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Du'a for Reading the Book

Read the following Du'a (supplication) before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson, you will remember whatever you study, **إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ**:

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ
عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

Translation

O Allah **عَزَّوَجَلَّ**! Open the doors of knowledge and wisdom for us, and have mercy on us! O the One Who is the Most Glorious and Honourable! (*Al-Mustatraf, vol. 1, pp. 40*)

Note:

Recite Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ once before and after the Du'a.

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Du'a of Attar

O Allah Almighty! Whoever reads or listens to the 22 pages of the booklet 'Sayings of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr', Grant him and his offspring the true love of the companions and Ahl-ul-Bayt [family of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ]. Grant him the true love of the Prophet صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and forgive him without accountability.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

Virtue of Sending Salat upon the Prophet ﷺ

Sayyiduna Ahmad Bin Thabit رَحِمَهُ اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ states: An incident I saw in regards to sending Salat upon the Prophet is as follows, I had a dream in which I saw a pulpit in a jungle. When I climbed its steps, I looked to the floor to see that the pulpit was in the air. I climbed a few more steps and looked back and only saw the step that my feet were upon; I could not see the other steps. I supplicated to Allah Almighty: O Allah Almighty! Allow me to cross this path safely. I was then shown a black

thread that was like the bridge of Siraat. I thought that this is the Siraat that I have to cross. Aside from the Mercy of Allah Almighty and the Salat I sent upon the Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, I had performed no other actions that would help me cross the Siraat with ease. Then, I heard a voice from the unseen saying that if you cross the Siraat, then you will be blessed with meeting the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and his noble companions رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمْ. After hearing this, I became ecstatic and after presenting an intermediary of sending Salat upon the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, an illuminated cloud suddenly carried me towards the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ. I saw the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and on his right side was Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and on his left was Sayyiduna Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. Behind him was Sayyiduna Uthman رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ and standing in front of him was Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. I said: O Prophet! Become a guarantor for me. He صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ replied: I am your guarantor and you will die with your faith intact. I then requested for the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ to supplicate on my behalf and he said: make sending an abundance of Salat upon me necessary upon yourself and stay away from futile acts.

(Sa'adat-ul-Daarayn, p. 125)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

The one for whom goodness has been promised

The fourth Caliph of Islam, Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ recited the

101st Ayah of Surah-tul-Anbiya:

إِنَّ الَّذِينَ سَبَقَتْ لَهُمْ مِنَّا الْحُسْنَىٰ أُولَٰئِكَ عَنْهَا مُبْعَدُونَ ﴿٦٦﴾

Translation from Kanz-ul-Iman: Indeed, those to whom Our promise of goodness (i.e. Paradise) has been made, they have been kept far away from Hell.

He then said: I am from amongst them. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr, Umar, Uthman, Talha, Zubayr, Sa'd, Saeed, Abdul Rahman bin Auf and Abu Ubaydah bin Jarraah are also from amongst them. (*Tafseer Baydawi, vol. 1, p. 110*)

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

O lovers of the Prophet! May we be sacrificed upon the statement of Sayyiduna Ali رضي الله عنه! He beautifully made his thoughts about the righteous caliphs, Asharah Mubasharah [the ten companions who were given the glad tidings of Paradise by the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم] and the noble companions apparent through this Ayah of the Quran. Unfortunate is the one who speaks or even thinks ill of the noble companions and the righteous caliphs, especially Sayyiduna Abu Bakr and Umar رضي الله عنهما. Someone like this must repent immediately and purify his heart and mind from this evil thinking, otherwise, he may become an example for the rest of mankind and subject to painful punishment in the

Hereafter. Sayyiduna Abu Bakr and Sayyiduna Umar رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا were those blessed and elevated individuals who remained at the side of the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ until his passing. Even now, they are both buried alongside the Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and they will be raised together with him on the Day of Judgment. إِنَّ شَاءَ اللهُ, with the blessings of Sayyiduna Ali and Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُمَا, we will follow them into Paradise without accountability.

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Death Anniversary

The first Caliph of Islam, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ passed away on the 22nd of Jumadal Ukhra. (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa*, p. 62) May Allah Almighty bless him with endless mercies and bounties. Verses of the Quran were revealed to express his esteemed character and rank. The Beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ and Allah Almighty have both given the glad tidings that they are pleased with him.

