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After a pleasant dream

(129)

Alḥâmdu-lillāhil-lâthī Bini^Cmâthī Tâtimmoṣ-ṣāliḥāt

Grace be to Allah through Whose blessings good things are accomplished.

After an unpleasant dream

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Alḥâmdu-lillāhi-câlā Kulli-ḥāl

Grace be to Allah under all circumstances.

If one wakes up after a nightmare

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I seek refuge in the perfect words of Allāh, from His displeasure and punishment and from evil people, and from the (evil) promptings of devils and from their presence.

II. On Social Occasions

What to say if you see a Muslim brother smiling:

(132)

Adhakallaho Sinnâk

أَضْحَكَ اللهُ سِنَّكَ

May Allah bring smiles to you.

When one is told "I love you"

(133)

Aḥâbbâkâl-lâthî Aḥbâbtâni Lâh

أحبَّكَ الَّذِي أُحْبَبْتَنِي لَهُ

May He, for Whose sake you love me, love you also.

When a favor is done unto us:

(134)

Jâzākâllāho Khâyrân

May Allah give you a good reward.

What to say to one who got married:

Bārâkâ-llāho-lâk. Wâbārâkâ ^câlâyk. Wâjâmâ^cā Bâynâkômā Fî-khâyr

May Allah bless (your spouse) for you; and may He bless you and join you in a happy union.

At the beginning of sexual intercourse:

(136)

Bismillah. Allahomma Jannibnash-Shaytan. Wajannibish-shaytana-ma Razaqtana

In the name of Allāh. O Allāh! Keep us away from Satan, and keep Satan away from what You bestow on us (our children).

Prayer for small children

(137)

O^ceethôkâ Bikâlimātil-lāhit-tāmmâh. Min kullî-shâyṭānin-Wâhāmmâh Wâmin Kulli-^câynin Lāmmâh

I seek refuge for you in the perfect words of Allah, from every devil and every poisonous reptile, and from every bad eye.

At the end of meetings or gatherings

(138)

Subhānâkâl-lāhommâ Wâbihâmdik. Ash-hâdo-Allā Ilāha-illa Ant. Astâghfirokâ-Wâ'âtoobo Ilâyk

Glory and praise be to You, O Allah! I bear witness that there is no deity except You. I beg of You Your forgiveness and I repent to You.

III. On the Occasion of Travel

What to say to one who is leaving

(139)

Astâwdî^Collâhâ Deenâkâ Wâ'amanâtâkâ Wâkhâwāteemâ ^Camâlik Wâ'âqrâ'o ^câlâykâs-salām.

Unto Allāh do I commend your deen (Islam), your trust (i.e. family, property,...etc.), and the conclusions of your deeds, and I recite salām (peace) upon you.

(140) زَوَّدَكَ الله التَّقْوَى ، وَغَفَرَ ذَنْبِكَ ، وَيَسَّرَ الكَ الْخَيْرَ جَبْثُمَا كُنْتَ

Zâwwâdâkâl-lahot-tâqwa Wâgḥâfârâ-Thânbâk Wâyâssârâ Lâkâl-Khâyrâ Ḥaythomā Kunt

May Allah provide you with taqwa (Allah-consciousness), forgive your sins, and facilitate good for you wherever you may be.

When bidding farewell (by the traveller)

أَسْتَوْ دِعُكَ اللهَ الَّذِي لَا تَضِيعُ وَدَائِعُهُ أَسْتَوْ دِعُكَ اللهَ الَّذِي لَا تَضِيعُ وَدَائِعُهُ

Astaodi^cokâllahâ-âllâthî La Tâdee ^cô Wâda'i^côh

I commend you unto Allah Whose trusts are never lost.

