

# اللَّهُ

## الْأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ

### Al-Istighfar (Seeking Forgiveness)

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أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ إِنَّ اللَّهَ ذُكْرَمٌ

وَرَحْمَةٌ لِلَّذِي قَدَّ تَابَ مِنْ زَلَلٍ

- 1 I ask forgiveness from Allah. Truly, Allah is Most Generous  
And Merciful to the one who turns from his error in repentance.

أَسْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ ذَنْبٍ وَمِنْ زَلَلٍ

وَمِنْ خَطَايَا وَمِنْ وَهْمٍ وَمِنْ أَمَلٍ

- 2 I ask forgiveness from Allah for my sins and errors,  
And for transgressions, illusions, and false hopes.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ كِبَرٍ وَمِنْ حَسَدٍ

وَمِنْ رِيَاءٍ لِأَهْلِ الْمَالِ بِالْعَمَلِ

- 3 I ask forgiveness from Allah for my pride and envy,  
And for pretentious actions done before the wealthy.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ ظَنٍّ قَبِيحٍ بَدَا

مِنْ رُؤْيَةِ النَّفْسِ عُجْبًا مِنْهَا بِالْحُلَلِ

- 4 I ask forgiveness from Allah for any ugly thought [I've had]  
Of another because of being impressed by myself.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ غِلٍّ وَحِقْدٍ وَمَا

أَضْمَرْتُ فِي سَالِفِ الْأَعْمَارِ مِنْ عِلَلٍ

5

I ask forgiveness from Allah for rancor and envy  
And for the flaws I concealed in my earlier days.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ نُطْقٍ بِفَاحِشَةٍ

وَمِنْ سُكُوتٍ عَنْ غَيْبَةٍ وَعَنْ خَلَلٍ

6

I ask forgiveness from Allah for uttering base words  
And for my silence in the presence of slander and hurt.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ زُورٍ وَمِنْ كَذِبٍ

وَمِنْ غُرُرٍ يَجْرُ النَّفْسَ لِلْكَسَلِ

7

I ask forgiveness from Allah for fabrications and lies  
And for self-deceptions which have let me be lazy.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ ذَنْبٍ بِجَارِحَةٍ

وَمِنْ حُقُوقٍ أَتَيْتُ لِلنَّاسِ مِنْ قِبَلِي

8

I ask forgiveness from Allah for using my faculties for sin,  
And for anything I've done that trespasses people's rights.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ عِلْمٍ أَزِيغُهُ

عَنْ الصِّرَاطِ الْقَوِيمِ الْمُفْضِي لِلْوَجَلِ

9

I ask forgiveness from Allah for any knowledge that makes me stray,  
From the straight path which requires the fear of Allah.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ حَالِ أَصُولِهِ  
وَمِنْ مَقَامِ أَدَى لِلْخَوْفِ وَالْخَجَلِ

10 I seek forgiveness from Allah for any state in which I am overbearing  
And for any station which leads to fear and shame.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ فِعْلِ بِلَا نِيَّةٍ  
وَمِنْ ذُهُولٍ أَتَى لِلْقَلْبِ عَنْ عَجَلٍ

11 I ask forgiveness from Allah for an action without intention  
And for my heart's being distracted from the transience of this life.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ دَعْوَى الْحُلُولِ وَمِنْ  
دَعْوَى التَّحَادٍ أَدَى لِلزَّيْغِ وَالْفَشَلِ

12 I ask forgiveness from Allah for the claim of incarnation  
And of "being joined into one" which brings deviation and failure.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ دَعْوَى الْوُجُودِ وَمِنْ  
إِثْبَاتِ شَيْءٍ سِوَى الْمَوْجُودِ فِي الْأَزَلِ

13 I ask forgiveness from Allah for the claim of existence  
And for affirming anything except the One Who eternally is.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ عَقَائِدٍ طَرَأَتْ  
قَدْ خَالَفتْ مِنْهَا جِ الْمُخْتَارِ وَالرُّسُلِ

14 I ask forgiveness from Allah for doctrines that are contrary  
To the path of the Chosen Prophet and the Messengers.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ جَهْلِ وَمِنْ سَفَهٍ  
وَمِنْ فُتُورٍ أَتَى لِلنَّفْسِ عَنْ مَلَلٍ

- 15 I ask forgiveness from Allah for ignorance and stupidity  
And for apathy that arises from boredom in the soul.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِنْ فِكْرٍ أَجُولُ بِهِ  
بِلا اِعْتِبَارٍ جَرَى فِي الْعُلُوي وَالسُّفْلِ

- 16 I ask forgiveness from Allah for any idea followed -  
Whether exalted or mundane - without reflection.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مِقْدَارَ الْعَوَالِمِ  
مِنْ عَرْشٍ وَلَوْحٍ وَعُمُرٍ سَائِرِ الدُّوَلِ

- 17 I ask forgiveness from Allah to the extent of all the worlds,  
From the Throne and Tablet, as long nations exist.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَهَابَ الْعَطَا يَا لِمَنْ  
قَدِ التَّقَاهُ بِلا حَوْلٍ وَلَا حِيلِ

- 18 I ask forgiveness from Allah who grants every gift to one  
Who truly fears Him and abandons his own ruses and power.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ مُعْطَى مَنْ يَلُودُ بِهِ  
مَعَارِفًا بِطُرُوقِ الْعِلْمِ وَالنَّحْلِ

- 19 I ask forgiveness from Allah who gives to the one who seeks shelter in Him  
Knowledge of the paths of sciences and doctrines.

أَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ رَحْمَانَ الْخَلَائِقِ

جِنَّ وَإِنْسٍ وَأَمْلَاقٍ وَكُلِّ عَالِي

20 I ask forgiveness from Allah, the Most Merciful to all creatures,  
Be they jinn, or humans, or angels, or any of the sublime.

رَبِّ بِأَحْمَدَ كُنْ لِأَمْرِنَا وَلِيًّا

وَمُرْشِدًا لِاتِّبَاعِ أَقْوَمِ السُّبُلِ

21 Dear Lord, by the honour of Ahmad, be our protector in all matters  
And a guide to those who follow the straightest of paths.

عَلَيْهِ أَزْكَى صَلَاةِ اللَّهِ مَا هَطَلَتْ

غَيْبٌ وَمَا قَدْ سَرَى فِي الْأَرْضِ مِنْ بَلَلٍ

22 Upon him be the purest of Allah's blessings as long as rains pour down and  
moisture flows within the earth.

كَذَاكَ أَلْكَ وَالصَّحْبُ الْكِرَامُ وَمَنْ

قَدْ اقْتَفَى إِثْرَهُمْ مِنْ مُتَّقِي وَوَلِي

23 And upon his family as well, and the Noble Companions,  
And every pious one and saint who walks in their footsteps.