The fourth Caliph of Islam, Sayyiduna Ali رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ states: In terms of virtues being registered in books of deeds, nobody surpasses Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ. Allah Almighty bless him with endless mercies for he compiled the Quran for the Muslims. (*Mirqat-ul-Mafatih*, vol. 4, p. 729, under Hadith 2220)

To gain blessings during the blessed days of his death anniversary, his supplications and sayings will be mentioned. Lovers of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ should attempt to read his biography and, for the purpose of sending reward to him, publicise this booklet. To familiarise yourself with the life of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ, read the two booklets of Maktaba-tul-Madinah, “Unparalleled Devotee” and “Excellence of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq”. These booklets can also be downloaded, free of charge, from the Dawat-e-Islami website: www.dawateislami.net.

<i>Har sahaab-e-nabi</i>	<i>Jannati jannati</i>
<i>Sab sahabiyaat bhi</i>	<i>Jannati jannati</i>
<i>Hazrat Siddiq bhi</i>	<i>Jannati jannati</i>
<i>Aur Umar Farooq bhi</i>	<i>Jannati jannati</i>
<i>Uthman Ghani</i>	<i>Jannati jannati</i>
<i>Fatimah aur Ali</i>	<i>Jannati jannati</i>
<i>Hai Hassan aur Hussain bhi</i>	<i>Jannati jannati</i>
<i>Hai Muawiyah bhi</i>	<i>Jannati jannati</i>
<i>Aur Abu Sufyaan bhi</i>	<i>Jannati jannati</i>
<i>Walidain nabi</i>	<i>Jannati jannati</i>
<i>Har zawja e nabi</i>	<i>Jannati jannati</i>

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ

Sayings of Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه

- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه stated: Sending salat upon the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم removes sins faster than how water extinguishes a fire. Sending salat upon the Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم is superior than freeing a slave. (*Tareekh-e-Baghdad, vol. 7, p. 172, Raqm 3607*)
- ❖ Fulfil the command that Allah has given regarding Nikah and He will fulfil the promise of making you wealthy. Allah Almighty has stated: If they are poor, then Allah will make them rich through His bounty. (*Tafseer Ibn Abi Haatim, Surah Al-Noor, under verse 32, vol. 8, p. 2582*)

Words of Advice

- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه would mention in his sermon: Where are those people with beautiful, glowing faces who were proud of their youth? Where are those kings who built cities and constructed walls around them to protect its inhabitants? Where are those who were dominant on the battlefield? The passing of time weakened and disgraced them and they were placed in the dark depths of their graves. Hurry and seek salvation, seek salvation. (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 5, p. 201*)
- ❖ O people! Save yourselves from lying because lying opposes faith. (*Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 1, p. 22, Hadith 16*)

- ❖ Whoever is capable of crying should cry. Whoever is unable to cry should make a crying-like face. (*Ihya-ul-Uloom, vol. 4, p. 201*)
- ❖ O people! Whoever is capable of crying in the fear of Allah should cry. That day is arriving in which you will be made to cry. (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa, p. 81*)

Do not consider another Muslim to be lowly

- ❖ Never consider another Muslim to be contemptible because even the lowliest of Muslims are of high rank in the sight of Allah Almighty. (*Az-Zawajir, vol. 1, p. 149*)
- ❖ I advise you to remain in the fear of Allah Almighty even in the state of poverty. Glorify Him as He deserves to be glorified and seek forgiveness of your sins. Indeed, He is the Most-Forgiving. (*Hilyat-ul-Awliya, vol. 1, p. 70, Raqm 81*)

Supplicate as much as possible

- ❖ Whilst being fearful and hopeful, supplicate to Allah Almighty often because Allah Almighty said, in praise of Sayyiduna Zakariyya عَلَيْهِ السَّلَام and his family:

إِنَّهُمْ كَانُوا يُسْرِعُونَ فِي الْخَيْرَاتِ وَيَدْعُونَنَا رَغَبًا وَرَهَبًا وَكَانُوا

لَنَا خُشِعِينَ ﴿٥٠﴾

Indeed, they (the aforementioned Prophets) would hurry to perform good deeds, and they proclaimed to Us with hope and fear, and are humble in Our Majestic Court.

