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عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

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 *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet ﷺ once before and after the du‘ ā.

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### Attar's du'ā

O Lord of the Prophet! Whoever reads or listens to the 21-page booklet *Ma'rūf al-Karkhi – the Miraculous Saint*, envelop them in the blessings of the Qādiri spiritual chain's pious elders, and forgive them without accountability.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ النَّبِيِّ الْأَمِينِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

### The excellence of reciting *ṣalāt* upon the Prophet ﷺ

The final Prophet of Allah صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ explained:

Allah inscribes freedom from hypocrisy and the Fire between the eyes of whoever recites *ṣalāt* upon me a hundred times, and will station them with martyrs on the Day of Judgement.<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَيَّ عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ

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<sup>1</sup> *Al-Mu'jam al-Awsat*: 7235

## A box miraculously filled with money

A shaykh went to the shop of his brother, greeted him with salaam and sat down. “Please wait here and take care of the shop for a while”, the brother said, “I have to leave for something important.” As the shaykh supervised the shop in his brother’s absence, his gaze fell upon paupers making their way through the marketplace. Beckoning them close, he took flour from the shop and distributed it amongst them until none remained.

His brother eventually returned. “Where did all the flour just go?”, he inquired. “I distributed it all to the poor”, the shaykh replied. The distraught brother then exclaimed, “You have bankrupted me! You have left me with nothing!”

The shaykh got up as soon as he heard this, headed to a nearby masjid and began worshipping Allah. When the brother opened a box that he used to store money from his transactions, he was stunned to find it filled with dirhams. When he calculated everything, he found for every dirham there had been seventy-fold profit. He began contemplating; “This all took place due to the blessings of my brother.”

A few days passed. The brother went to the shaykh and greeted him with salaam. “What brings you here?”, the latter asked.

The brother explained, “It would be a great honour for me if you could come to my shop tomorrow.”



The shaykh declared, “You say this because you acquired great profit that day. Yet, I shall not visit your shop. These matters do not occur often, and there is no excellence of mine in this.”<sup>1</sup>

May Allah have mercy upon him and grant us forgiveness without accountability for his sake!

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

The name of this reputed shaykh, who gave away his brother's flour to the poor and by whose miracle the box was filled with money, is Ma'rūf al-Karkhi - رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ .

His full name was Ma'rūf b. Fayrūz al-Karkhi. Along with being an ardent Sufi, his du'ās were known to be oft-accepted. Luminaries of the calibre of Sarri al-Saqāṭi hail from his students. He passed away in 200 AH, and his shrine effuses its blessings on the western bank of Baghdad's River Tigris. Cure is known to be granted by Allah through the *wasīlah* of his grave. Residents of Baghdad consider his shrine a focal point of the city (for remedy and acceptance of du'ā).<sup>2</sup>

An idea of his status can be gauged from the following narrations.

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<sup>1</sup> *Uyūn al-Hikāyāt*, p. 198

<sup>2</sup> *Al-Risālat al-Qushayriyyah*, p. 26; *Al-A'lam li al-Zirikli*, vol. 7, p. 269; *Wafiyāt al-A'yān*, vol. 4, pp. 445 - 446

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## The foremost scholar of Baghdad

Qāri' Ismā'īl b. Shaddād رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ relates:

We were asked by Sufyān b. 'Uyaynah, “Where do you hail from?” We replied we were from Baghdad. He then enquired, “What happened to that senior scholar?” When we asked who he meant by this, he mentioned it to be Ma'rūf al-Karkhi, and then said, “You shall be in goodness as long as he is amongst you.”<sup>1</sup>

## Renown in the terrestrial and celestial realms

'Ubayd رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ narrates:

A man came from Shām to greet Ma'rūf al-Karkhi. When asked the reason behind this, he explained, “In a dream I was ordered, ‘Go to Ma'rūf al-Karkhi and greet him with salaam, as he is *ma'rūf* amongst the residents of both earthly and celestial realms (his sainthood is familiar to humans and angels).”<sup>2</sup>

## Immersed in the love of Allah

'Ubaydullah al-Anṣārī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ elucidates:

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<sup>1</sup> *Ḥilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 410, raqm 12714

<sup>2</sup> *Ḥilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 409, raqm 12708

I saw Ma'rūf al-Karkhi in a dream. It appeared he was being shaded by the 'Arsh, and Allah was declaring to the angels, "Who is this?" They humbly replied, "You know infinitely greater. This is Ma'rūf al-Karkhi. He is immersed in Your love and seeks only to meet You."<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was a saint, who exhibited a host of saintly miracles. Some of his *karāmāt*<sup>2</sup> are hereby enclosed.