What to say when setting out on a journey

(142)

اللَّهُمَّ بِكَ أَصُولُ ، وَ بِكَ أَسِيرُ . اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسَأَلُكَ فِي سَفَرِي أَجُولُ ، وَ بِكَ أَسِيرُ . اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسَأَلُكَ فِي سَفَرِي هَٰذَا الْبِرَّ وَالتَّقُوى ، وَمِنَ الْعَمَلِ مَا تَرْضَى اللَّهُمَّ هُوِّنْ عَلَيْنَا سَفَرَ نَا هَٰذَا وَاطُو عَنَّا بُعْدَهُ اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الصَّاحِبُ عَلَيْنَا سَفَرَ نَا هَٰذَا وَاطُو عَنَّا بُعْدَهُ اللَّهُمَّ أِنِّي الْعَالَجِبُ فِي اللَّهُمُ اللَّهُمُّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ فِي الشَّفَرِ وَالْخَلِيفَةُ فِي الْأَهْلِ . اللَّهُمُّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ وَعْثَاءِ السَّفَرِ وَالْخَلِيفَةُ فِي الْأَهْلِ . اللَّهُمُّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ وَعْثَاءِ السَّفَرِ وَالْخَلِيفَةُ فِي الْأَهْلِ . اللَّهُمُّ إِنِّي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ وَعْثَاءِ السَّفَرِ ، وَسَوِّ الْمُنْظَرِ ، وَسَوِّ الْمُنْظَرِ ، وَسَوِّ الْمُنْطَرِ فِي الْمَالِ وَالْأَهْلِ وَالْوَلَدِ

Allahoma Bîka Aşool. Wâbîkâ Ajool. Wâbîka Aseer. Allahomâ Innî As'alokâ Fi Sâfârî-Hathâl-Birrâ-Wâttâqwa. Wâmînâl câmâlî Ma Tarḍā. Allahommâ-Hâwwin câlâyna Sâfârâna-Hatha Wâṭwî-cânna Bocdâh. Allahommâ-Antâṣ-ṣāhibû-Fis-sâfâr. Wâlkhâleefâtû Fil-Ahl. Allahommâ-Inni A oothô Bîkâ Min Wactha'is-sâfâr, Wâkâ'abâtil-mânzar Wâsoo'il-Mongâlâbî Fil-Ahlî Wâlmalî-Wâlwâlâd

O Allāh! It is with Your help that I struggle, move and walk. O Allāh! I beg of You in this journey, virtue, piety, and deeds which are acceptable to You. O Allāh! Make our journey easy for us and shorten for us its distance. O Allāh! You are the Companion in the Journey and the Guardian-Protector of the household. O Allāh! I seek refuge in You from the difficulties of this journey, and from disagreeable sights and from unpleasant return to (my) wealth, household and children.

Upon return from a journey

Repeat the previous du^Ca' and add to it:

(143)

Āyiboon, Tā'eboon, ^Cābidoon, lirâbbinā Ḥāmidoon

We are returners, repentants, worshippers and thankful to our Lord.

IV. In Distress

When faced by a hardship

(144)

Allāhommâlā-Sâhlâ Illā-mā-Jâ^Câltâho Sâhlâ Wâ'ntâ Tâj^Câlôl-ḥâznâ Ithā Shi'tâ Sâhlâ

O Allah! There is nothing easy except what You make easy, and You make the difficult easy if it be Your will.

When one's desire or hope could not be fulfilled

(145)

Qâddârâl-lāhô Wâmā Shā'â-fâ^Câl

Allāh had decided, and whatever He willed, He did.

When feeling angry:

Â^Coothô Billāhî-minâsh-shâyṭānir-râjeem

I seek refuge in Allāh from the accursed Satan.

When one is overwhelmed by a problem

Hasbonal-laho Wane mal-wakeel

Allah suffices us and He is the best Guardian.

When in pain

(148)

(While placing one's hand over the location of pain)

Bismillah (3 times)

A oothô Bî izzatil-lahi Wâqodrâtihi Min shârrî-ma Ajîdu Wâ'oḥazir (7 times)

In the name of Allah

I seek refuge in exalted power and glory of Allah from that which I feel and fear.

When visiting a sick person

(149)

Allahommâ Ath-hibil-bas Râbban-nas. Ishfî Wâ'antâsh-shafî La-Shifa'â-illa-Shifa'ok. Shifa'al-layoghadirô-Sâqâma

O Allah! Remove the hardship, O Lord of mankind. Grant cure for You are the Healer. There is no cure but from You, cure which leaves no illness behind. (While patting the sick person.)

At the time of a disaster

(150)

Innā-lillāhî-Wâ'innā Ilâyhî-rāji^coon. Allāhommâ-^cindâkâ Aḥtasibû-museebâti. Fâ'jorni Fîhā Wâ'abdilini Minhā-khâyrâ

To Allah we belong, and to Him is our return. O Allah! You suffice me in disaster. So reward me for it and replace it with something which is good.

