

Responsibility 27: Getting Spiritually Closer to the Imam Part 3

A true believer must perform the supplications, Salat and other acts of worship which the A`immah of guidance have instructed us to perform as a form of Tawassul (seeking assistance) from the Imam in order to fulfill our needs and remove any difficulties that we have.

In this responsibility, we mention some of these prayers and supplications which are various ways and means that we can request our needs from our Imam.

One Salat: On either a Wednesday or Thursday night, one should go under the open sky with one's head uncovered and perform a two Rak'at Salat. After the Salat, the following should be said 55 times:

يَا حُجَّةَ الْقَائِمِ

“O’ Hujjatul Qa’im.”¹

One Du’a: This Du’a was taught by our twelfth Imam to a man who had been sent to prison. After reciting this short supplication, he was freed:

إِلَهِي عَظُمَ الْبَلَاءُ وَبَرِحَ الْخَفَاءُ وَانْكَشَفَ الْغِطَاءُ وَانْقَطَعَ الرَّجَاءُ وَضَاقَتِ الْأَرْضُ وَمُنِعَتِ السَّمَاءُ وَأَنْتَ الْمُسْتَعَانُ
وَإِلَيْكَ الْمُسْتَكِي وَعَلَيْكَ الْمَعْوَلُ فِي الشَّدَةِ وَالرَّخَاءِ. اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ أُولِي الْأَمْرِ الَّذِينَ فَرَضْتَ
عَلَيْنَا طَاعَتَهُمْ وَعَرَفْتَنَا بِذَلِكَ مَنْزِلَتَهُمْ فَفَرِّجْ عَنَّا بِحَقِّهِمْ فَرَجاً عَاجِلاً قَرِيباً كَلِمَحِ الْبَصَرِ أَوْ هُوَ أَقْرَبُ. يَا مُحَمَّدُ يَا عَلِيُّ
يَا عَلِيُّ يَا مُحَمَّدُ إِكْفِيَانِي فَإِنْ كُنْتُمَا كَافِيَانِ وَأَنْصُرَانِي فَإِنْ كُنْتُمَا نَاصِرَانِ. يَا مَوْلَانَا يَا صَاحِبَ الزَّمَانِ، أَلْعُوْثُ أَلْعُوْثُ
أَلْعُوْثُ، أَدْرِكْنِي أَدْرِكْنِي أَدْرِكْنِي، أَلْسَاعَةُ أَلْسَاعَةُ أَلْسَاعَةُ، أَلْعَجَلُ أَلْعَجَلُ أَلْعَجَلُ. يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ
الطَّاهِرِينَ

“O’ Allah, terrible is the calamity; and its evil consequences are visible the covering has been removed

(all) hopes have been cut off; the (plentiful) Earth has shrunk (with very little room to spare); the heavenly blessings have been withheld.

You alone can help, we refer our grief and sorrow to you, we have full faith in you, in the times of distress, as well as in good fortune.

O' Allah send Your blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad, whom we must obey as per Your command, through which we become aware of their rank and status, and let there be joy after sorrow for us, for their sake, right away, in the twinkling of an eye or even more rapidly than that.

O' Muhammad, O' 'Ali, O' 'Ali, O Muhammad, Give me enough, because both of you provide sufficiently (by the permission of Allah). Help me, because both of you help and protect (by the permission of Allah). O' our master, O' the Imam of our Time! Help me, help me, help me! Assist me! Assist me! Assist me!

At once, in this hour. Be quick, be quick, be quick. O' the Most Merciful of those who show mercy, for the sake of Muhammad and his pure family.”²

One written request: It is mentioned in the traditions that if a person has a legitimate desire, then he should write the following on a piece of paper and place it inside the grave of one of the A`immah.

If this is not possible, then he may seal it with pure mud and place it in a deep well, river or any other body of flowing water and it will reach to Imam Sahib al-Zaman (ajtf). The Imam himself has guaranteed that he will answer the requests of the person:

