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This is a very beautiful du'a. Its poetic language and heartfelt message makes for an outstanding prayer. The all-encompassing mercy of the Almighty is analogized with the vastness of the sea, while the needy are passengers on a ship waiting to cross.

Humility is an essential part of the etiquette of Du'a. An acknowledgment of one's sins and shortcomings is most becoming to a supplicant. This is succinctly expressed in the following Du'a.

## In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful.

O Allah, bless Muhammad and the family of Muhammad.

My God,

the beggars are standing at Your door,

the needy have taken refuge with Your Honor.

The ship carrying the poor and humble people,

is standing at the shores of the sea,

of Your generosity and grace,

hoping for permission to cross,

to the shores of Your mercy and blessings.

My God, if You do not forgive,

in this honored month,

except the one who has sincerely purified himself for You,

in his fasting and prayers,

then who is there for the negligent sinner,

when he drowns in the sea of his sins?

My God, if You do not have mercy on any,

except the obedient,

then who is there for the disobedient?

And if You do not accept from any,

except the performers of (good) actions,

then who is there for those who fall short?

My God, those who fast have profited,

those who stay up in prayer have won,

and those who are sincere have succeeded,

but we are Your sinful servants!

So be kind to us through Your mercy

and save us from the fire through Your forgiveness, O Gracious

O most merciful.

O Allah, bless Muhammad and his family, the purified ones.

ووقفت سفينة المساكين على ساحل بحر جودك وكرمك يرجون الجواز إلى ساحة رحمتك ونعمتك إلهى إن كنت لا ترحم في هذا الشهر الشريف إلا لمن اخلص لك في صيامه وقيامه فمن للمذنب المقصر إذا غرق في بحر ذنوبه واثامه إلهي إن كنت لا ترحم إلا المطيعين فمن للعاصين

وإن كنت لا تقبل إلا من العاملين ، فمن للمُقصرين إلهي ربح الصائمون وفاز القائمون

ونجى المُخلصون ، ونحن عبيدك المُذنبون

فارحمنا برحمتك واعتقنا من النار بعفوك يا كريم

يا ارحم الراحمين

وصلى الله على محمد وأله الطاهرين

