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'Abd al-Wahhab b. Muhammad, who recited the Qur'an for the people of Mecca, narrated from Abu Zakariya Yahya b. Abu Zakariya from 'Abd Allah b. Abu al-Qasim from Sharif b. Sabiq al-Taflisi from al-Fadl b. Abu Qurra from Abu 'Abd Allah al-Sadiq, peace be upon him, who said: 'This invocation is for one who suffers from serious afflictions, like canker (*al-akila*) etc. Place your hand on the head of the afflicted person and say:

"In the Name of Allah, and by Allah, and from Allah, and to Allah, and what Allah wills. There is no might nor power except with Allah, Ibrahim the friend of Allah, Musa the spokesman of Allah, Nuh the confidant of Allah, 'Isa the Spirit of Allah, Muhammad the Messenger of Allah, blessings of Allah on them all, from every serious affliction and distressing affair, and from all wind, spirits, and pains decreed by Allah and His ordinances, for so-and-so, son of so-and-so, and that neither cankers nor other afflictions should come near him. I seek protection for him with the Perfect Words of Allah for which Adam, peace be upon him, asked his Lord, and He turned to him. Surely, He is Oft-returning, Compassionate. O clamouring pains and spirits, by the Will of Allah, by the Help of Allah, by the Power of Allah, surely to him belongs the creation and the affair. Blessed be Allah, the Lord of the Worlds."

Then recite the opening of the Book (the sura *al–Fatiha* (1)) and the verse of the Throne (2:255) and ten verses from the sura *YaSin* (36) and ask Him for healing, by the right of Muhammad and the family of Muhammad. He will be cured of every illness, Allah, the Exalted, willing.'

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