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The Opening Tradition

In The Name of Allah, The Beneficent, The Merciful

Imam Sajjad, the fourth Imam, (‘a) said: "All Praise is only Allah's, and praise is His right: an illimitable praise that suits Him. I seek refuge in Him from my own self of evils: verily, the (human) self is certainly prone to do evil except such as my Lord has had mercy on. I see refuge in Him from the evil of Satan who always increases a sin to my sins. I seek refuge in Him from any immoral opposer, cruel king, and forceful enemy."

"O' Lord! assign me as one of Your soldiers, because it is sure that Your troops are totally victorious; and assign me among Your party, for truly, it is Your party that will achieve Felicity; and accept me as one of Your lovers, for, certainly, on the lovers of Allah there is no fear, nor shall they grieve."

"O' Lord! improve my religion for me, for surely it is a divine protection on all my affairs; and improve my next world for me, because, no doubt, it is my permanent abode for me to escape from the scornful people, and assign my life for me in increasing any goodness, and my death a means of my freeing from any malady."

"O' Lord! bless Muhammad, the final prophet of all the members of Messengers, and his pure progeny, as well as his gentle companions, and bestow me three necessities today: do not hold any sin for me except that You forgive it nor a grieve but You remove it, nor any enemy but You send him away via the appellation of Allah which is the best names, i.e. By the Name of Allah, the Lord of the earth and heaven..."

Bihar-ul-Anwar, vol. 90, p. 187 & Sahifah Sajjadiyyah, p. 572

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