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 17, Surah Al-Ambiya, verse 90)

(Hilyat-ul-Awliya, vol. 1, p. 69, Raqm 80)

- ❖ O bondsmen of Allah Almighty! Know that indeed Allah Almighty has, in exchange for His right, kept your lives as a pledge. He has purchased your limited life and has given you an endless life in return. With you is the Book of Allah [i.e. the Quran] of which its wonders never cease and its light can never be extinguished. Affirm the verses of the Quran and take lessons from them. In days of darkness, take light from it. Without a doubt, Allah Almighty has created you for worship and has appointed *كِرَامًا كَاتِبِينَ* [The Angels who record your deeds] to you and they know what you do. *(Hilyat-ul-Awliya, vol. 1, p. 69, Raqm 80)*

Do not become like them

- ❖ O bondsmen of Allah Almighty! Know that you will live until an appointed time [i.e. death] arrives, of which you have no knowledge. If you can spend your life performing actions that earn the pleasure of Allah Almighty, then do so but this is not possible without Allah Almighty granting you the ability first. Therefore, take benefit from

the remainder of your life before death arrives. Many nations lived their lives for others and forgot about themselves, so I urge you not to become like them. Hurry! Acquire salvation! Indeed, death is following you and will come quickly. (*Musannaf Ibn-e-Abi Shaybah, vol. 8, p. 144, Hadith 1*)

- ❖ We found honour in Taqwa, wealth in certainty and greatness in humility. (*Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 3, p. 421*)

A great example of the Fear of Allah

It has been narrated that one day, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه saw a bird and said: O bird! If only I was like you and was not created as a human. (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 1, p. 485, Hadith 788; Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 4, p. 226*)

The Pleasure of the Love of Allah Almighty

A sincere person who tastes the pleasure of the love of Allah Almighty, will be distanced from seeking the luxuries of the world. He will also become averse to the people. (*Tafseer Ruh-ul-Bayan, vol. 8, p. 388, under verse 67*)

Never ate to the heart's content

Since I became a Muslim, I have never eaten to my heart's content so that I can attain the sweetness of worship. Since I have accepted Islam, due to the passion of meeting Allah

Almighty, I never drank to my fill. (*Mukhtasar Minhaj-ul-'Aabideen, p. 87*)

Encouraging others to Pray

At the time of prayer, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه would say: Arise people! Extinguish the fire of your Lord that you have kindled [by praying]. (*Mukashafa-tul-Quloob, p. 68*)

An act that will protect you from the Fire

Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه stated: Whoever desires for Allah Almighty to protect him from the Hellfire should be courteous and soft hearted to Muslims. (*Tanbih-ul-Mugtarrin, p. 76*)

He would place a stone in his mouth

- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه would place a stone in his mouth, and did so for many years, so that he would get into the habit of talking less. He رضي الله عنه would do this out of fear of speaking in futility. He would only remove the stone at the time of praying and eating. When his time of death was near, he stuck his tongue out and said: this is that which would take me to a place of destruction [He said this out of humility]. (*Tanbih-ul-Mugtarrin, p. 190*)

- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه would say [out of humility]: If only I was unable to speak [in needless matters]. (*Mirat-ul-Manajih, vol. 8, p. 18*)
- ❖ O people! Seek forgiveness and wellbeing from Allah Almighty because after accepting Islam, there is nothing better for a believer than forgiveness and wellbeing. (*Tanbih-ul-Mughtarrin, p. 45*)
- ❖ Somebody asked Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه: How did you wake up? He replied: As a lowly person in the court of Allah Almighty who adheres to His commands. (*Tanbih-ul-Mughtarrin, p. 153*)

He would avoid Vanity

Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه would fear vanity and arrogance. Whenever people would praise him, he رضي الله عنه would supplicate like so: O Allah Almighty! Make me better than what they are saying and forgive me for those actions they do not know of. (*Tanbih-ul-Mughtarrin, p. 241*)

Eyes would become teary

- ❖ Whenever Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه would recite the Quran, he would have no control over his eyes [meaning he would cry endlessly]. (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 1, p. 493, Raqm 806*)

- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه stated: Every book has its secrets and the secrets of the Quran are the letters that appear at the beginning of Surahs [Huroof Muqatta'at]. *(Tafseer Ruh-ul-Ma'ani, part 1, Surah Al-Baqarah, under verse 1, vol. 1, p. 136)*
- ❖ O people! Enjoin goodness and forbid evil; your life will pass by pleasantly. *(Tafseer-e-Kabeer, vol. 1, p. 316)*

Humility of Sayyiduna Abu Bakr

A person insulted Sayyiduna Abu Bakr رضي الله عنه so he addressed his Nafs and said: 'Your defects that Allah has concealed are greater than this.' It was as if he was considering his Nafs at that particular moment to be lacking in the recognition of Allah Almighty and His fear, hence he did not become angry as he believed that his Nafs was deficient. This was his excellence. *(Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 1, p. 212)*

Be modest before Allah!