## 1. Missing son is found

Abū Muhammad al-Ḍarīr رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ said:

My neighbour, Mardawayh رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, sent me a message asking me to visit him. When I arrived, he explained his son had been missing for many days, and the grief being displayed by his household members about this was also

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<sup>1</sup> *Hilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 410, raqm 12715

<sup>2</sup> Definition of a *karāmah*: An extraordinary affair or miracle performed by a saint of Allah, which contrasts with traditional conventions. (*Bahār-i-Sharī'at*, vol. 1, p. 58, part 1) Contrasting with traditional conventions entails an action not normally enacted by a human being, such as flying in the sky or walking on water etc., as a person does not conventionally do this. He who denies these *karāmāt* is misguided. (*Bahār-i-Sharī'at*, vol. 1, p. 269, part 1)

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worrying him greatly. “Take me to Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi in the morning”, he exclaimed.

We went to visit Ma'rūf al-Karkhi in the masjid the following morning. We exchanged salaam, upon which the shaykh asked, “O Abū Bakr! What has brought you here?”

Mardawayh replied, “My son has been missing for many days, and the worry being displayed by my household is distressing me greatly.” The shaykh made du'ā three times as thus:

يَا عَلِيَّابِغْلٍ شَيْءٌ يَوْمًا مَن لَّا يَخْفَى عَلَيْهِ شَيْءٌ يَوْمًا مَن عَلَّمَهُ مَحِيْطٌ بِغَلِّ شَيْءٍ يَوْمًا مَن لَّا أَوْضَحَ لَنَا أَمْرًا دَا الْعَالَمِ

*O Knower of all things! O He from Whom nothing is hidden! O He Whose knowledge encompasses everything!  
Make this boy's matter apparent for us.*

We both left shortly after this. The following day, prior to the Fajr salah, a person sent by Mardawayh came to take me to him. I asked what had happened, and the person informed me Mardawayh's son had returned. When I arrived, I saw the boy sitting in front of Mardawayh. The latter turned to me and said, “Listen to this amazing story. My son said, ‘I was in Kūfa, when two people came, took me by the hand and led me outside the city. They told me to head back home. I have not stopped along the route or eaten anything. Despite

passing many wells along the path, I also have not drunk any water. Give me food! I haven't eaten since then!”<sup>1</sup>

May Allah have mercy upon them and grant us forgiveness without accountability for their sake.

امِينٌ بِجَاةِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

## 2. Camel's ailment cured

Once, a man with a camel came to Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ. The former sighed, “This is my camel. I have a large household, and we cover our expenses through this. I carry out work and journey home upon it, but it has sadly been ill for the past three days.”

“What do you seek?”, the shaykh inquired. “I request you to make du'ā to Allah for me”, the man replied.

The shaykh addressed the people nearby saying, “Pray for your brother, and ask Allah to remove this difficulty from him.” He then raised his hands himself and made du'ā. The camel was instantly cured.<sup>2</sup>

May Allah have mercy upon him and grant us forgiveness without accountability for his sake.

امِينٌ بِجَاةِ خَاتِمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

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<sup>1</sup> *Hilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 406, raqm 12696

<sup>2</sup> *Manāqib Ma'rūf al-Karkhi*, p. 160

### 3. The repentance of alcoholics

It was said by Ibrāhīm al-Aṭrūsh رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ:

We were once sat with Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi in Baghdad at the banks of the Tigris River. Some young men passed us on a small boat, playing a drum, drinking alcohol, and fooling around. The people around me said, "O shaykh, look how they openly disobey Allah. You should pray against them." He raised his hands and requested, "O Allah! Make them happy in the Hereafter, just as you have granted them happiness in this world."

The people said they had asked for the shaykh to pray against them, not in their favour. "Allah will grant them happiness in the Hereafter", the shaykh explained, "so (before their deaths) He will grant them the ability to repent." After a short while, the young men cast aside their alcohol and came to the shaykh. They repented from their evil deeds and pledged an oath of allegiance at his hands.