كَتَبْتُ يَا مَوْلَايَ صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ مُسْتَعِينًا وَشَكَوْتُ مَا نَزَلَ بِي مُسْتَجِيرًا بِاللَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ ثُمَّ بَكَ مِنْ أَمْرِ قَدْ دَهَمَنِي وَأَشْغَلَ قَلْبِي وَأَطَالَ فِكْرِي وَسَلَبَنِي بَعْضَ لُبِّي وَغَيَّرَ خَطِيرَ نِعْمَةِ اللَّهِ عِنْدِي (أَسْلَمَنِي عِنْدَ تَخِيلٍ وَرُودِهِ الْخَلِيلُ وَتَبَرَّأَ مِنِّي عِنْدَ) تَرَانِي إِقْبَالَهُ إِلَيَّ الْحَمِيمُ وَعَجَزَتْ عَن دِفَاعِهِ حِيلَتِي وَخَانَنِي فِي تَحْمِلِهِ صَبْرِي وَقُوَّتِي، فَلَجَأْتُ فِيهِ إِلَيْكَ وَتَوَكَّلْتُ فِي الْمَسْئَلَةِ لِلَّهِ جَلَّ ثَنَاؤُهُ عَلَيْهِ وَعَلَيْكَ فِي دِفَاعِهِ عَنِّي عِلْمًا بِمَكَانِكَ مِنَ اللَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ وَلِيَّ التَّدْبِيرِ وَمَالِكِ الْأُمُورِ وَائْتِقًا بِكَ فِي الْمُسَارَعَةِ فِي الشَّفَاعَةِ إِلَيْهِ جَلَّ ثَنَاهُ فِي أَمْرِي مُتَقِينًا لِإِجَابَتِهِ تَبَارَكَ وَتَعَالَى إِيَّاكَ بِإِعْطَائِي سُؤْلِي وَأَنْتَ يَا مَوْلَايَ جَدِيرٌ بِتَحْقِيقِ ظَنِّي وَتَصَدِيقِ أَمَلِي فِيكَ فِي أَمْرٍ كَذَا وَكَذَا... (فِي) مِمَّا لَا طَاقَةَ لِي بِحَمْلِهِ وَلَا صَبْرَ لِي عَلَيْهِ وَإِنْ كُنْتُ مُسْتَحِقًّا لَهُ وَلِإِضْعَافِهِ بِقَبِيحِ أَفْعَالِي وَتَفْرِيطِي فِي الْوَاجِبَاتِ الَّتِي لِلَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فَأَغْنِنِي يَا مَوْلَايَ صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْكَ عِنْدَ اللَّهْفِ وَقَدَمِ الْمَسْأَلَةِ لِلَّهِ عَزَّ وَجَلَّ فِي أَمْرِي قَبْلَ حُلُولِ التَّلَفِ وَشِمَاتَةِ الْأَعْدَاءِ فَيْكَ بِسَطْتِ النِّعْمَةَ عَلَيَّ وَاسْتَلَّ اللَّهُ جَلَّ جَلَالُهُ لِي نَصْرًا عَزِيزًا وَفَتْحًا قَرِيبًا فِيهِ بِبُلُوغِ الْأَمَالِ وَخَيْرِ الْمَبَادِي وَخَوَاتِيمِ الْأَعْمَالِ وَالْأَمْنِ مِنَ الْمَخَافِ كُلِّهَا فِي كُلِّ حَالٍ إِنَّهُ جَلَّ ثَنَاؤُهُ لِمَا يَشَاءُ فَعَالَ وَهُوَ حَسْبِي وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ فِي الْمُبْدَأِ وَالْمَالِ

“I am writing to you, O my master, may Allah’s blessings be upon you, seeking your aid. And I am complaining about what has befallen me, seeking protection from Almighty Allah and then from you against the trouble that has inflicted me; busied my heart; occupied my mind; deprived me of my prudence; and changed the great favors of Almighty Allah upon me.

It has disappointed me after I had thought of it as my friend; and disavowed me after it had pretended

itself as my close comrade. Thus, all my means have failed to defend me against it; and my endurance and power have been too short to bear it.

I therefore resort to you against it and I depend upon Allah, the greatly Praised, and upon you, on account of my confession of your (unique) standing with Allah, the Lord of the Worlds, the Source of perfect management, and the Prevailer over all affairs, in protecting me against it and I am sure that you will expedite interceding for me before Allah, the greatly Praised, regarding my affair.

I am certain that He, the Blessed and Elevated, will respond to me by answering my appeal. Verily, you, my master, are worth causing my expectation to come true and making my hope achievable concerning **so-and-so...**"

In the place of the last words in bold, the person would proceed to write his needs and then continue by writing:

"...which I cannot stand to bear although I have deserved not only that problem but also many times as many as it due to my misdeed and negligence of my duties towards Almighty Allah. O my master!

May Allah's blessings be upon you, (please) aid me as I am anxious, and provide my request before Almighty Allah before I am injured and my enemies gloat over my grief. It is through you that the bounties have been spread over me.

Please ask Almighty Allah to grant me a great assistance and a near victory through which my hopes may be attained, the commencements and ends of my deeds may be made good, and all my apprehensions secured under all circumstances. Verily, He, the greatly Praised does whatever He wills; and He is Sufficient for me! Most Excellent is He in whom we trust first and last."

The person should then stand near the river or body of water and by taking the name of the one four specific representatives of the Imam (it is best to take the name of Hasan b. Ruh) call upon him and say:

يَا فُلَانُ بْنُ فُلَانٍ (حَسَنَ ابْنِ رُوْحٍ): سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكَ. أَشْهَدُ أَنَّ وَفَاتَكَ فِي سَبِيلِ اللَّهِ وَأَنْتَ حَيٌّ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ مَرْزُوقٌ وَقَدْ خَاطَبْتُكَ فِي حَيَاتِكَ الَّتِي عِنْدَ اللَّهِ جَلَّ وَعَزَّ وَهَذِهِ رُقْعَتِي وَحَاجَتِي إِلَى مَوْلَانَا فَسَلِّمْهَا إِلَيْهِ فَأَنْتَ الثَّقَةُ الْأَمِينُ

"O' so and so (Hasan b. Ruh): Peace be upon you! I bear witness that surely your death was in the way of Allah and that indeed you are alive in the presence of Allah being sustained (by Him) and thus I address you in your life which you have in the presence of Allah, the Noble and Grand, and this writing of mine has my needs that are to be given to our master so then submit this to him since you are the trustworthy and reliable."

The person should then throw the paper into the flowing water so that his desires will be fulfilled, Insha-Allah.³ [This is common known as the Areezah.]

One ziyarat: Among the best rites of visitation that can be recited for the Imam to have our legitimate desires fulfilled (by the permission of Allah ﷻ) is the Ziyarat of Aale Yasin⁴ which has been recorded and preserved in many books of supplication and it is as follows:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

سَلَامٌ عَلَى آلِ يَسٍّ ﷻ السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا دَاعِيَ اللَّهِ وَرَبَّانِيَّ آيَاتِهِ. السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَابَ اللَّهِ وَدِيَانَ دِينِهِ. السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا خَلِيفَةَ اللَّهِ وَنَاصِرَ حَقِّهِ. السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا حُجَّةَ اللَّهِ وَدَلِيلَ إِرَادَتِهِ.

