

أَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ الرَّجِيمِ

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ كَمَا هُوَ أَهْلُهُ وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى سَيِّدِ وَلَدِ آدَمَ كَمَا يُحِبُّ وَيَرْضَى بِأَنْ يُصَلَّى عَلَيْهِ

Allah Almighty, in Whose Name we begin, The Most Compassionate,
The Most Merciful

All Praise is due to Allah Almighty, Countless Peace and Blessings be upon
His Beloved Messenger – *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* – his family & his
companions – *may Allah be pleased with them all*

Times when Du'a are Accepted

Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Jalaaludeen Suyutwi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in his masterpiece, “Sihaam Al Usaabah fi Dawah Al Musta jaab” has compiled a few Ahadith in this regard.

1. Hadrat Sayyiduna Sahl bin Sa'ad - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that, “There are two special moments when the doors of the heaven are opened and there is hardly a moment in this period when the Du'a of anyone is rejected. These times are during the time when Azaan is given and the moment when the people are standing (for Jihad) in the Path of Allah.” (Mu'atta Imam Malik, Al Adab Al Mufrad, Al Musannaf ibn Abi Shaybah, Kanzul Ummaal ,etc).
2. Hadrat Sayyiduna Sahl bin Sa'ad - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “There are two moments when the Du'a is no rejected. They are during the time of Azaan and

on the plains of Jihad when the Muslims are fighting against the disbelievers.” (Sunan Abi Daud, Mustadrak)

3. Hadrat Sayyiduna Aanis - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “The Du’a made between the Azaan and Iqaamah is certainly accepted.” (Sunan Tirmidhi, Mustadrak, Kanzul Ummaal)

4. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Umaamah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “The moment that the Mu’azzin begins to recite the Azaan, the doors of the heavens are opened. The Du’a is accepted. Therefore, whoever finds himself in problems, he should listen carefully to the words of the Mu’azzin and also reply to these words. After this, he should make Du’a in the following words, ‘O Allah! O that Being Who is True and to Whom one should call to. Please establish us firmly on the path of truth and piety. And also allow us to live on this path and die on this path. Also allow us to arise on the Day of Judgement on this path. Allow us to be with those who good and noble in both life and death.’ After this, one should make one’s Du’a.” (Mustadrak, Kanzul Ummaal. etc)

5. Hadrat Sayyiduna Jabir - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “Without doubt, there is such a moment during the night that (in this moment) if a person seeks anything good for this world or the next, Allah Almighty will certainly bestow that on him and this moment appears on every night.” (Sahih Muslim, Musnad Imam Ahmed, Musnad Abi Ya’la Mousili, Sahih ibn Habban, Kanzul Ummaal, etc)

6. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - mentioned about the last third part of the night that this is the time when the Angels appear and the Du’a made at this moment is also accepted. (Sunan Tirmidhi)

7. Hadrat Sayyiduna ‘Uthman bin Abi Al Aas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “At the middle of the night, the doors of the heavens are opened and a person calls out,

‘Is there anyone who makes Du’a so that his Du’a is accepted? Is there anyone who seeks something so that it can be bestowed on him? Is there anyone who is troubled so that his troubles could be removed?’ Whichever Muslim makes Du’a at this moment, Allah Almighty accepts his Du’a except for that female who is walking about in her (evil) occupation and those who go about about (demanding) taxes.” (The Du’a of both these people are not accepted). (Al Mu’jam Al Kabeer, Majma’uz Zawaa’id)

8. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that once a person asked the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him*, “Which is that moment at night when the Du’a of someone is accepted?” The Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - replied that it was the last part of the night. (In other words, if we divide the night into two parts, it would be mean the second part). (Al Mu’jam As Sagheer, Musnad Ibn Abi Ya’la, Majma’uz Zawaa’id, etc)

9. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Umaamah - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “There are four occasions when the doors of the heavens are opened and the Du’a is accepted. They are:

1. When the Muslims are busy in Jihad on the Path of Allah.
2. When it rains.
3. When the Iqaamah is sounded.
4. When one makes the Ziyaarah of the Ka’ba.”