When offering condolence (to the family of the deceased)

(151)

إِنَّ لِلهِ مَا أَخَذَ وَلَهُ مَا أَعْطَى وَكُلُ شَيْءٍ عِنْدَهُ اللهِ مَا أَعْطَى وَكُلُ شَيْءٍ عِنْدَهُ اللهِ مَا أَعْلَ مُسَبِّ وَلَنْحْنَسِبْ اللَّهِ عَلْمَا اللَّهِ عَلْمَا اللَّهِ اللَّهِ عَلْمَا اللَّهِ اللَّهُ اللَّلَّا اللَّهُ اللَّا اللَّهُ اللَّلَّا اللَّا اللَّهُ الللَّهُ الللَّا اللَّلَّ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ

Innâ-lillāhî-mā-akhâthâ Wâlâho-mā-a^Cṭā. Wâkkollo-Shây'in ^Cindâho Bi'ajâlim-musâmmā- Fâltaṣbir Wâltaḥtasib

Due is to Allāh that which He has taken away and His is whatever He has given. With Him, everything has an appointed term; so have patience and seek reward from Him.

When visiting the graveyard

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Assâlmô-^câlâykum Ahlâd-diyāri-minâl-Mu'mineenâ-Wâlmuslimeen. Wâyârḥâmol-lāhol-mustâqdimeenâ-minkum Wâlmusta'khireen. Wa'innā In shāâllāhô-bîkum Lāḥiqoon. As'alol-lāhâ-lânā Wâlâkumul-^cafiyâh. Antom lânā fârâṭon. Wânâhnô-lâkum-tâba ^con. Allāhommâ Lā Taḥrimnā Ajrâhom Wâlā Tuḍillânā Bâ^cdâhom

Peace be upon you dwellers of these abodes, believers and Muslims. May Allāh have mercy on those of you who were first (to die) and those who were last. We will, whenever Allāh wills, join you. I beg of Allāh salvation for us and for you. You preceded us and we will follow you. O Allāh! Deprive us not from reward (similar to theirs) and lead us not astray after they are gone.

V. Others

Prayer for fulfilment of a need (Salatul-Hajah)

مَنْ كَانَتْ لَهُ عَاجَةٌ إِلَى اللهِ تَعَالَى أَوْ إِلَى أَحَدِ مِنْ مَنْ كَانَتْ لَهُ عَاجَةٌ إِلَى اللهِ تَعَالَى أَوْ إِلَى أَحَدِ مِنْ بَنِي آدَمَ ، فَلَيْتَوَضَأْ وَلْيُحْسِنْ وُضُوءَهُ ، ثُمَّ لَيُصَلِّ عَلَى اللهِ تَعَالَى ، وَلْيُصَلِّ عَلَى اللهِ تَكَالَى ، وَلْيُصَلِّ عَلَى اللهِ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَمْ وَلْيَقُلْ : لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ اللهِ وَسَلَمْ وَلْيَقُلْ : لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللهُ الْحَلِيمُ الْحَلِيمُ اللهَ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَمْ وَلَيْقُلْ : لَا إِلَهُ إِلَّا اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهِ اللهِ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَمْ اللهُ اللهُ

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Alḥâmdulillāhî Râbbil- alâmeen. Allāhomâ sâllî alā Muhâmmâd (S.A.W.). Lā Ilāha-illâl-lāhul ḥâleemul-kâreem. Subḥānâllāh — Râbbil- arshil- âzeem. Alḥâmdulillāhi-râbbil- alâmeen. As'âlokâ Mūjibātî-râḥmâtik. Wâ âzā'imâ Maghfirâtik. Wâl iṣmâtâ min kullî-thâmb. Wâlghâneemâtâ min kullî-birr. Wâssâlāmâtâ min Kulli-ithm. Lā Tâdâ -il thâmbân illā Ghâfârtâh. Wâlā Hâmmân Illā Fârrâjtâh. Wâlā hājâtân Heya Lâkâ-riḍan Illa Qaḍâytâhā Yā Arḥâmârrāḥimeen.