“Peace be upon (the) progeny of Yasin. Peace be upon you, O the caller of Allah and place of manifestation of His signs. Peace be upon you, O the door of Allah and the devout one of His religion. Peace be upon you, O the vicegerent of Allah and the helper of His truth. Peace be upon you, O the proof of Allah and the symbol of His ordinance.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا تَالِيَّ كِتَابِ اللَّهِ وَتَرْجُمَانَهُ. السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ فِي أَنَاءِ لَيْلِكَ وَأَطْرَافِ نَهَارِكَ. السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا بَقِيَّةَ اللَّهِ فِي أَرْضِهِ. السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا مِيثَاقَ اللَّهِ الَّذِي أَخَذَهُ وَوَكَّدَهُ.

Peace be upon you, O the reciter of Allah’s book and its interpreter. Peace be upon you in your night and in your day. Peace be upon you, O the vestige of Allah on His earth. Peace be upon you, O the covenant of Allah, which He took and affirmed.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ يَا وَعْدَ اللَّهِ الَّذِي ضَمِنَهُ. السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْعِلْمُ الْمَنْصُوبُ وَالْعِلْمُ الْمَصْنُوبُ وَالْعَوْتُ وَالرَّحْمَةُ الْوَاسِعَةُ وَعْدًا غَيْرَ مَكْذُوبٍ

Peace be upon you, O the promise of Allah which He guaranteed. Peace by upon you, O the raised flag and the one who is molded with knowledge, the help, the far-reaching mercy and the promise which is not a lie.

السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ حِينَ تَقُومُ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ حِينَ تَقْعُدُ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ حِينَ تَقْرَأُ وَتُبَيِّنُ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ حِينَ تُصَلِّي وَتَقْنُتُ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ حِينَ تَرْكَعُ وَتَسْجُدُ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ حِينَ تُهَلِّلُ وَتُكَبِّرُ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ حِينَ تَحْمَدُ وَتَسْتَغْفِرُ، السَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ حِينَ تُصْبِحُ وَتُمْسِي

Peace be upon you while you are standing. Peace be upon you while you are sitting. Peace be upon you when you are reading and explaining (the Qur`an). Peace be upon you when you are praying and

supplicating.

Peace be upon you when you are bowing (in Ruku') and prostrating (in Sajdah). Peace be upon you when you are announcing the Tahlil (saying: 'There is no god but Allah') and Takbir (saying: 'Allah is greater [than can be described].') Peace be upon you when you are praising (Allah) and seeking forgiveness. Peace be upon you when you enter the morning and the evening.

الْصَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ فِي اللَّيْلِ إِذَا يَغْشَى وَالنَّهَارِ إِذَا تَجَلَّى، الْصَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْإِمَامُ الْمَأْمُونُ، الْصَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ أَيُّهَا الْمُقَدَّمُ الْمَأْمُولُ، الْصَّلَامُ عَلَيْكَ بِجَوَامِعِ الصَّلَامِ

Peace be upon you in the night when it envelops and the day when it becomes manifest. Peace be upon you, O the protected leader. Peace be upon you, O the one whose coming is hoped for. Peace be upon you by the collections of the salutations.

أَشْهَدُكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنِّي أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ لَا حَبِيبَ إِلَّا هُوَ وَأَهْلُهُ

I call you as a witness, O my Master, that certainly I testify that there is no god except Allah, He is alone, there is no partner with Him. And (I testify) that indeed Muhammad is His servant and His Apostle; there is no beloved except him and his progeny.

وَأَشْهَدُكَ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَنَّ عَلِيًّا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ حُجَّتُهُ، وَالْحَسَنَ حُجَّتُهُ، وَالْحُسَيْنَ حُجَّتُهُ، وَعَلِيَّ بْنَ الْحُسَيْنِ حُجَّتُهُ، وَمُحَمَّدَ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ حُجَّتُهُ، وَجَعْفَرَ بْنَ مُحَمَّدٍ حُجَّتُهُ، وَمُوسَى بْنَ جَعْفَرٍ حُجَّتُهُ، وَعَلِيَّ بْنَ مُوسَى حُجَّتُهُ، وَمُحَمَّدَ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ حُجَّتُهُ، وَعَلِيَّ بْنَ مُحَمَّدٍ حُجَّتُهُ، وَالْحَسَنَ بْنَ عَلِيٍّ حُجَّتُهُ، وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّكَ حُجَّةُ اللَّهِ

And I call you as a witness, O my Master, that certainly 'Ali, the Commander of the Believers is His proof and Hasan is His proof and Husain is His proof and 'Ali, son of Husain is His proof and Muhammad, son of 'Ali is His proof and Ja'far, son of Muhammad is His proof and Musa, son of Ja'far is His proof and 'Ali, son of Musa is His proof and Muhammad, son of 'Ali is His proof and 'Ali, son of Muhammad is His proof and Hasan, son of 'Ali is His proof and I testify that indeed you are the proof of Allah.

أَنْتُمْ الْأَوَّلُ وَالْآخِرُ وَأَنْ رَجَعْتُمْ حَقٌّ لَا رَيْبَ فِيهَا يَوْمَ لَا يَنْفَعُ نَفْسًا إِيْمَانُهَا لَمْ تَكُنْ آمَنَتْ مِنْ قَبْلُ أَوْ كَسَبَتْ فِي إِيْمَانِهَا خَيْرًا

You (all) are the first and the last. And surely your return is a truth, there is no doubt in it, (on) the day when (the) belief of none will benefit him who previously did not believe or acquired goodness through his belief.

