

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَدِدِ أَدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah *azza wajal*, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah *azza wajal*, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger *Sallal Laahu 'Alayhi Wasallam*

Du'a of an Oppressed Person

Abdullah narrates: Once I went to the famous King Mamun. As I entered, I saw a person on a piece of leather and above this person I saw a guard holding a naked sword (with the intent of chopping off this person's head).

Mamun then looked at me and said, "Abdullah take care of this person."

I then folded my sleeves and stood above this person after withdrawing my sword from its sheath. I also kept looking at Mamun to see what orders he would give. However, instead of giving any orders, Mamun started to fall asleep. In this drowsiness, he was mumbling, "I seek good from Allah *azza wajal* and I wish for good from Allah *azza wajal*."

In the evening, Mamun said to me that I should guard this person and that I should take him away. I then tied the string from the sword around his neck and made him sit behind me on the horse.

We then arrived in the court of Mamun. The same thing happened as the first day.

On the third day, Mamun said to me, “Free this person and give him ten thousand dirhams.”

I also became very joyous and gave thanks that this person had been spared. I then made him sit behind me on the horse but this time I did not tie a string around his neck. He asked me the reason and I explained that he had been pardoned. He then gave thanks to Allah *azza wajaal* and asked me to release him. I also informed him that I was instructed to give him ten thousand dirhams. He told me that he had no need for any Dirhams and that I should release him immediately. I told him that I would have to fulfil the instructions of the King and give him this money. I also asked him that when he was sitting behind me in the saddle, I had heard him murmuring something to himself and I wanted to know what that was. He replied, “When I realised that I would never be freed, I then turned to Allah *azza wajaal* and mentioned the following words:

“O Allah! You are always in different Divine Greatness. One Divine Greatness does not stop the other Divine Greatness. Please reveal such Divine Greatness which would change the state of this person’s anger to one of mercy and his state of wrath to softness and benediction. He (Allah *azza wajaal*) is the Most Merciful, the Most Beneficent, the Most Kind.”

Hence, this is the reward of making sincere Du’a. (Al Muhaasin wal Masaawi, Imam Baihaqi *Radi Allahu ‘Anhu*)