- ❖ O people! Have modesty before Allah Almighty. By the One in whose power is my life! When I go out into a field in order to answer the call to nature, I find shelter and I cover my head out of modesty before Allah Almighty. *(Musannaf Ibn-e-Abi Shaybah, vol. 2, p. 44, Hadith 1133)*

- ❖ O people! Have shame before Allah Almighty. By Allah! When I go to relieve myself, I place my back against the wall due to my modesty before Allah Almighty. (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa*, p. 75)

Beautiful way of offering condolences

- ❖ When Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ would offer his condolences to someone, he would say, ‘There is no calamity in being patient, and there is no benefit in crying and wailing. Listen! Death is easier than what is to come after it, but more severe than what preceded it. If you remember the physical passing of the beloved Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ, you will deem your calamity to be relatively minor, and Allah Almighty will grant you a greater reward.’ (*Ibn-e-‘Asakir*, vol. 30, p. 336)
- ❖ Close our door so that we may remain engaged in worship until the morning. (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa*, p. 75)
- ❖ The righteous will be taken from the earth, one by one; only those will remain who are worthless like the skin of barley and dates, and Allah Almighty will have no link with them. (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa*, p. 81)

Reward is given for every calamity

- ❖ Undoubtedly, Muslims are granted reward for everything,

including the smallest of calamities and the breaking of a lace. Even, for that wealth which is present in his sleeve, but that Muslim wanders in search of it and he fears losing that wealth, and then he racks his brains and finds it. (*Az-Zuhd lil Imam Ahmad, p. 139, Raqm 565*)

Consequences of not preventing evil

- ❖ When a group of people are disobedient among people who are more honourable than them, and they (the honourable people) do not stop them, Allah Almighty will afflict them with such a calamity that they will be unable to remove. (*Shu'ab-ul-Iman, vol. 6, p. 82, Hadith 7551*)
- ❖ O people! You recite this verse:

يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا عَلَيْكُمْ أَنْفُسَكُمْ لَا يَضُرُّكُمْ مَنْ ضَلَّ إِذَا
اهْتَدَيْتُمْ

O believers! Take care of yourselves. The one who became misguided will not cause you any harm at all as long as you are on the (right) path,

[Kanz-ul-Iman (translation of Quran)] (Part 7, Surah Al-Maa'idah, Verse 105)

And interpret it in the wrong manner, but we heard the Messenger of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ saying, 'When people

see an unjust person and do not stop him, then Allah Almighty will soon punish them all.’ (*Musnad Imam Ahmad, vol. 1, p. 15, Hadith 1*)

- ❖ When the Day of Judgement is established, a caller will call out, ‘Where are those who forgave the people?’ Thus, Allah Almighty will grant them reward for their forgiveness. (*Jami’-ul-Ahadith, vol. 14, p. 182, Hadith 219*)

Under the protection of Allah, morning and evening

- ❖ Sayyiduna Salman Farsi رضي الله عنه states: I presented myself before Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه and said, ‘Master! Give me some advice.’ He رضي الله عنه said, ‘O Salman! Fear Allah, and know that you will soon gain victories, but I do not know whether you will utilise your share you attain from it or lose it. However, always remember that the one who offers the five prayers, he will be under the protection of Allah, morning and evening. And do not kill anyone who is under the protection of Allah, lest you lay hands on the protection of Allah, and then Allah Almighty casts you into Hell on your face.’ (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa, p. 81*)

Advice to Sayyiduna Salman Farsi

- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه gave the following advice to Sayyiduna Salman Farsi رضي الله عنه, ‘Indeed, Allah

Almighty has spread out the earth for you, so you must take from it only that which you require.’ (*Dunya say bay raghbatī aur umeedon ki kami*, p. 72)