The shaykh then said, "Do you see how we have reached our goal without anyone being harmed or destroyed?"<sup>1</sup>

May Allah have mercy upon them and grant us forgiveness without accountability for their sake.

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<sup>1</sup> *Ihyā al-'Ulūm*, vol. 4, p. 190; *Tadhkirat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 1, p. 242

اٰمِيْنَ بِجَاہِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّيْنَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ

From this we learn an important lesson: one should hate the sin, but not the sinner. If Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ had prayed against the young men, their worldly life and Hereafter would have been ruined. He instead prayed for their guidance, which led to them repenting from their sins and walking upon an upright path.

We too should not pray against anyone under any circumstances, as this has been forbidden in hadith. The final Prophet صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ declared, “Neither pray against yourselves, your children or your wealth, lest this coincides with the time in which Allah confers upon you that which you pray for.”<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوْا عَلٰى الْحَبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ

#### 4. Difficulty resolved

Qāri' Abū al-Ḥajjāj رَحْمَةُ اللهِ عَلَيْهِ tells the following:

My child was born, and I had nothing in my possession to care for them. When I mentioned this to Ma'rūf al-Karkhi, he instructed me to make du'ā. He began

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<sup>1</sup> *Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim*: 7515

making du'ā himself, and I said **أَمِينٌ** as he completed each one. When I made du'ā, he did the same.

When this back and forth between us went on for a lengthy period of time, I stood up discreetly and left. Then, a person sitting upon an animal with a bag of money in his possession began calling me from behind. “Ma'rūf al-Karkhi says that you should spend what is in this bag for the purpose you mentioned to him”, the person said. As I took the bag, I found around a hundred gold dinars inside.<sup>1</sup>

May Allah have mercy upon them and grant us forgiveness without accountability for their sake.

أَمِينٌ بِجَاهِ خَاتَمِ النَّبِيِّينَ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ وَسَلَّمَ  
صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Pleased with the decree of Allah

An Islamic brother invited Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ to his home for a meal. The shaykh took a pious person with him, yet when the latter saw the huge spectrum of food available, it displeased him.

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<sup>1</sup> *Hilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 407, raqm 12698



“O Abū Maḥfūz! Do you not see what is here?” he quizzed. The shaykh replied, “I did not tell them to buy these.” When the pious person saw a sweet dish, he said, “شِخْرَ اللّٰوِ - Do you not see what is here?” The shaykh answered, “I did not tell them to make this.” The pious person asked the same question when desserts were also served.

Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ finally announced, “You have posed many questions. I am but a perceptive slave. I eat what my Lord feeds me and go wherever He makes me a guest.”<sup>1</sup>

### Long hopes are an obstacle to good deeds

One day, Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ recited the *iqāmah* preceding salah. He then requested Muhammad b. Abī Tawbah رَحْمَةُ اللّٰهِ عَلَيْهِ, “Come forward and lead us in salah.”

This was because he did not lead salah at all. He would only call the azan and *iqāmah* and have someone else be imam.

Muhammad b. Abī Tawbah said, “If I lead you in this salah, I will not be imam for the next.” The shaykh admonished, “Do you hope to live until the next salah? We ask Allah for refuge from unrealistic hopes, as these prevent good deeds.”<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Hilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 407, raqm 12699

<sup>2</sup> *Hilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 405, raqm 12688

## Rely upon Allah

Muhammad b. Maslamah Yāmī رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ relays how Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ said to a person:

Rely upon Allah to the extent only He guides you, only He loves you, and until your wishes are presented solely in His court.

Remembrance of death should perpetually remain with you, such that it never departs. Know that the solution for every calamity that descends upon you is to conceal it, for people can neither benefit nor harm you. They can neither prevent nor grant you anything.

## Do business!

The shaykh commented, “I heard Bakr b. Khunays رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ say, ‘Buy and sell, even if it is at normal buying price. The wealth earned from this has blessings similar to the growth that occurs in cultivated greenery.’”<sup>1</sup>

## Gnosis of Allah is sufficient

A man asked Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ, “O Abū Maḥfūz! What spurred you to leave everything and devote yourself to worshipping Allah?” He remained silent and did not reply.

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<sup>1</sup> *Hilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 408, raqm 12704

The person further asked, “Was it the recalling of death?”

“What is death?”, the shaykh replied.

The man guessed again, “Remembering Barzakh and the grave?”

“What is the grave?”, the shaykh interjected.

