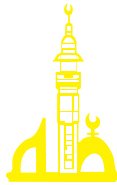


SELECTED PRAYERS

مختارات من الدعاء

**A Collection of Du‘ā’ from
the Qur’ān and Sunnah**

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II. Supplication

Seeking Guidance

(38)

لَئِنْ لَّمْ يَهْدِنِي رَبِّي لَأَكُونَنَّ مِنَ الْقَوْمِ الضَّالِّينَ

La 'illâm yâhdînî râbbî lâ 'akoonânnâ minâl qâwmiḍ-ḍâlleen

“Unless my Lord guide me, I shall surely be among those who go astray.” (6:77)

(39)

عَسَىٰ رَبِّي أَن يَهْدِيَنِي سَوَاءَ السَّبِيلِ

'Asâ râbbî ay-yâhdiyânî sâwâ 'âs-sâbeel

“I do hope that my Lord will show me the smooth and straight path.” (28:22)

(40)

رَبَّنَا آتِنَا مِن لَّدُنكَ رَحْمَةً وَهَيِّئْ لَنَا مِنْ أَمْرِنَا رَشَدًا

Râbbânâ âtinâ mil-lâdûnka râḥmâtâw-wâhayyi 'lânâ min âmrinâ râshâdâ

“Our Lord! Bestow on us mercy from Thyself, and dispose of our affair for us in the right way.” (18:10)

(38) Sūrâh Al-Anâm 6:77. Prayer of Prophet Ibrâhîm عليه السلام in his search for truth and certitude.

(39) Sūrâh Al-Qaşaş 28:22. Prayer of Prophet Mûsa عليه السلام when he left Egypt in a state of fear turning towards the land of Mâdyân.

(40) Sūrâh Al-Kahf 18:10. Prayer of the ‘People of the Cave’ when they went to the Cave.

(41)

رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا بَعْدَ إِذْ هَدَيْتَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ
رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ

*Rābbânā lā tūzigh quloobânā ba‘dâ idh hādâytânā wâhâb lânan mil-lādunkâ
râhmâh. Innâkâ ântâl wâhhâb*

“Our Lord!” (they say), “Let not our hearts deviate now after Thou hast guided us, but grant us mercy from Thine own Presence; for Thou are the Grantor of bounties without measure.” (3:8)

Seeking Forgiveness (*Istighfār*)

(42)

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ سُبْحَانَكَ إِنِّي كُنْتُ مِنَ الظَّالِمِينَ

Lā-ilāhâ illā antâ subhānākâ innī kuntû minâz-zālimeen

“There is no god but Thou: Glory to Thee, I was indeed wrong!” (21:87)

(43)

رَبِّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفْسِي فَاغْفِرْ لِي

Rābbī innī zālāmtû nāfsī faghfirli

(41) Sūrâh Āli-‘Imrân 3:8. It comes after warning in the previous āyâh of those ‘in whose hearts is perversity’ who follow the allegorical portions of the Qur’ân, ‘seeking discord and searching for its hidden meanings’ which are known only to Allāh ﷻ. It should be noted that in the above āyâh (3:7), there is a mandatory pause (*wâqf lâzīm*) after the word Allāh. This means that the hidden meanings of the allegorical portions of the Qur’ân are known exclusively to Allāh ﷻ and not shared even by those who are firmly grounded in knowledge.

(42) Sūrâh Al-Anbiyâ’ 21:87. This was the cry of Prophet Yūnus عليه السلام when he was swallowed by a whale.

(43) Sūrâh Al-Qaṣaṣ 28:16