وَأَنَّ الْمَوْتَ حَقٌّ وَأَنَّ نAKIRَ وَنAKIRَ حَقٌّ وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ النَّشْرَ حَقٌّ وَالْبَعْثَ حَقٌّ وَأَنَّ الصِّرَاطَ حَقٌّ وَالْمِرْصَادَ حَقٌّ
وَالْمِيزَانَ حَقٌّ وَالْحَشْرَ حَقٌّ وَالْحِسَابَ حَقٌّ وَالْجَنَّةَ وَالنَّارَ حَقٌّ وَالْوَعْدَ وَالْوَعِيدَ بِهِمَا حَقٌّ

And indeed death is (an inescapable) truth; and indeed (the questioning of) Nakir and Nakir is a truth; and I testify that indeed the dispersion (in Qiyamat) is a truth; and the resurrection is a truth; and indeed the (narrow) path (over hell) is a truth; and the place of observation is a truth; and the (measuring) scales is a truth; and the gathering (of all human beings) is a truth; and the accounting (of deeds) is a truth; and Paradise and Hell is a truth; and the promise and the threat are both a truth.

يَا مَوْلَايَ شَقِيٌّ مَنْ خَالَفَكَ وَسَعِدَ مَنْ أَطَاعَكَ فَاشْهَدْ عَلَى مَا أَشْهَدُكَ عَلَيْهِ وَأَنَا وَلِيُّكَ بَرِيٌّ مِنْ عَدُوِّكَ فَالْحَقُّ مَا
رَضِيتُمُوهُ وَالْبَاطِلُ مَا سَخَطْتُمُوهُ وَالْمَعْرُوفُ مَا أَمَرْتُمْ بِهِ وَالْمُنْكَرُ مَا نَهَيْتُمْ عَنْهُ

O my master, one who opposes you (all) is wretched and the one who obeys you (all) is successful. Then testify whatever I made you a witness upon. And I am a friend of yours, distanced from your enemy. So the truth is whatever you are pleased with, and falsehood is whatever you are angry with, and goodness is whatever you have ordered, and evil is whatever you have prohibited.

فَنَفْسِي مُؤْمِنَةٌ بِاللَّهِ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَبِرَسُولِهِ وَبِأَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَبِكُمْ يَا مَوْلَايَ أَوْلَكُمْ وَأَخْرِكُمْ وَأُنْصِرْتِي مُعَدَّةً لَكُمْ
وَمَوَدَّتِي خَالِصَةً لَكُمْ آمِينَ آمِينَ

So I am a believer in Allah, the One, He has no partner, and (I am a believer) in His Messenger and in the Commander of the Faithful and in you O my master, the first among you and the last among you. And my help is ready for you and my love is purely for you. Ameen! Ameen! (Accept! Accept! [whatever I have asked for])”

The following du’a should then be recited to complete this Ziyarat:

اَللّٰهُمَّ اِنِّيْ اَسْأَلُكَ اَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلٰى مُحَمَّدٍ نَبِيِّ رَحْمَتِكَ وَكَلِمَةِ نُوْرِكَ وَاَنْ تَمْلَأَ قَلْبِيْ نُوْرَ الْيَقِيْنِ وَصَدْرِيْ نُوْرَ الْاِيْمَانِ
وَفِكْرِيْ نُوْرَ النَّبَاِاتِ وَعَزْمِيْ نُوْرَ الْعِلْمِ وَقُوَّتِيْ نُوْرَ الْعَمَلِ وَلِسَانِيْ نُوْرَ الصِّدْقِ وَدِيْنِيْ نُوْرَ الْبَصَائِرِ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ، وَبَصْرِيْ
نُوْرَ الضِّيَآءِ وَسَمْعِيْ نُوْرَ الْحِكْمَةِ وَمَوَدَّتِيْ نُوْرَ الْمَوَالَاةِ لِمُحَمَّدٍ وَاٰلِهِ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ حَتّٰى الْفَاكِ وَقَدْ وَفَيْتُ بِعَهْدِكَ
وَمِيثَاقِكَ فَتُعْشِيْنِيْ رَحْمَتَكَ يَا وَلِيَّيَ يَا حَمِيْدُ

“O Allah, surely I ask you to send blessings upon Muhammad – the Prophet of Your mercy and the aphorism of your light. And fill my heart with the light of certainty; and my chest with light of faith; and my thinking with the light of intentions and my determination with the light of knowledge and my strength with the light of action and my tongue with the light of truthfulness.