The man finally asked, “Was it fear of Jahannam and hope of Paradise that caused you to do this?” The shaykh proclaimed, “All of these are owned by a King. If you love Him, He will make you forget all else. If you have gnosis of Him, He will suffice for you in all these matters.”<sup>1</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### Saintly aphorisms

Just as Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ rectified people through his conduct, he also ameliorated them with his life-changing words. A selection of his aphorisms is hereby enclosed.

- ♦ The world comprises four things: wealth, speech, sleep and food. Wealth causes disobedience, speech leads to

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<sup>1</sup> *Iḥyā al-'Ulūm*, vol. 5, p. 22

frivolity, sleep fosters negligence, and food hardens the heart.<sup>1</sup>

- ◆ Hoping for the mercy of Allah whilst simultaneously disobeying Him, is but ignorance and foolishness.<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ O pauper! When shall you cry and understand? Become sincere and attain salvation.<sup>3</sup>
- ◆ Generosity is to give away that which you need during testing times.<sup>4</sup>
- ◆ A single morsel of impermissible food sometimes corrupts the heart to such an extent, it never comes upon the upright path for the remainder of one's life.
- ◆ The very same impermissible morsel can also deprive a person of the opportunity to perform tahajjud for an entire year.
- ◆ On occasion, a single lustful gaze deprives a person of the ability to recite the Quran for an entire age.<sup>5</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Ṭabaqāt Awliyā*, p. 285

<sup>2</sup> *Hilyat al-Awliyā*, vol. 8, p. 411, raqm: 12718

<sup>3</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>4</sup> *Ibid*

<sup>5</sup> *Minhāj al-Ābidīn*, p. 97

- ◆ Meaningless speech is a sign of a person being kept away from Allah's help.<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ Allah says:

The paupers who heard My words and obeyed My commands, are most beloved to me from all My servants. I guarantee them the honour of not being granted the world, so they remain focused upon worshipping Me.<sup>2</sup>

- ◆ The shaykh was asked, "How can the world be removed from one's heart?"

He explained:

Through pure love and honest affairs. There are three signs of the former: loyalty without fear, bestowal without request and praise without generosity.

The saints also have three signs: their thoughts and intentions being for Allah, their preoccupations being for Him, and their fleeing from everything to Him.<sup>3</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> *Hilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 405, raqm: 12691

<sup>2</sup> *Tahzeeb al-Asaar lil al-Ṭabari*, vol. 2, p. 301, raqm: 510

<sup>3</sup> *Hilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 411, 12718

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- ◆ Whoever relied upon Allah shall be granted benefit by Him, and whoever was humble for Him is bestowed a high rank.<sup>1</sup>
- ◆ When Allah wills to do good to somebody, He opens the door to action for them. When He wills bad for them, He closes this door.<sup>2</sup>
- ◆ Fleeting hopes prevent a person from good deeds.<sup>3</sup>

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحَبِيبِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ

### The du'ās of Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ

Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi's رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ du'ās include:

O Allah! Make us from those who believe in meeting You, those who are content upon Your decree, those who remain happy with what You have bestowed and those who fear You as is Your right to be feared.<sup>4</sup>

Another du'ā of his was:

اللَّهُمَّ يَا مَنْ وَفَّقَ أَهْلَ الْخَيْرِ لِلْخَيْرِ وَأَعَاظَهُمْ عَلَيْهِ وَفَقَّنَا لِلْخَيْرِ وَأَعَانَا عَلَيْهِ

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<sup>1</sup> *Siyar A'lam al-Nubala*, vol. 8, p. 218, 1425

<sup>2</sup> *Siyar A'lam al-Nubala*, vol. 8, p. 217, 1425

<sup>3</sup> *Hilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 408, 12703

<sup>4</sup> *Hilyat al-Awliyā'*, vol. 8, p. 405, raqm 12687

*O Allah! O He who grants people of righteousness the ability to perform righteousness and helps them in it! Grant us the ability to perform righteousness and helps us in it!*<sup>1</sup>

### His saintly litanies

Virtuous religious elders and saints issue their murids various litanies. These are for safety from calamities and illnesses, prosperity in sustenance and other important matters.

Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ would also give litanies to his murids from time to time.

### The Abdālite litany

Shaykh Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ explained that whoever recites the following words ten times daily will be recorded amongst the Abdāl.

