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Ahmad b. 'Imran b. Abu Layla narrated from 'Abd al–Rahman b. Abu Najran from Sulayman b. Ja'far al–Ja'fari from Abu Ja'far the first, al–Baqir b. 'Ali b. al–Husayn b. 'Ali, peace be upon him, that a man complained to him of lack of children. He had tried for a chiid from bondmaids and free–born women (*al–hara'ir*), but it was not granted to him and he was now sixty years old. He [al–Baqir] said: 'For three days after your obligatory evening prayer (*al–'isha'*) and after the morning prayer, recite: "Glory be to Allah," seventy times; "I ask for forgiveness from Allah", seventy times; and end it with the statement of Allah, the Mighty and Sublime:

Ask forgiveness of your Lord. Surely He is ever All-forgiving, and He will loose heaven upon you in torrents and will succour you with wealth and sons, and will appoint for you gardens, and will appoint for you rivers (71:10-12). Then have intercourse with your wife on the third night and you will be blessed, Allah willing, with a healthy boy.'

He [the man] said: 'I did that and the year was not over when I was blessed with a child.'

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