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R ead the following duʿā before you study a religious book or an Islamic lesson; you will remember whatever you study::

ٱللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا حِكْمَتَكَ وَانْشُرْ عَلَيْنَا رَحْمَتَكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَام

Translation

O Allah عَوَّدَحَلَّ Open the doors of knowledge and wisdom for us and have mercy on us! O He Who is the most glorious and honourable! (*Al-Mustațraf, vol. 1, pp. 40*)

Note:

Recite *salāt* on the Prophet is once before and after.

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The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah's successor made this du ${\rm \tilde{a}}$:

'O Lord of the Prophet! Whoever reads or listens to the 22-page booklet *130 Statements from the Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah*, allow them to act upon the sunnah and to live their lives according to sharī 'ah. I ask You to also grant them forgiveness without accountability!'

امِين بِجَالاِ خاتَم النَّبِيتين صلَّى الله عليه واله وسلَّم

The excellence of reciting salāt upon the Prophet

As narrated by the Companion Abū Hurayrah مرضى الله عنه , the final Prophet of Allah مَتَى الله عنيو البوسلَة said, "Allah sends ten mercies upon whoever recites *şalāt* upon me once."¹

صَلُّوا عَلَى الْحُبِيْبِ صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّد

¹ Ṣaḥīḥ Muslim: 912

The words of wisdom uttered by the pious A famous Persian proverb dictates:

صُحْبَتِ صَالِحُ تُرًا صُالِحُ كُنَدُ صُحْبَتِ طَالِح تُرًا طَالِح كُنَد

'Company of a righteous person makes you righteous, whilst company of an evil person makes you evil.'

The company adopted by a person, whether good or bad, holds undoubted efficacy. Company of pious personalities inspires one's heart towards goodness, whilst being around evil people drags it towards debauchery and evil.

Gathering with Allah's righteous servants, looking upon them and acting upon their verbal pearls of wisdom, is a means of success in both worlds. Their writings also bear similar ameliorating blessings, so if a person cannot sit in the company of the righteous, he can still be affected positively by reading their words.

The Amir of Ahl al-Sunnah, Mawlana Ilyas Attar al-Qadiri, hails from the ranks of Allah's servants whose words have reformed lost and wandering souls from all walks of life. Not only this, but his words harbour such efficacy, that those who changed their lives after listening to them go on to reform others themselves.

Let us now move on to some of his saintly aphorisms.

- 1. One should not establish any opinion having only heard one side of a story.¹
- 2. Parents of children who have memorised the Quran should encourage them to recite it daily so that they do not forget their memorisation of it.²
- 3. All memorisers of the Quran should try and recite 1 manzil daily.³
- 4. Without reason, one should not inform of his being a nigran, teacher or scholar.⁴
- 5. If a doctor treats his patient with sincere intentions and empathises with them, he shall gain blessings in his earnings and reward in the Hereafter.⁵
- 6. Doctors should not interfere in matters of sharīʿah pertaining to the unwell. They should direct patients to muftis or give them Dar al-Ifta Ahl al-Sunnah's number.⁶

¹ 17th Ramadan after Tarawīḥ, 1436 AH (4th July 2015)

² 19th Rabī^c al-Ākhir, 1436 AH (08 Feb 2015)

³ Ibid

⁴ 23rd Rabī^c al-Ākhir, 1436 AH (12 Feb 2015)

⁵ 19th Rabī^c al-Ākhir, 1436 AH (08 Feb 2015)

⁶ Ibid

- If a doctor does not know how to treat someone, he should say so without any embarrassment or hesitation. In this way, his value will increase in people's eyes.¹
- 8. Your family doctor should be one who fears Allah.²
- 9. Doctors should set aside a monthly budget for both the poor and members of the Ahl al-Bayt, and administer treatment to them for free. In this way, you will be included in their prayers.³
- A doctor should reflect on the state of his heart upon an increase in patients; 'Am I happy at my Muslim brother's illness?' If this is the case, he should seek forgiveness from Allah.⁴
- 11. The timings of operations should be mutually agreed such that they do not occur in any salah time.⁵
- 12. Şalāt Tunajjīnā is tried and tested for the fulfilment of needs.⁶

¹ 2nd Jumada al-Ūlā, 1436 AH (21 Feb 2015)

² 10th Ramadan after Tarawih, 1436 AH (27 June 2015)

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid

⁵ 19th Rabī^c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (08 Feb 2015)