اللَّهُمَّ أَصْلِحْ أُمَّةَ مُحَمَّدٍ اللَّهُمَّ فَرِّجْ عَنَّا أُمَّةَ مُحَمَّدٍ اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْ أُمَّةَ مُحَمَّدٍ

*O Allah! Rectify the ummah of Muḥammad. O Allah! Grant relief to the ummah of Muḥammad. O Allah! Have mercy on the ummah of Muḥammad.*<sup>2</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Al-Rawḍ al-Fāiq, p. 185

<sup>2</sup> Ḥilyat al-Awliyā', vol. 8, p. 410, raqm: 12716

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The shaykh details how a person parted from the Ka‘bah whilst exclaiming:

اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْحَمْدُ عَدَدَ عَفْوِكَ عَنْ خَلْقِكَ

*“O Allah! Praise be to You equivalent to the amount You forgive Your creation!”*

When the person returned the following year and repeated these words, he heard a voice saying, “We have been unable to count the reward of these words since you said them last year.”<sup>1</sup>

### Words to fulfil needs

‘Abdullāh b. Muḥammad al-Anṣārī رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ said:

I heard Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحِمَهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ explain, “Whoever says the following words when parting from his bed, Allah declares to the angel appointed to fulfil the needs of His slaves (Jibrīl عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ), ‘Fulfil the need of my slave!’”<sup>2</sup>

سُبْحَانَ اللهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللهَ أَللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ وَرَحْمَتِكَ  
فَأَتَّهِمَا بِبَيْدِكَ لَا يَمْلِكُهُمَا أَحَدٌ سِوَاكَ

*Allah is pure, all praise is for Allah, there is none worthy of worship except Allah, and I seek forgiveness from Allah. O Allah!*

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<sup>1</sup> Ḥilyat al-Awliyā', vol. 8, p. 410, raqm: 12717

<sup>2</sup> Ḥilyat al-Awliyā', vol. 8, p. 410, raqm: 12718



*Indeed, I ask You for Your grace and mercy, for indeed they are  
in Your power; none possesses them other than You.*

### Litanies continued

Ya'qūb b. 'Abd al-Raḥmān رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ once heard Muḥammad b. Ḥassān رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ saying:

Ma'rūf al-Karkhi رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ said to me, “Shall I not teach you ten words, five of which are for this world and five for the Hereafter? Whoever asks from Allah with these words is granted divine gifts.”

I asked him to write these words down, which the shaykh said he would not do. Instead, he said he will repeat them to me the way Bakr b. Ḥubaysh رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ did so to him. Those words were:

حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى لِدِينِي، حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ لِدُنْيَايَ، حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ لِمَا أَهَمَّنِي، حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ  
الْحَكِيمُ الْقَوِيُّ لِمَنْ بَغَى عَلَيَّ، حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ الشَّدِيدُ لِمَنْ كَادَنِي بِسُوءٍ، حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ الرَّحِيمُ عِنْدَ الْمَوْتِ، حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ  
الرَّؤُوفُ عِنْدَ الْمَسْئَلَةِ فِي الْقَبْرِ، حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ الْكَرِيمُ عِنْدَ الْحِسَابِ، حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ اللطيفُ عِنْدَ الْمِيزَانِ، حَسْبِيَ  
اللَّهُ الْقَدِيرُ عِنْدَ الْعِمْرَانِ، حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ -

*Allah, the Exalted and Grand, is solely sufficient for me in my  
religious matters. Allah the Esteemed, He alone suffices me in  
my worldly matters. Allah the Generous is sufficient for me when  
I face what saddens me. Allah the Wise and Powerful; He is  
sufficient whenever someone stands in opposition to me. Allah*

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*the All-Powerful suffices me against those who deceive and trick.  
Allah the most Merciful, He suffices me at my time of death.*

*Allah is sufficient for me when questions are posed to me in the  
grave. Allah the Most Generous is sufficient for me at the time of  
accounting. Allah the merciful is sufficient for me when my  
deeds will be weighed. Allah the Most Powerful is sufficient for  
me when I will cross the Bridge of Şirāt.*

*Allah is sufficient for me. There is none worthy of worship except  
Him. I have placed my trust in Him, and He is the Lord of the  
esteemed 'Arsh.*