(Al Mu’jam Al Kabeer, Kanzul Ummaal, Majma’uz Zawaa’id)

10. Sayyidah Ayesha - *may Allah be pleased with her* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “There are three moments when if a Muslim makes Du’a, his Du’a is accepted on condition that he does not sever family ties and does not seek transgression. They are:

1. When the Azaan is given for Salaah until it ends.
2. At the moment of Jihad until the Divine Decision of Allah Almighty is made.
3. At the time of rain until it stops. (Kanzul Ummaal, Faiz Al Qadeer, etc)

11. Hadrat Sayyiduna Ataa - *may Allah be pleased with him* - mentions that, “There are three moment when the doors of the heavens are opened. Therefore at this time, special Du’as should be made. They are:

1. At the time of Azaan.
2. When it is raining.
3. At the time of Jihad. (This was narrated by Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Saeed bin Mansur - *may Allah be pleased with him*)

12. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah bin Abi Aufa - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “When the shadow is folded and when the wind begins, (this could mean the time of Zawaal or Asr), then seek your needs from Allah Almighty. The reason is that this is the time when Du’a is accepted.” (Al Musannaf Imam Abdur Razzak, Kanzul Ummaal, etc)

13. Hadrat Sayyiduna Sahl bin Sa’ad (and in one narration the name of Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - appears) narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “The best of Du’a is the Du’a on the day of Arafah.” (Al Mu’atta Imam Malik, Al Musannaf Imam Abdur Razzaq, etc)

14. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Umaamah narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah’s peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, “There are five nights on which the Du’a of someone is not rejected. They are:

1. The first night of Rajab.
2. The fifteenth night of Sha’ban.
3. The night of Jumu’ah.
4. The night of Eidul Fitr.
5. The night of Eidul Adha.”

This is also recorded by Imam Daylimi - *may Allah be pleased with him*. Another report is from Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn ‘Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him*.

15. Hadrat Sayyiduna Imam Shafi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - has also mentioned similar words. This has been recorded by Imam Bahiqi - *may Allah be pleased with him* - in the “Shu’hubul Imaan”.

16. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abaadah bin Saamit - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "Once, in the month of Ramadaan, the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - had stated that, 'The blessed month of Ramadaan has arrived. In this month, Allah Almighty blessed you with His Special Grace. He cancels your sins and accepts your Du'as.'" (Majma'uz Zawaa'id, At Targheeb, Tafseer Durre Mansur, etc)

17. Hadrat Sayyiduna 'Umar - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "During the month of Ramadaan, the people who make the Zikr of Allah are pardoned and in this month those who seek from the Allah Almighty their wishes do not remain unfulfilled." (Al Mu'jam Al Awsat, Majma'uz Zawaa'id, Musnad Al Firdous, Tafseer Durre Mansur, etc)

18. Hadrat Sayyiduna Aanis - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "When the Qur'an is complete, there is a special Du'a (which is accepted). (In another report, the words are, "After the completion of the Qur'an, a special Du'a is accepted and a tree in Jannah is planted. In other words, when the Qur'an is completed, the servant has been given permission to make a special Du'a. Whatever one asks for in this Du'a, it is accepted." (Shuhubul Imaan, Hulyatul Awliyah, Tabqaat Al Asfiyah, etc)

25. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abu Moosa - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "He who has a need, he should make Du'a after the Fard Salaah." (Taarikh Dimishq, Kanzul Ummaal)

26. Hadrat Sayyiduna Abdullah ibn Abbas - *may Allah be pleased with him* - narrates that the Holy Prophet - *may Allah's peace and blessings be upon him* - has stated that, "I have been prohibited from reading the Qur'an in Ruku and Sajdah. Therefore, in the Ruku recite the Takbeer of Allah and during Sajdah, increase your Du'a. The Du'a is such which will be accepted". (Sahih Muslim, Sunan Abu Daud, etc)