A lofty example of hope and fear

- ❖ If someone was to call out from the heavens that only one person will enter Paradise, then I have hope that it will be me, and if someone was to call out from the heavens that only one person will enter Hell, I fear that perhaps it might also be me. (*Al-luma’ fi-Tasawwuf*, p. 168)
- ❖ Most fortunate is the one who left the world during the beginning of Islam (i.e. before tribulations arose). (*Musnad al-Firdaus*, vol. 2, p. 46, Hadith 3747)

Do not quarrel with your neighbour

- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه once passed by his son, Sayyiduna Abdul Rahman رضي الله عنه, and he was shouting at his neighbour. So, he رضي الله عنه said to his son, ‘Do not quarrel with your neighbour, for he will remain here, but those who see your argument will go from here (and they will make up various things).’ (*Tareekh-ul-Khulafa*, p. 79)
- ❖ Nothing is hunted nor is any tree cut down until it becomes heedless of the Zikr of Allah. (*Musannaf Ibn Abi*

Shaybah, vol. 8, p. 137, Hadith 35582, Az-Zuhd lil Imam Ahmad, p. 139, Hadith 567)

- ❖ The Du'a which a brother makes for another brother, for the sake of Allah Almighty, is accepted. *(Az-Zuhd lil-Imam Ahmad, p. 140, Raqm 574)*
- ❖ Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه would recite the following couplet as advice:

لَا تَرَأِ أَلْ تَنْبَغِي حَبِيبًا حَتَّى تَكُونَ وَقَدْ يَزْجُو الْفَتَى الرَّجَاءُ يَمُوتُ دُونََهُ

Meaning, 'O heedless young man! You continue to give the news of your friends' deaths, but have you ever pondered that you will also become lifeless like this one day, for sometimes, the young man begins to traverse the journey of the Hereafter before his wishes are fulfilled. *(Az-Zuhd lil Imam Ahmad, p. 142, Raqm 591; Tareekh-ul-Khulafa, p. 82)*

- ❖ By the One in whose power lies my life! If you adopt piety, then it is not far-fetched that the doors of ease are opened for you, until you are satiated with bread and ghee. *(Mujalasaah wa-Jawahir al-'ilm, vol. 1, p. 1057)*

The shade of Allah's mercy upon the earth

- ❖ Once, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه was delivering a sermon on the Minbar and said: I heard the beloved Prophet صلى الله عليه وآله وسلم saying, 'The ruler who is

just and humble is the shade of Allah’s mercy upon the earth, and His spear, thus, whosoever advised the ruler (spoke beneficially) regarding himself and the slaves of Allah Almighty, Allah Almighty will place him under the shade of His mercy on the Day of Judgement, on the day when there will be no shade besides the shade of His mercy. And the one who deceived the ruler regarding himself and the slaves of Allah Almighty, Allah Almighty will disgrace him on the Day of Judgement.’ (*Fazeelat al-Aadileen li Abi Nu’aym Asbahani, p. 124, Hadith 18*)

The misfortune of alcohol

- ❖ Someone asked Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه, ‘Did you drink alcohol during the pre-Islamic period?’ He رضي الله عنه replied, ‘Allah’s refuge is sought! I always protected my honour and humanity, whereas, the one who consumes alcohol loses both his honour and humanity.’ (*Tareekh Ibn-e-‘Asakir, vol. 30, p. 333*)

Du’as transmitted from Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq

Du’a to be recited in the morning and evening

- ❖ The mother of the believers, Sayyidatuna Aisha Siddiqah رضي الله عنها states: ‘My father, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه would make one Du’a in the morning and evening (this is that Du’a:)

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ خَيْرَ عُمُرِي آخِرَةً وَخَيْرَ عَمَلِي خَوَاتِيمَهُ وَخَيْرَ أَيَّامِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ

Meaning, 'O Allah! May the end of my life be my best, may my actions be sealed upon good, and may the best of my days be the day on which I see You.'

It was said, 'O Abu Bakr! What is the need for you to recite this Du'a? You are a companion of the Messenger and the second of the two in the cave.' He رضي الله عنه said, 'Sometimes, a person performs the actions of the people of Paradise his entire life, but his end is upon an action of the people of Hell. It can also be the case that a person carries out the actions of the people of Hell his entire life, but his end is upon an action of the people of Paradise.' (Meaning, always fear the hidden plan of Allah Almighty).