And my religion with the light of understanding from You and my vision with the light of illumination and

my hearing with the light of wisdom and my love with the light of friendship for Muhammad and his progeny, peace be upon (all of), them until I meet You having certainly fulfilled (my duty to) Your promise and Your covenant. So you cover me with your mercy, O Master! O Praiseworthy.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ حُجَّتِكَ فِي أَرْضِكَ وَخَلِيفَتِكَ فِي بِلَادِكَ وَالدَّاعِي إِلَى سَبِيلِكَ وَالْقَائِمَ بِقِسْطِكَ وَالسَّائِرَ بِأَمْرِكَ،
وَلِيِّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ وَبَوَّارِ الْكَافِرِينَ وَمُجَلِّي الظُّلْمَةِ وَمُنِيرِ الْحَقِّ وَالنَّاطِقَ بِالْحِكْمَةِ وَالصِّدِّقَ وَكَلِمَتَكَ التَّامَّةَ فِي أَرْضِكَ،
الْمُرْتَقِبَ الْخَائِفَ وَالْوَلِيَّ النَّاصِحَ، سَفِينَةَ النَّجَاةِ وَعَلَمَ الْهُدَى وَثَوْرَ أَبْصَارِ الْوَرَى وَخَيْرَ مَنْ تَقَمَّصَ وَارْتَدَى وَمُجَلِّي
الْعَمَى الَّذِي يَمْلَأُ الْأَرْضَ عَدْلًا وَقِسْطًا كَمَا مُلِئَتْ ظُلْمًا وَجَوْرًا، إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

O Allah send your blessings upon Muhammad, your proof on your earth, your vicegerent over your lands the caller towards your way, the establisher of your justice, the one who follows Your command. The master of the believers and the (cause of) ruin of the disbelievers, the enlighten of the darkness, the illuminator of the truth the speaker with wisdom and truth.

Your complete word on Your earth, the anxious anticipator and the counseling master, the ship of salvation, the flag of guidance, the light of the sight of mankind, best of he who was attired and was clothed and the illuminator of the blind, the one who will fill the earth with justice and equity, just as it was filled with injustice and oppression. Surely you are Powerful over all things.

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى وَلِيِّكَ وَابْنِ أَوْلِيَاكَ الَّذِينَ فَرَضْتَ طَاعَتَهُمْ، وَأَوْجَبْتَ حَقَّهُمْ، وَأَذْهَبْتَ عَنْهُمْ الرَّجْسَ وَطَهَرْتَهُمْ تَطْهِيرًا.
اللَّهُمَّ انصُرْهُ وَاَنْتَصِرْ بِهِ لِدِينِكَ وَاَنْصُرْ بِهِ أَوْلِيَاكَ وَ أَوْلِيَانَهُ وَشِيعَتَهُ وَأَنْصَارَهُ وَاجْعَلْنَا مِنْهُمْ

O' Allah send your blessings upon your close friend and son of your close friends those whom you have ordered (us) to obey, you made (the observation of) their rights compulsory, you removed from them all uncleanness and purified them a thorough purification. O' Allah help him and come to the aid of your religion through him and help your close friends (those who are) his friends and his followers and his helpers, and place us among them.

اللَّهُمَّ أَعِذْهُ مِنْ شَرِّ كُلِّ بَاغٍ وَطَاغٍ وَمِنْ شَرِّ جَمِيعِ خَلْقِكَ، وَاحْفَظْهُ مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْهِ وَمِنْ خَلْفِهِ وَعَنْ يَمِينِهِ وَعَنْ شِمَالِهِ
وَاحْرُسْهُ وَامْنَعْهُ مِنْ أَنْ يُوْصَلَ إِلَيْهِ بِسُوءٍ وَاحْفَظْ فِيهِ رَسُولَكَ وَآلَ رَسُولِكَ وَأَظْهَرْ بِهِ الْعَدْلَ وَأَيِّدْهُ بِالنَّصْرِ وَاَنْصُرْ
نَاصِرِيهِ وَاخْذُلْ خَاذِلِيهِ وَأَقْصِمِ قَاصِمِيهِ وَأَقْصِمِ بِهِ جَبَابِرَةَ الْكُفْرِ وَاَقْتُلْ بِهِ الْكُفَّارَ وَالْمُنَافِقِينَ وَجَمِيعَ الْمُلْحِدِينَ
حَيْثُ كَانُوا مِنْ مَشَارِقِ الْأَرْضِ وَمَغَارِبِهَا بَرًّا وَبَحْرَهَا، وَأَمْلَأْ بِهِ الْأَرْضَ عَدْلًا وَأَظْهَرْ بِهِ دِينَ نَبِيِّكَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ
وَآلِهِ

O Allah! Protect him from the evil of every tyrant and despot and from the evil of all your creatures and grant him protection from his front, his back, his right and his left and protect him and prevent from him the reaching of any evil.

Protect Your Apostle and the progeny of Your Apostle through him and make justice manifest through him; support him by victory; aid his helpers and abandon his deserters; crush his enemies and break up the forces of disbelief through him.

Through him, kill the disbelievers and the hypocrites and all the infidels wherever they be, in the east of the earth and its west, its land and its sea. Fill the earth with justice through him and manifest the religion of Your Prophet, blessings be upon him and his progeny (through him).

وَأَجْعَلْنِي اللَّهُمَّ مِنْ أَنْصَارِهِ وَأَعْوَانِهِ وَاتَّبَاعِهِ وَشِيعَتِهِ، وَأَرِنِي فِي آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ عَلَيْهِمُ السَّلَامُ مَا يَأْمُلُونَ وَفِي عَدُوِّهِمْ مَا يَحْذَرُونَ، إِلَهَ الْحَقِّ آمِينَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

And place me, O Allah, among his helpers and his aides and his followers and his partisans. And show me in the progeny of Muhammad peace be upon them, whatever they are hoping for and in their enemies whatever they (the enemies) are afraid of. O Lord of the truth, Ameen (Accept). O the Possessor of Splendor and Honor! O the Most Merciful of all the Merciful.”

