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Al-Khidr b. Muhammad narrated from al-Haradini from al-Hasan b. 'Ali b. Faddala from Muhammad b. Harun from Ibn Ri'ab from Ibn Sinan from al-Mufaddal from Jabir from Abu Ja'far, peace be upon him; also from 'Ali b. Asbat from Ibn Bakayr from Zarara b. A'yan from Abu Ja'far, peace be upon him, that he said: "Write this invocation for an old and noble mare (*al-faras*) at its time of delivery (*al-wad'*) on the parchment of a gazelle and fasten it to her at her groin:

'O Allah, Dispeller of grief, and Remover of sorrow, the Merciful and the Compassionate of this world and the next, have mercy on so-and-so, son of so-and-so, the owner of the mare, with a mercy which will make him free of mercy from other than you. Dispel his grief and sorrow, relieve his anxiety (*al-hamm*), keep his mare from harm, and make easy for us its delivery."

'Isa b. Maryam and Yahya b. Zakariyya, blessings be on our Prophet and his family and on them be peace, came out among creation. We heard the sound of a female wild animal (*wahshiya*). The Messiah, 'Isa b. Maryam, peace be upon him, said: "How strange! What is this sound?" Yahya replied: "This is the sound of a wild animal giving birth." 'Isa b. Maryam, peace be upon him, said: "Come forth with ease, with ease, by the will of Allah, the Exalted."

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