⁶ Ibid

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- 13. Newspaper and media people should not publish anything that could lead to hatred against Islam.¹
- 14. Zeal and passion without thought entraps a person.²
- 15. Do not be angry with someone who corrects you. Otherwise, you will close the door of rectification upon yourself.³
- It is difficult to become a scholar by only studying the Dars-i-Niẓāmī syllabus. One must study further Islamic books for this.⁴
- 17. One should not verbally praise himself.⁵
- An intelligent person gives preference to the Hereafter and receives the blessings of doing so in this world as well.⁶
- 19. Commendable silence is that which is not steeped in heedlessness.⁷

¹ Ibid

² 18th Rabī^c al-Ākhir, 1436 AH (07 Feb 2015)

³ 23rd Rabī^c al-Ākhir, 1436 AH (12 Feb 2015)

⁴ Ibid

⁵ Ibid

⁶ 24th Rabī^c al-Ākhir, 1436 AH (13 Feb 2015)

⁷ 10th Shawwāl al-Mukarram, 1436 AH (26 July 2015)

- 20. Bad company is a fatal poison for one's faith.¹
- 21. I like Islamic brothers who speak little, lower their eyes and embody the sunnah.²
- 22. However many wishes you fulfil for your children, said wishes will increase commensurately. So, one should control this from the onset.³
- 23. That accomplished with gentleness cannot be achieved through harshness.⁴
- 24. However big a nigrān you are, you should deal with those subordinate to you with gentleness and love.⁵
- 25. Instil this in your heart and mind: "Allah is watching me."⁶
- 26. Be serious, but remember smiling does not conflict with seriousness.⁷
- 27. Even a minor sin can lead one to Hellfire.⁸

³ Ibid

⁵ Ibid

¹ 25th Ramadan after Taraweeh, 1436 AH (12 July 2015)

² 24th Rabī^c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (13 Feb 2015)

⁴ Ibid

⁶ 25th Rabī^c ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (16 Feb 2015)

⁷ 1st Jumadal Oola, 1436 AH (20 Feb 2015)

⁸ Ibid

- 28. Rather than scolding a subordinate for a mistake, rectify him with love and compassion.¹
- 30. Respecting anything affiliated to pious people is a rewardable act.³
- 31. Seeking knowledge of deen is superior to reciting litanies.⁴
- 32. People flee from a person who is rude, ill-mannered, does not keep his clothes clean and is not trustworthy in financial dealings; for example, he does not return a loan, his clothes or body emit a foul smell, and so on and so forth.⁵
- 33. The field of spiritual treatment is very delicate. It is difficult to save oneself from chasing after fame in this area of work.⁶

¹ Ibid

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ 7th Jumadal Oola, 1436 AH (26 Feb 2015)

⁵ 23rd Shawwāl al-Mukarram, 1436 AH (18 Aug 2015)

⁶ 7th Jumadal Oola, 1436 AH (26 Feb 2015)

- 34. Reading books is the soul of sacred knowledge.¹
- 35. Do not start giving children pocket money from an early age. Prepare food for them at home and give this to them instead.²
- 36. Corruption is easy, but rectification is difficult. Sometimes it takes years to construct a building, yet little time to raze it to the ground.³
- 37. Arrange for a soundproof generator to be installed in the masjid. Whether it operates on gas or petrol, the smell should not enter the masjid.⁴
- Without self-sacrifice, work cannot be accomplished. A seed must mix with the earth to become a flower in a garden.⁵
- Reflect on your speech and ask, 'What did I say?' and 'Why did I say it?'6

¹ 8th Jumadal Oola, 1436 AH (27 Feb 2015)

² 9th Jumadal Oola, 1436 AH (28 Feb 2015)

³ 13th Dhū al-Qa'dah, 1436 AH (29 Aug 2015)

⁴ 20th Dhū al-Qa^cdah, 1436 AH (05 Sep 2015)

⁵ 10th Jumadal Oola, 1436 AH (01 March 2015)

⁶ 11th Jumadal Oola, 1436 AH (02 March 2015)

- 40. Speak in such a way, that the person before you desires for you to just continue speaking.¹
- 41. Everybody acknowledges and listens to what a serious, well-mannered person says.²
- 42. Calling to righteousness through good conduct, is more effective than calling to righteousness via discourse.³
- 43. If an infectious disease spreads within a city, azan should be called outside it and charity given in abundance.⁴
- 44. We should develop astute and insightful temperaments so that we can act in accordance with sharī ʿah.⁵
- 45. Thousands of rewardable acts are rendered $mub\bar{a}h$ due to lack of good intention (a person doing them does not earn any reward).⁶
- 46. Prior to beginning salah, get rid of anything that obstructs your concentration.⁷