One dhikr: When a person has a legitimate need that must be fulfilled, he should stand facing the Qiblah with his head uncovered, and say the following 570 times:

يَا حُجَّةَ الْقَائِمِ

“O’ Hujjatul Qa`im.”⁵

One form of tawassul: We are able to seek an intermediary to Allah through the 12th Imam (ajtf) by reciting this supplication:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَ أَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ ابْنَتِهِ وَ ابْنَيْهَا الْحَسَنِ وَ الْحُسَيْنِ إِلَّا أَعَنْتَنِي بِهِمْ عَلَى طَاعَتِكَ وَ رِضْوَانِكَ وَ بَلَّغْتَنِي بِهِمْ أَفْضَلَ مَا بَلَغْتَهُ أَحَدًا مِنْ أَوْلِيَائِهِمْ فِي ذَلِكَ

“O’ Allah! Send your blessings upon Muhammad (S) and his household (as) and I beseech you, O Allah, in the name of Muhammad (S), his daughter (sa), and her two sons, al-Hasan and al-Husayn (as), that by their right you help me to obey you and attain your pleasure and that you grant me the best of all that which you have ever granted to any of their close friends.

وَ أَسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّ وَلِيِّكَ أَمِيرِ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ عَلِيِّ بْنِ أَبِي طَالِبٍ إِلَّا انْتَقَمْتَ لِي بِهِ مِنْ ظُلْمَنِي وَ كَفَيْتَنِي بِهِ مَوْنَةً مَنْ يُرِيدُنِي بِظُلْمٍ أَبَدًا مَا أَبْقَيْتَنِي

And I beseech you in the name of Your close servant, the Commander of the Faithful, ‘Ali b. Abi Talib,

that by his right, You take revenge on him who has wronged me, and by his right, You stand against anyone who intends to injure me as long as You will to keep me alive.

وَأَسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّ وَلِيِّكَ عَلِيِّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ إِلَّا كَفَيْتَنِي بِهِ وَنَجَيْتَنِي مِنْ جَوْرِ السَّلَاطِينِ وَنَفْثِ الشَّيَاطِينِ

And I beseech you in the name of Your close servant, ‘Ali b. al-Husayn, that by his right, You protect and save me from the persecution of the rulers, and the evil inspirations of the devils.

وَأَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ وَلِيِّكَ مُحَمَّدٍ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ وَجَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ إِلَّا أَعَنْتَنِي بِهِمَا عَلَى أَمْرِ آخِرَتِي بِطَاعَتِكَ

And I beseech you in the name of your two close servants, Muhammad b. ‘Ali and Ja’far b. Muhammad, that by their right, you help me manage the affairs of my next life by means of obedience to you.

وَأَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ وَلِيِّكَ الْعَبْدِ الصَّالِحِ مُوسَى بْنِ جَعْفَرٍ الْكَاطِمِ بَغِضَتِهِ إِلَّا عَافَيْتَنِي بِهِ مِمَّا أَخَافُهُ وَأَحْذَرُهُ عَلَى بَصَرِي وَجَمِيعِ سَائِرِ جَسَدِي وَجَوَارِحِ بَدَنِي مَا ظَهَرَ مِنْهَا وَمَا بَطَنَ مِنْ جَمِيعِ الْأَسْقَامِ وَالْأَمْرَاضِ وَالْأَعْلَالِ وَالْأَوْجَاعِ بِقُدْرَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

And I beseech You, O Allah, in the name of Your close righteous servant, Musa b. Ja’far, who suppressed his anger (al-Kadhim), that by his right, You safeguard me against all that which I fear and am careful about regarding my sight and the rest of my entire body, and all my organs the external and the internal from all illnesses, diseases, ailments, and pains, out of Your power, O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.

وَأَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ وَلِيِّكَ عَلِيِّ بْنِ مُوسَى الرِّضَا إِلَّا أَنْجَيْتَنِي بِهِ وَسَلَّمْتَنِي مِمَّا أَخَافُهُ وَأَحْذَرُهُ فِي جَمِيعِ أَسْفَارِي فِي الْبَرَارِيِّ وَالْقَفَارِ وَالْأَوْدِيَةِ وَالْغِيَاضِ وَالْبَحَارِ

And I beseech You, O Allah, in the name of Your close servant, ‘Ali b. Musa al-Riḍā, that through him, You rescue me and guard me against all that I fear and am careful about in all my journeys through the lands, deserts, valleys, jungles, and seas.

وَأَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ وَلِيِّكَ أَبِي جَعْفَرٍ الْجَوَادِ إِلَّا جُدْتَ عَلَيَّ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ وَتَفَضَّلْتَ عَلَيَّ بِهِ مِنْ وَضْعِكَ مَا أَسْتَغْنِي بِهِ عَمَّا فِي أَيْدِي خَلْقِكَ وَخَاصَّةً يَا رَبِّ لِأَمَمِهِمْ وَبَارِكْ لِي فِيهِ وَفِيمَا لَكَ عِنْدِي مِنْ نِعَمِكَ وَفَضْلِكَ وَرِزْقِكَ إِلَهِي انْقَطَعَ الرَّجَاءُ إِلَّا مِنْكَ وَخَابَتِ الْأَمَالُ إِلَّا فِيكَ يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

And I beseech you, O Allah, in the name of your close servant, Abu Ja’far al-Jawad, that by his right, you generously confer upon me your favours and bestow upon me with your expansive grace so that I

will no more need what is possessed by Your creatures and in particular the cruel among them.

Bless all that which you confer upon me as well as your favours, grace, and sustenance that I possess. O my God! All my hopes have failed except that which I put in you, and all the expectations have been disappointed, except those which I expect from You; O the Lord of Majesty and Honour.