Praise be to Allāh, Lord of the Universe. May Allāh's peace and blessing be upon Muhmmâd (S.A.W.). There is no deity but Allāh, Most-Forebearing, Supreme in Honour. Glory be to Allāh, Lord of the Great Throne. Praise be to Allāh, Lord of the Universe. O Allāh! I seek of You the means of (deserving) Your mercy, the means of (ascertaining) Your forgiveness, the protection from all mistakes, the benefit from all virtue and the freedom from all sins. O Allāh! Leave no mistake of mine without Your forgiveness, nor any stress without Your relief, nor any need of which You approve without being fulfilled by You, O Most Merciful of the merciful.

[After reciting this du^ca', one should state the specific need for which the du^ca' was made]

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When seeking guidance in decision-making (Isti-kharâh)

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« اللَّهُمَّ انَّي أَسْتَخِيرُكَ بِعِلْمِكَ ، وَأَسْتَقْدِرُكَ بِقُدْرَتِكَ ، وَأَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ الْعَظِيمِ ، فَإِنَّكَ تَقْدِرُ وَلَا أَقْدِرُ ، وَتَعْلَمُ وَلَا أَعْلَمُ ، وَأَنْتَ عَكَلَّامُ الْغُيُوبِ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كُنْتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَذَا الْأَمْرَ خَيْرٌ لِي فِي دِيني وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِكِةِ أَمْرِي _ أَوْقَالَ _ عَاجِل أَمْرِي وَآجِلهِ - فَاقْدُرُهُ لِي وَيُسِّرُهُ لِي ثُمَّ سَارِكُ لِي فِيهِ ؛ وَإِنْ كُنتَ تَعْلَمُ أَنَّ هَلَذَا الْأَمْرَ شَرُّ لِي فِي دِينِي وَمَعَاشِي وَعَاقِبَ لِهِ مَرِي مِ أَوْقَالَ فِي عَاجِلِ أَمْرِي وَآجِلِهِ -فَأَصْرِفْ هُ عَنِّي ، وَأَصْرِفْنِي عَنْهُ ، وَأَقْدُرْ لِي الْخِيرَ حَيثُ كَانَ ثُمَّ ٱرْضِنِي بِهِ ».

Allahommâ Innî Astâkheerokâ Bi^cilmik. Wa'astâq-dirokâ Bîqodrâtik. Wa'as'alokâ Min Faḍlikâl-^câzeem. Fa'innâka Tâqdirû Wâlā Aqdîr. Wâtâ^clâmo Wâlā-â^clâm. Wa'antâ-^callāmul ghuyoob.

Allāhommâ In Kûntâ Tâ^clamû Annâ [Hāthâl-Amrâ] Khayul-lee Fî Deenee Wâmâ^cashî Wâ^cajilâ Amrî Wa'ājilâh, Fâqdorhô lee, Wayâssirhô lee, Thommâ-bārik lee fîh.

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Wa'in Kontâ Ta^clâmô Annâ [Hāthâl-Amrâ] shârrul-lee Fi Deenee. Wâmâ shî. Wa ajilâ Amri. Wa'ajilahô. Faṣrifhô annee. Wâsrifnee anh. Wâqdûr lêyâl-khâyr Haythô kān. Thômmâ ardînî Bîh.

O Allah! I seek Your guidance (in making a choice) by virtue of Your knowledge, and I seek ability by virtue of Your power, and I ask You of Your great bounty. You have power, I have none. And You know, I know not. You are the Knower of hidden things.

O Allah! If in Your knowledge, (this matter) is good for my religion, my livelihood and my affairs; immediate and in the distant, then ordain for me, make it easy for me and bless it for me. And if in Your knowledge, (this matter) is bad for my religion, my livelihood and my affairs; immediate and in the distant, then turn it away from me, and turn me away from it. And ordain for me the good wherever it be and make me pleased with it.

Notes:

- 1. The above du a' is to be recited when there is uncertainty about the advisability of taking a decision, provided it is Islamically permissible.
- 2. After performing wudu' (ablution), one should offer two râk âhs (sunnâh required for this purpose).
- 3. Before reciting the du^Ca' it should be made sure that the person is not already inclined to a given decision; otherwise it will mean that the person is not serious about seeking guidance of Allāh (S.W.T.).
- 4. In making this $du^{c}\bar{a}$ the actual matter or decision concerning which divine guidance is being sought should be mentioned instead of the words (Hathâl Amrâ) in transliteration or the words "this matter" in the translation above.
- 5. After reciting the du a' (immediately or later on), one may feel more favorably disposed towards one choice or the other.