¹ Ibid

² Ibid

³ 12th Jumadal Oola, 1436 AH (03 March 2015)

⁴ 23rd Jumadal Oola, 1436 AH (23 March 2015)

⁵ 15th Jumadal ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (04 April 2015)

⁶ Ibid

⁷ Ibid

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- 47. *Ṣalāt* upon the Prophet purifies actions.¹
- 48. Initially, to attain steadfastness in performing righteous actions, one must compel the *nafs* to incline towards piety.²
- 49. The sound of an ambulance siren harbours admonition and a lesson.³
- 50. Write "Allah is watching", and hang this up in a few places in your home. You will see its blessings.⁴
- 51. Wanting your children to be pious is very good, but it is not right to be unduly emotional in this regard.⁵
- 52. Parents should explain matters to their children with wisdom. Scolding, hitting, and screaming at every turn can instead make them run away from you.⁶
- 53. People who lie to children are dreadful. They should be given a medal for their foolishness, as they are

¹ 1st Dhū al-Ḥijjah, 1436 AH (15 Sep 2015)

² 29th Jumadal ul Ākhir, 1436 AH (18 April 2015)

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid

⁵ 17th Ramadan after 'Asr, 1436 AH (05 July 2015)

⁶ 13th Rajab, 1436 AH (02 May 2015)

destroying their children's character with their own hands.¹

- 54. Scaring children by saying things like, 'The boogeyman is here', 'A jinn will eat you', or 'Someone will take you away', can lead to them being faint-hearted. Make your children lion-hearted instead of cowardly.²
- 55. Sad news is more shocking when the person hearing it is tired and hungry. One should avoid giving others news of a person's death when they are in such a condition.³
- Knowledge, forbearance, tolerance, gentleness, and wisdom are necessary qualities for a muballigh.⁴
- 57. A pen is a tool of seeking knowledge and should be respected.⁵
- 58. Advice will always be advice, not an order. If someone does not accept your advice, do not become displeased.⁶

¹ Ibid

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ 20th Rajab, 1436 AH (09 May 2015)

⁵ Ibid

⁶ 27th Rajab, 1436 AH (16 May 2015)

- 59. The heart should never become heedless of Allah's dhikr. The company of righteous people is necessary for this.¹
- 60. Whoever becomes satisfied with his own sincerity needs sincerity more than anyone.²
- 61. Masjids are places of peace whereupon divine mercy descends.³
- 62. Seeing a guest eat heartily pleases his host, as it indicates the guest liking the latter's food.⁴
- 63. No one should attend someone else's invitation without being invited. If someone has done this, he should repent and also seek pardon from the host.⁵
- 64. Seeing people's greed nowadays, it seems self-respect has been lost completely.⁶
- 65. When azan is called, one should leave all tasks and focus on salah.⁷

¹ 10th Shawwāl al-Mukarram, 1436 AH (26 July 2015)

² 05th Shaʿbān, 1436 AH (23 May 2015)

³ 12th Shaʿbān, 1436 AH (30 May 2015)

⁴ 17th Shaʿ bān, 1436 AH (04 June 2015)

⁵ 19th Shaʿ bān, 1436 AH (06 June 2015)

⁶ Ibid

⁷ 26th Shaʿ bān, 1436 AH (13 June 2015)

- 66. Do not say 'I have work' when it comes to salah. Say, 'I have to pray' when it comes to work.¹
- 67. We openly oppose anything haram. We will not eat anything haram nor feed it to our children.²
- 68. آلتعنديللو We are Muslims in this life. If we die with our faith intact, this is an indescribably immense blessing.³
- 69. To perform righteous deeds, suppress the *nafs* and strive hard to act practically.⁴
- 70. Passing away in Madinah al-Munawwarah is a great privilege.⁵
- 71. One should bring joy to the hearts of children also.⁶
- 72. If we cannot bring joy to someone's heart, we should not hurt anyone's feelings either.⁷
- 73. If only we preoccupied ourselves in illuminating our hearts rather than beautifying our faces.⁸

⁴ Ibid

- ⁶ Ibid
- ⁷ Ibid
- ⁸ 11th Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1437 AH (21 Oct 2015)