أَسْأَلُكَ بِحَقِّ مَنْ حَقُّهُ عَلَيْكَ وَاجِبٌ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ وَأَنْ تَبْسُطَ عَلَيَّ مَا حَظَرْتَهُ مِنْ رِزْقِكَ وَأَنْ تُسَهِّلَ ذَلِكَ وَ تُيسِّرَهُ فِي خَيْرٍ مِنْكَ وَ عَافِيَةٍ وَأَنَا فِي خَفْضِ عَيْشٍ وَ دَعَةٍ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

I beseech You in the name of him whose right You have made incumbent upon you, that You bless Muhammad and his Household, and grant me the sustenance which You have kept from me, and make it easy for me (to acquire) in goodness and wellbeing while I enjoy good living and comfort; O the most Merciful of all those who show mercy.

وَأَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ وَلِيِّكَ عَلِيِّ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ إِلَّا أَعْنَتَنِي بِهِ عَلَى قَضَاءِ نَوَافِلِي وَ بَرِّ إِخْوَانِي وَ كَمَالِ طَاعَتِكَ

And I beseech You, O Allah, in the name of Your close servant, ‘Ali b. Muhammad, that through him, You help me perform my supererogatory actions, act righteously with my brethren-in-faith, and obey You perfectly.

وَأَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ وَلِيِّكَ الْحَسَنِ بْنِ عَلِيٍّ الْهَادِي الْأَمِينِ الْكَرِيمِ النَّاصِحِ الثَّقَةِ الْعَالِمِ إِلَّا أَعْنَتَنِي بِهِ عَلَى أَمْرِ آخِرَتِي

And I beseech You, O Allah, in the name of your close servant, Hasan b. ‘Ali al-Hadi, the trustworthy, the generous, the sincere counselor, the trust-worthy scholar; that through him, you help me in the affairs (which are beneficial) for my next life.

وَأَسْأَلُكَ اللَّهُمَّ بِحَقِّ وَلِيِّكَ وَ حُجَّتِكَ عَلَى عِبَادِكَ وَ بَقِيَّتِكَ فِي أَرْضِكَ الْمُنتَقِمِ لَكَ مِنْ أَعْدَائِكَ وَ أَعْدَاءِ رَسُولِكَ بِقِيَّةِ آبَائِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ وَ وَارِثِ أَسْلَافِهِ الصَّالِحِينَ صَاحِبِ الزَّمَانِ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ عَلَى آبَائِهِ الْكَرَامِ الْمُتَقَدِّمِينَ الْأَخْيَارِ إِلَّا تَدَارَكْتَنِي بِهِ وَ نَجَّيْتَنِي مِنْ كُلِّ كَرْبٍ وَ هَمٍّ وَ حَفِظْتَ عَلَيَّ قَدِيمَ إِحْسَانِكَ إِلَيَّ وَ حَدِيثَهُ وَ أَدْرَرْتَ عَلَيَّ جَمِيلَ عَوَائِدِكَ عِنْدِي

And I beseech You, O Allah, by Your close servant, and Your proof over Your servants, and Your representative in Your lands, (the one) who will take revenge on Your enemies and the enemies of Your Messenger; the perfection of his Immaculate fathers, the inheritor of his Infallible predecessors, the Patron of the Age, may Allah’s blessings be upon him and upon his fathers, the virtuous, the preferred ones, and the honourable ones that You make me his follower and deliver me from all misfortunes and griefs, and protect Your favours upon me, old and new, and shower upon me with Your excellent boons.

يَا رَبِّ أَعِثِّي بِهِ وَنَجِّنِي مِنَ الْمَخَافَةِ وَمِنْ كُلِّ شِدَّةٍ وَ عَظِيمَةٍ وَ هَوْلٍ وَ نَارِلَةٍ وَ غَمٍّ وَ دَيْنٍ وَ مَرَضٍ وَ سُقْمٍ وَ آفَةٍ وَ ظُلْمٍ وَ جَوْرِ وَ فِتْنَةٍ فِي دِينِي وَ دُنْيَايَ وَ آخِرَتِي بِمَنِّكَ وَ رَأْفَتِكَ وَ رَحْمَتِكَ وَ كَرَمِكَ وَ تَفَضُّلِكَ وَ تَعَطُّفِكَ يَا كَافِي مُوسَى فِرْعَوْنَ وَ يَا كَافِي مُحَمَّدٍ صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِ وَ آلِهِ مَا أَهَمَّهُ

O Lord! help me through him and save me from the fear (that I have) and from all hardships, calamities, horrors, disasters, griefs, debts, illnesses, diseases, epidemics, persecutions, prejudices, and seditious matters concerning my religion, worldly affairs, and affairs of my next life out of Your grace, compassion, mercy, magnanimity, favour and sympathy.

O He Who saved (Prophet) Musa from the Pharaoh! O He Who relieved Muhammad, Allah's blessings be upon him and his Household, all that which grieved him.

وَ يَا كَافِي عَلِيٍّ مَا أَهَمَّهُ يَوْمَ صِفِّينَ وَ يَا كَافِي عَلِيٍّ بْنِ الْحُسَيْنِ يَوْمَ الْحَرَّةِ وَ يَا كَافِي جَعْفَرِ بْنِ مُحَمَّدٍ أَبَا الدَّوَانِيقِ صَلَّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ وَ اكْفِنِي مَا أَهَمَّنِي فِي دَارِ الدُّنْيَا وَ كُلِّ هَوْلٍ دُونَ الْجَنَّةِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ يَا قَاضِي الْحَوَائِجِ يَا وَهَّابَ الرِّغَائِبِ يَا مُعْطِيَ الْجَزِيلِ يَا فَكَكَ الْعُنَاةِ

O' He who rescued 'Ali from that which grieved him on the day of Siffin, O' He Who rescued 'Ali b. al-Husayn on the day of (the Battle of) al-Harrah, O' He Who saved Ja'far b. Muhammad against Abu al-Dawaniq (i.e. Abu-Ja'far al-ManSur, the 'Abbasid ruler).