**Also read this after completing the former:**

اللَّهُمَّ يَا هَادِيَ الْمَضِلِّينَ وَيَا رَاحِمَ الْمُدْنِيِّينَ وَمُقْبِلَ عَثْرَاتِ الْعَاثِرِينَ إِرْحَمْ عَبْدَكَ ذَا الْخَطْرِ  
الْعَظِيمِ الْمُسْلِمِينَ كُلَّهُمْ أَجْمَعِينَ وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنَ الْأَحْيَاءِ الْمُرْتُوِّقِينَ الَّذِينَ أَنْعَمْتَ  
عَلَيْهِمْ مِنَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَالصِّدِّيقِينَ وَالشُّهَدَاءِ وَالصَّالِحِينَ أَمِينَ - يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ!

*O Allah! O He who guides those who have gone astray; He who is  
merciful to sinful and pardons the errors of those who have  
stumbled! O Lord of Power and Esteem! Have mercy on Your  
slave and all Muslims, and make us from the living that are  
given rizq! Grant us the blessings of the prophets, şiddiqin,  
martyrs and the righteous. أَمِينَ - يَا رَبَّ الْعَالَمِينَ!*

‘Utbah al-Ghulām رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ was seen in a dream. When asked what led to him entering Paradise, he explained “I entered Paradise due to these du‘ās.”

### What also can be recited after the former:

اللَّهُمَّ عَالِمَ الْخَفِيَّاتِ، رَافِعِ الدَّرَجَاتِ، ذَا الْعَرْشِ، تُلْقَى الرُّوحَ مِنْ أَمْرِكَ عَلَى مَنْ تَشَاءُ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ،  
عَافِرِ الذَّنْبِ وَقَابِلِ التَّوْبِ، شَدِيدِ الْعِقَابِ، ذَا الطَّلْوَلِ، لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ، إِلَهِيكَ الْمُصَوِّدِ

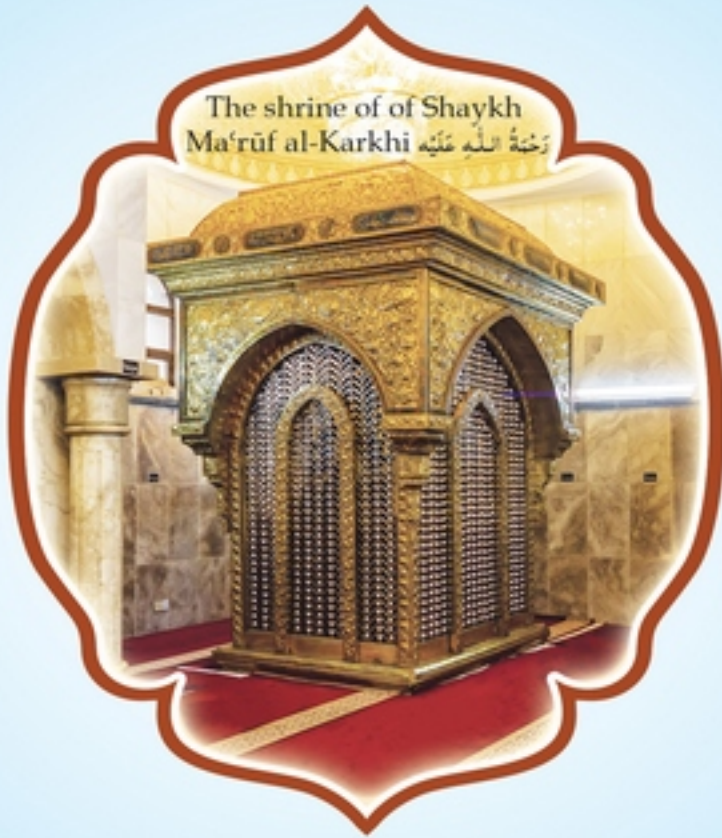
*O Allah! O Knower of the hidden! O He who elevates ranks! O  
Owner of the ‘Arsh! Souls are cast into whoever You will from  
Your slaves according to Your command. O Forgiver of sins,  
Acceptor of repentance, Lord of intense punishment! And  
Possessor of profound grace! There is none worthy of worship  
except You. To You is our return!*

Somebody saw Ibrāhīm al-Ṣāigh رَحْمَةُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ in a dream and asked, “How did you attain salvation?” He explained the reason behind this being these du‘ās.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> Qūt al-Qulūb, vol. 1, p. 24

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