When one wakes up for night prayers (Tâhâjjud)

(155)اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ الْخُمْدُ أَنْتَ قَيِّمُ السَّمَاوَاتِ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ ، وَلَكَ الْخَمْدُ لَكَ مُلْكُ السَّمَو ات وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فِيهِنَّ ، وَلَكَ الْخُمْدُ أَنْتَ نُورُ السَّمَا الله وَاللَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّهُ وَالْأَرْضِ وَمَنْ فَهِنَّ ، وَلَكَ الْخُمْدُ أَنْتَ الْخَقُّ ، وَوَعْدُكُ الْحَقُّ ، وَلَقَاوُكَ حَقٌّ ، وَقُولُكَ حَقٌّ ، وَالْحَدُّ حَقٌّ وَالنَّارُ حَقٌّ، وَالنَّبِيُّونَ حَقٌّ، وَمُحَمَّدٌ صلى اللهُ عليهِ وسلم حَقٌّ، وَالسَّاعَةُ حَقٌّ، اللَّهُمَّ لَكَ أَسْلَمْتُ ، وَ بِكَ آمَنْتُ، وعَلَيْكَ نَوَ كُلْتُ ، وَإِلَيْكَ أَنَيْتُ ، وَ بِكَ خَاصَمْتُ ، وَإِلَيْكَ حَاكَمَتُ ، فَأَغْفِرُ لِي مَا قَدَّمْتُ وَمَا أَخَّرُتُ ، وَمَا أَسْرَرْتُ وَمَا أَعْلَنْتُ ، وَمَا أَنْتَ أَعْلَمُ بِهِ مَنِّي ، أَنْتَ الْمُقَدِّمُ وَأَنْتَ الْمُونَخِّرَ ، لَا إِلٰهَ إِلَّا أَنْتَ ، وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا تُونَّةَ إلا بالله

Allāhommâ lâkâl-Hâmd. Antâ Qâyyimâs-sâmāwātî wâl'arḍi- Wâmā Fihinn. Wâkâkâl-Ḥmdû Lâkâ Mulkus-sâmāwāti Wâl'arḍi-Wâmân Fihinn. Wâlâkâl-Ḥâmd. Antâ noorôssâmāwāti-wal'ardi-Wâmân Fihinn. Wâlâkâl-Ḥâmdû antâl-ḥâqq. Wâwâ dokâl ḥâqq. Wâliqā'okâ hâqq. Wâqaolokâ-ḥâqq. Wâljânnâtu-ḥâqq. Wânnāru-ḥâqq. Wânnābiyyoonâ-hâqq. Wâmuḥâmmâdun Sâllâl-lāho alâyhî wâsâllâmâ hâqq Wâssā âtô-ḥâqq.

Allahomâ-lâkâ Aslâmt. Wâbîkâ Āmânt. Wâ âlâykâ-Tâwâkkâlt. Wa ilâykâ-Anâbt. Wâbîkâ-Khaṣâmt. Wa ilâykâ-Ḥākâmt. Fâghfir-li Mā-Qâddâmto-wâmā akh-khârt. Wâmā-Asrârto Wâmâ-a lânt. Wâmā-Antâ-A lâmo Bihi Minnî. Antâl-Moqâddimu-Wa antâl-mu âkh-khir. La-ilāhâ-illā-ânt. Wâlā Ḥâolâ Wâlā Qowwâtâ Illā Billāh.

All Praise is due to You, O Allah! You are the Sustainer of the heavens and the earth and whatever is in them. Praise be to you; Yours is the domain of the heavens and the earth and whatever is in them. Praise be to You; You are the light of the heavens and the earth and whatever is in them. Praise be to You.

You are the Truth. Your promise is true, meeting with You is true, Your word is true, Paradise is true, hell is true, Prophets are true, Muhâmmâd (S.A.W.) is true, the Hour (of Judgement) is true.

O Allah! Unto You do I submit, in You do I believe, upon You do I depend, Unto You do I turn. For You do I contend; Unto You do I seek judgement. So forgive me for what I did and will do, for what I concealed and what I declared, and for that of which You are more knowledgeable than me.

You are the expediter and You are the deferrer. There is no deity but You. And there is no ability or power except by the leave of Allāh.