(Kanz-ul-'Ummal, vol. 1, p. 176, Hadith 1537)

Du'a after leading a funeral prayer

- ❖ When the first caliph of the Muslims, Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه would lead the funeral prayer of a deceased person, he would make the following Du'a:

اللَّهُمَّ عَبْدُكَ أَسْلَمَهُ الْأَهْلُ وَالْبَالُ وَالْعَشِيرَةُ وَالذَّنْبُ عَظِيمٌ وَأَنْتَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

Meaning, 'O Allah Almighty! This slave of Yours has been left without aid by his household, wealth and other relatives; his sins are many but your You are the Most-

Forgiving, the Most-Merciful (forgive all of his sins).’
(Musannaf Ibn-e-Abi Shaybah, vol. 7, p. 242, Hadith 11472)

The highest stations of Jannat-un-Na’eem

- ❖ Sayyiduna Hasan رضي الله عنه narrates that Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه would mention this in his Du’a:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الَّذِي هُوَ خَيْرٌ مِنِّي عَاقِبَةً أَمْرِي اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ مَا تُعْطِينِي الْخَيْرَ ضَوَائِكَ وَالذَّرَجَاتِ
الْعُلَى فِي جَنَّاتِ النَّعِيمِ

meaning, ‘O Allah Almighty! I ask You for that which is good for my end. O Allah Almighty! Whatever goodness You grant me, make it a means of Your pleasure and the highest stations of Jannat-un-Na’eem.’ *(Az-Zuhd lil Imam Ahmad, p. 141, Raqm 584)*

Seeking bounties in everything

- ❖ Sayyiduna Abdul Aziz bin Abu Salamah رضي الله عنه narrates that Sayyiduna Abu Bakr Siddeeq رضي الله عنه would make Du’a like this:

أَسْأَلُكَ تَسَامُرَ النَّعِيمِ فِي الْأَشْيَاءِ كُلِّهَا، وَالشُّكْرَ لَكَ عَلَيْهَا حَتَّى تَرْضَى وَبَعْدَ الرِّضَا وَالْخَيْرَةَ فِي جَمِيعِ
مَا يَكُونُ فِيهِ الْخَيْرَةُ بِجَمِيعِ مَيْسُورِ الْأُمُورِ كُلِّهَا لَا يَبْعُسُورُ هَا يَا كَرِيمُ

meaning, ‘O Allah Almighty! I ask You for bounties (i.e. entry into Paradise and freedom from Hell) in everything,

and allow me to thank You upon this until You are pleased with me. O Generous One! Grant me the goodness of all good works with ease, without any difficulty. (*Mawsu'ah Imam Ibn Abi Dunya, vol. 1, p. 502*)

Du'a for complete faith and absolute certitude

- ❖ His Du'a would also contain the following words:

اللَّهُمَّ هَبْ لِي إِيمَانًا وَيَقِينًا وَمُعَافَاةً وَبَيِّنَةً

meaning, 'O Allah Almighty! Grant me complete faith, absolute certitude, protection from all calamities, and a sincere intention.' (*Mawsu'ah Imam Ibn Abi Dunya, vol. 1, p. 21*)

Seeking the divine mercy

- ❖ He رَضِيَ اللهُ عَنْهُ would also make Du'a like this:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ الَّتِي لَا تَنْتَهِى عَنْكَ إِلَّا بِالْخُرُوجِ

meaning, 'O Allah Almighty! I ask You for that mercy of Yours which you grant to those who go out in Your way.'

(*Kanz-ul-'Ummal, vol. 1, p. 285, Hadith 5030*)

Make the truth apparent to me

- ❖ This is also a Du'a from his Du'as:

اللَّهُمَّ ارِنِ الْحَقَّ حَقًّا وَارِنِ الْبَاطِلَ بَاطِلًا وَارِنِ اجْتِنَابَهُ وَلَا تَجْعَلْهُ مُتَشَابِهًا
عَلَى فَاتِنَتِهِ الْهَوَى

meaning, ‘O Allah Almighty! Make the truth apparent to me and allow me to follow it, and make falsehood apparent to me and allow me to avoid it, and do not make it ambiguous for me, lest I begin to follow my desires.’

(Ihya-ul-'Uloom, vol. 5, p. 134)