which indicate the glorification of Allah. His eternal existence, His perfection and His sovereignty)

Prayers upon the Prophet after the tashahhud

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ ، وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ ، كَمَا صَلَّيْتَ عَلَيْإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ ، اللَّهُمَّ بارِكْ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ ، وَعَلَى آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ ، كَمَا بارَكْتَ عَلَيْإِبْرَاهِيمَ وَعَلَى آلِ إِبْرَاهِيمَ ، إِنَّكَ حَمِيدٌ مَجِيدٌ

‘O Allah, send prayers upon Muhammad and the followers of Muhammad, just as You sent prayers upon Ibraheem and upon the followers of Ibraheem.

Verily, You are full of praise and majesty. O Allah, send blessings upon Mohammad and upon the family of Muhammad, just as You sent blessings upon Ibraheem and upon the family of Ibraheem. Verily, You are full of praise and majesty.’

(send prayers: praise and exalt him in the highest and superior of gatherings: that of the closest angels to Allah)

Tasleem

السلام عليكم ورحمة الله

May the peace, mercy, and the blessings of Allah be upon you

Supplication after the Salam

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ السَّلَامُ، وَمِنْكَ السَّلَامُ، تَبَارَكْتَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَلِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

'I ask Allah for forgiveness.' (three times)

**'O Allah, You are As-Salam and from You is all peace, blessed are You,
O Possessor of majesty and honour.'**

(As-Salam: The One Who is free from all defects and deficiencies)