 $^{^1}$ Ibid

² Ibid

³ 27th Shaʿ bān, 1436 AH (14 June 2015)

⁵ 28th Shaʿ bān, 1436 AH (15 June 2015)

- 74. Whether young or old, strive to serve Islam at every age.¹
- 75. Eat lightly for seḥrī in small quantities and avoid heavy food; your health will remain good.²
- 76. Abundant consumption of betel nuts damages your health.³
- 77. Eating less for the pleasure of Allah is worship.⁴
- 78. Make your children memorise questions and answers comprising of Islamic knowledge.⁵
- 79. If someone has given you a book as a trust, do not open it to look inside it without his permission.⁶
- 80. During the azan, many times the thought becomes fixated in my mind that I am in my grave and azan is being called besides it.⁷
- 81. Old, broken graves teach us a lesson.⁸

¹ 02nd Ramadan, 1436 AH after 'Asr (19 June 2015)

² 03rd Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (20 June 2015)

³ 07th Dhū al-Ḥijjah, 1436 AH (21 Sep 2015)

⁴ 03rd Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (20 June 2015)

⁵ 20th Jumadal Oola, 1438 AH (18 Feb 2017)

⁶ 03rd Ramadan, 1436 AH after 'Asr (20 June 2015)

⁷ 04th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (21 June 2015)

⁸ 21st Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1437 AH (15 Oct 2015)

- 82. If you need to use the loudspeaker feature during a phone call, take permission from the person you are speaking to. Perhaps he may want to speak to you about something he does not wish anyone else to learn about.¹
- 83. The recording system in phones contains admonition for us in that we are very careful of our speech during a recording. Yet we do not pay heed to Kirāman Kātibīn, who are always with us.²
- 84. My habit is to make du'ā to be forgiven without accountability and ask others to do the same for me, as I am not capable of withstanding this.³
- 85. Abandoning salah in congregation and offering it individually due to laziness is not in my dictionary.⁴
- 86. Whoever's heart is unsettled in a religious environment, he is like an unwell person who does not like the medicine he must take.⁵
- 87. Whoever intends to wear an 'imāmah should do so immediately. Life is very unpredictable.⁶

¹ 05th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (22 June 2015)

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid

⁵ 1st Rabī^c ul Awwal, 1437 AH (13 Dec 2015)

⁶ 05th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (22 June 2015)

- 88. Cultured children do not raise their voices in the presence of their parents. They instead show good etiquette before them and kiss their hands and feet.¹
- 89. It is *mustahab* to respect a scholar of Islam.²
- 90. It is not good for the heart to become weary of worshipping Allah.³
- 91. Worldly preoccupations should not cause shortcomings in worship and other obligations.⁴
- 92. Make a habit of reciting بِسُمِ الله المَّانِي بِسُمِ الله المَّانِي بِسُمِ الله المَّانِي بِسُمِ الله المَانِي عَلَي المُعَانِي المُعَانِي عَلَي المُعَانِي وَالمَانِ وَ
- 93. Whoever wishes to remain healthy should avoid eating and drinking a lot right from his youth with the intention of gaining strength for worship.⁶
- 94. As much as possible, save yourself from medicines and try to treat yourself through the right food.⁷

¹ 06th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (23 June 2015)

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid

⁵ 07th Ramadan, 1436 AH after 'Asr (25 June 2015)

⁶ 09th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (26 June 2015)

⁷ 10th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (27 June 2015)

- 95. To accept your mistake, you must cut out your ego.¹
- 96. A teacher should know how to assess the psyche of his students.²
- 97. If you continue participating in Madani Muzakarahs, you will learn rulings you were previously unaware of.³
- 98. Every writer should fear Allah in that he is writing.⁴
- 99. For weddings, prepare an amount of food which can actually all be consumed and will not go to waste. On the Day of Judgement, we will be accountable for every grain.⁵
- 100. Newspapers contain sacred words as well; these should not be discarded.⁶
- 101. Do not spread any Islamic ruling or writing until you have verified it with a reliable Islamic scholar.⁷
- 102. Carry out whatever religious work you can in your youth. Normally, one loses strength in old age.⁸

¹ 11th Jumadal Oola, 1436 AH (02 March 2015)

² Ibid

³ 09th Dhū al-Ḥijjah, 1436 AH (23 Sep 2015)

⁴ 12th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (29 June 2015)

⁵ Ibid

⁶ Ibid

⁷ Ibid

⁸ 13th Ramadan, 1436 AH after 'Asr (01 July 2015)

