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'Abd Allah b. Zuhayr al-'Abid, one of the Shi^la ascetics, narrated from 'Abd Allah al-Mufaddal al-Nawfali, from his father, who said: "A man complained to Abu 'Abd Allah al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, and said: "I have a son who is sometimes seized by the winds of flatulence (*rih umm al-sibyan*), and I give up all hope for him because of the severity of what seizes him. If you think it proper, O son of the Messenger of Allah, blessings on him and his family, pray to Allah, the Mighty and Sublime, that he be cured." He [the narrator] said: He [al-Sadiq] prayed for him and said: "Write the sura *al-Hamd* (1) for him in saffron and musk seven times. Then wash it out with water and let him drink of it for one month. He will be cured of it." He [the man] said: We did that for one night and it did not recur. He was calm and we rested."

From him [al–Sadiq, peace be upon him], that he said: "The sura *al–Hamd* (1) is not read over any pain seventy times without it subsiding, Allah, the Exalted, willing."

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