Send blessings upon Muhammad and his Household and relieve me against all that which has grieved me in this worldly abode and against all horrors aside from Paradise out of Your mercy, O' the most Merciful of all those who show mercy. O' He Who grants all needs! O' He Who fulfills all the desires! O' He Who provides abundantly! O' He who delivers from anguish.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ تَعْلَمُ أَنِّي أَعْلَمُ أَنَّكَ قَادِرٌ عَلَى قَضَاءِ حَوَائِجِي فَصَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِهِ وَ عَجِّلْ يَا رَبِّ فَرَجَ وَلِيِّكَ وَ ابْنَ بَنَتِ نَبِيِّكَ وَ اقْضِ يَا اللَّهُ حَوَائِجَ أَهْلِ بَيْتِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ اقْضِ لِي يَا رَبِّ بِمُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ حَوَائِجَ الدُّنْيَا وَ الْآخِرَةِ صَغِيرَهَا وَ كَبِيرَهَا فِي يُسْرٍ مِنْكَ وَ عَافِيَةٍ وَ تَمِّمْ نِعَمَتَكَ عَلَيَّ وَ هِنِّئْنِي بِهِمْ كَرَامَتِكَ وَ أَلْبِسْنِي بِهِمْ عَافِيَتَكَ وَ تَفَضَّلْ عَلَيَّ بِعَفْوِكَ وَ كُنْ لِي بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَهْلِ بَيْتِهِ فِي جَمِيعِ أُمُورِي وَلِيًّا وَ حَافِظًا وَ نَاصِرًا وَ كَالِفًا وَ رَاعِيًّا وَ سَاتِرًا وَ رَازِقًا مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ كَانَ وَ مَا لَمْ يَشَأْ لَمْ يَكُنْ لَا يُعْجِزُ اللَّهَ شَيْءٌ طَلَبَهُ فِي الْأَرْضِ وَ لَا فِي السَّمَاءِ هُوَ كَاتِنٌ هُوَ كَاتِنٌ إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ

O' Allah! You indeed know that I admit that You have the power to grant all my needs, therefore, bless Muhammad and his Household and hasten, O' Lord, the advent of Your close servant, the son of Your Prophet's daughter, and grant, O' Allah, the needs of Muhammad's household, and grant, O' Lord, in the name of Muhammad and his household, all my needs in this world as well as in the Next World.

Be they big or small, with easiness and wellbeing from You; and perfect Your graces for me, and make me enjoy Your honor, and dress me with Your (bounty of) wellbeing, and confer upon me with Your pardon, and, in the name of Muhammad and his Household, be my Guardian, Custodian, Supporter,

Savior, Overseer, Protector and Sustainer, in all of my affairs. Only that which Allah wills shall occur; while that which He does not will shall not occur. Nothing is difficult for Allah to do in the Earth or in the Heavens. This shall be; this shall be, Allah willing.”⁶

It may be possible that some of the lovers of the Imam may have other ways which they use to seek help and assistance from the Imam to fulfill their needs and requests.

For example, it is possible that a person has a need which he wants fulfilled and he conveys this to the Imam either in his dreams or even while awake in a state of Mukashifa (an awoken state in which one experiences the presence of the Divine or His appointed agents) with the answer coming directly from the Imam.

In addition, it is possible that a person verbally declares his desires and an answer comes from the Imam.

Also, it is possible that a person may write his requests to the Imam and keep it under his prayer rug and one will see his answer written on that paper.

In this regards, Imam ‘Ali b. Muhammad (as) has said:

إِذَا أَرَدْتَ أَنْ تَسْأَلَ مَسْأَلَةً فَاكْتُبْهَا وَضَعْ الْكِتَابَ تَحْتَ مُصَلَّائِكَ وَدَعُهُ سَاعَةً ثُمَّ أَخْرِجْهُ وَانْظُرْ فِيهِ. قَالَ الرَّاوي: فَفَعَلْتُ فَوَجَدْتُ جَوَابَ مَا سَأَلْتُ عَنْهُ مُوقَعًا فِيهِ

“When you wish to ask for something, then write it down (on paper) and place this writing underneath your prayer mat. Wait for an hour and then take the paper out and look at it.” The narrator said: “I did just this and I found the answer to what I has asked for with the signature of the Imam on it (the paper).”⁷

¹. Spiritual Bond with the Sacred al-Mahdi, pg. 252

². MiSbah of al-Kaf’ami, pg. 176; Mafatih al-Jinan after Du’a at-Tawassul

³. Biharul Anwar, vol. 102, pg. 234, sec. 10, no. 2; al-Balad al-Amin, pg. 157; MiSbah al-Kaf’ami, pg. 404

⁴. Biharul Anwar, vol. 53, pg. 171, sec. 31, no. 5

⁵. Spiritual Bond with the Sacred Mahdi, pg. 252

⁶. Biharul Anwar, vol. 102, pg. 252, sec. 10, no. 10

⁷. al-Kharaij, pg. 419; Biharul Anwar, vol. 50, pg. 155, sec. 3, no. 41

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