- 103. When thinking of your own peace and comfort, think of others too.¹
- 104. As much as possible, when travelling by plane, select timings in which you do not have to offer any salah. This is because offering salah on a plane is quite difficult.²
- 105. Prepubescent children that can keep fasts should be encouraged to do so.³
- 106. Steadfastness in performing pious deeds is attained through reflecting on their virtues and contemplating over the briefness of one's life.⁴
- 107. Naming one's house is a good thing. I have named the house I live in بَيَتُ الفناً, as everything has an end.⁵
- 108. Masjids are places in which the mercy of Allah showers down. Make a place in your heart for it and spend your time there.⁶

⁵ Ibid, after 'Asr

¹ Ibid

² Ibid

³ Ibid

⁴ 14th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (02 July 2015)

⁶ 15th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (03 July 2015)

- 109. He who tries to damage Islam or speaks against it is a devil.¹
- 110. Try not to have psychiatric or self-imposed fears. Develop deep-rooted and true fear of Allah instead.
- 111. It is not correct to say, 'I take full precaution', because some lack of precaution does end up taking place.²
- 112. Whoever cannot recite the Quran by looking is not educated, even if people refer to him as such.³
- 113. Learning sacred knowledge, acting upon it and spreading it is all charity.⁴
- 114. The blessed month of Ramadan is the season of those who perform pious deeds and those who will enter Paradise.⁵
- 115. Saying نَبَيَّك when someone calls is a gentle and affectionate phrase. Love increases due to it. It is also a sunnah; if someone says it with this intention, he will be rewarded.⁶

¹ *Ibid*, *after* 'Asr

² 16th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (03 July 2015)

³ Ibid

⁴ Ibid

⁵ Ibid, after 'Asr

⁶ Ibid

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- 116. One is not even allowed to unnecessarily scold or hurt the feelings of his own children. One should explain things to them and get them to comply using a soft tone.¹
- 117. One should not forward anything they have written without getting it verified by a reliable Islamic scholar.²
- 118. Not giving attention to Satanic whispering is itself a cure for them.³
- 119. One should not strive to see his deceased ones in a dream, because if he were to see them in an undesirable state, the shock would be long-lasting. Dreams, however, are not a proof according to sharī ʿah.⁴
- 120. To build fear of Allah, company of the *khāifīn* (those who fear Allah) is very important.⁵
- 121. Eid al-Fițr is a day of gratefulness. While avoiding sins in it, we should give thanks Allah.⁶

³ 18th Ramadan, 1436 AH after 'Asr (05 July 2015)

¹ 17th Ramadan, 1436 AH after 'Asr (05 July 2015)

² 10th Muḥarram ul Ḥarām, 1437 AH (21 Oct 2015)

⁴ 19th Ramadan, 1436 AH after 'Asr (07 July 2015)

⁵ 20th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (07 July 2015)

⁶ 21st Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (08 July 2015)

- 122. Say الله الله in front of your children, intending for them to go on to become those who also say this.¹
- 123. Calling a child unintelligent or weak in learning etc., makes a child even more so. Avoid saying such statements.²
- 124. Cleanliness entails that one picks up a glass or bowl in such a way, that the thumb neither enters it nor touches its rim. It should be lifted from the base.³
- 125. After death, every person will wish, 'If only I had not kept behind even one coin. If only I had spent it all in charity.'⁴
- 126. The difficulties of this world lead one to recall the Hellfire and the punishments therein.⁵
- 127. One should hide calamities and problems as much as possible.⁶

¹ 14th Jumadal Oola, 1438 AH (11 Feb. 2017)

² 22nd Ramadan, 1436 AH after 'Asr (10 July 2015)

³ 23rd Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (10 July 2015)

⁴ 23rd Ramadan, 1436 AH after 'Asr (11 July 2015)

⁵ 24th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (11 July 2015)
⁶ Ihid

- 128. A man is not he who follows society, but he who makes society follow him.¹
- 129. To inculcate fear of Allah within oneself, consider your helplessness and remember Allah's supreme omnipotence. Remain fearful of His hidden plan and suffering a bad ending.²
- 130. Ensure to keep a copy of Kanz al-Īmān in your homes.³

- ² 25th Ramadan, 1436 AH after Isha (12 July 2015)
- ³ 08th Dhū al-Ḥijjah, 1436 AH (22 Sep 2015)

¹ 24th Ramadan, 1436 AH after 'Asr (12 July 2015)







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