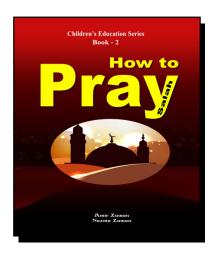
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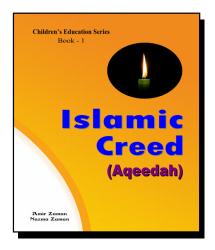
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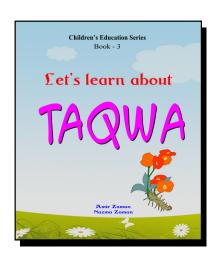
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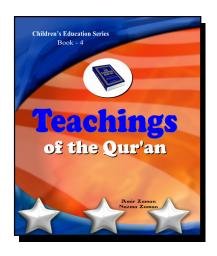
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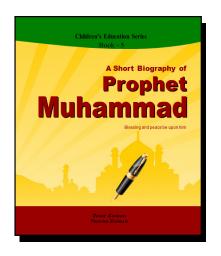
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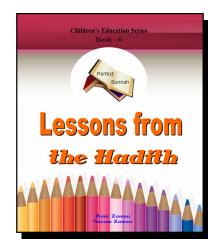


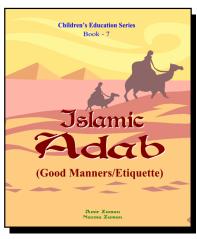


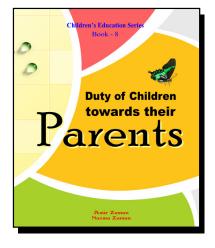


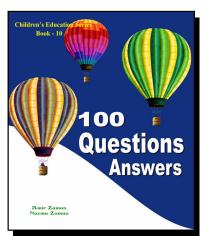












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Preface

Salat (daily regular five times prayer) is Ibadah of Allah. Similarly, Dua' (informal prayer, supplication) is also Ibadah, said Rasulullah (Blessings and peace be upon him). Dua' for various situations can be recited silently at anytime of the day or night, with or without Wudu (ablution, ritual cleaning of the body and mind). There are Dua's in the Qur'an and there are Dua's in the Hadith (Traditions) of the Rasulullah (pbuh) too.

Reciting Dua' purifies the heart and keeps it clean from objectionable and Haram deeds and thoughts, takes one to the closeness of Allah. Allah likes Dua' from His creation and pardons their sins if prayed to Him sincerely with hope, fear and submissiveness. Reciting Dua' strengthens Imaan and keeps one on the Right Path (Siratul Mustaqim). Sincere Dua' can ward off the influence of the Shaitan, can bring peace of mind, and can remove dangers in life. Dua' is the sweetness of Allah's remembrance, and can be beneficial for this earthly life as well as for the Akhirah (Life after death). Dua' is glorification of Allah.

Keeping these things in view, we are presenting some Dua's in the following pages for memorizing and practicing reciting as and when necessity arises. May Allah help you.



Authentic Supplications of The Prophet

All praise is to Allah; we praise Him, seek His aid, and ask His forgiveness. We seek refuge in Allah from the evils of ourselves, and from the bad consequences of our deeds. Whoever Allah guides there is none to take astray, and whoever Allah takes astray there is none to guide. I testify that there is no llah except Allah alone without any associates, and I testify that Muhammad is His slave and messenger.

Alertness for Supplication (Dua') Not to say "If You wish then grant me"

'Anas (RA) narrated: The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said: If one of you petitions then let him resolve the matter, and let him not say O' my llah if You wish then grant me; for there is none that compels Him". (Saheeh 'Al-Bukhari)



To increase memory/ Knowledge

سَّبِ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

"Rabbi Zidnii 'Ilmaa"

Meaning:

O my Lord! Increase me in knowledge. (Surah Ta-Ha 20: 114)



Dua' before delivering a speech

رَبِّ ٱشۡرَحۡ لِي صَنْرِي () وَيَسِّرُ لِيۤ أَمْرِي () وَٱخْلُلُ عُقُٰلَةً مِّن لِّسَانِي () يَفْقَهُواْ قَوْلِي ()

Rabbishrah lii sadrii; Wa yassir liii amrii; wahlul uqdatam mil-li-saanii, Yafqahuu qawlii.

Meaning:

"O my Lord! Expand my breast;" (25)
"Ease my task for me; (26) "And remove the impediment from my speech. (27)
"So that they may understand what I say." (Surah Ta-Ha 20: 25-28)

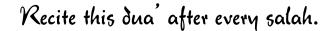
Dua' for parents

سَّبِ ٱلْمُحَمَّهُمَا كَمَا مَبَّيَانِي صَغِيرًا

Rabbir hamhumaa kamaa rabba-yaanii sagiiraa.

Meaning:

My Lord! Have mercy on them both as they did care for me when I was little. (Surah Al-Isra 17: 24)





Dua' when leaving home

Bismillah, Tawwakkaltu 'ala-Allah, wa laa hawla wa laa quwwata illa billah

Meaning:

In the name of Allah, I place my trust in Allah, and there is no might nor power except with Allah. [Abu Dawud and At-Tirmidhi].

Dua' when entering the home

سُمِ اللهِ وَلَجُنا، وَبِسُمِ اللهِ خَرَجُنا، وَعَلَى رَبِّنا تَوَكَّلْنا

Bismillahi walajnaa, wa bismillahi kharajnaa, wa 'ala Rabbinaa Tawakkalna

Meaning:

In the name of Allah we enter and in the name of Allah we leave, and upon our Lord we place our trust.

[Sahih Muslim and Abu Dawud]

Supplication for travel

بِسُمِ اللهِ ، وَالْحَمُنُ لله ، اللهُ أَكبَر ، اللهُ أَكبَر ، اللهُ أَكبَر ، سُبُحانَ اللهَ يَسِمِ اللهِ أَكبَر ، سُبُحانَ اللهَ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ اللهُ عَلَى اللهُ ا

Bismil-lah, walhamdu lillah, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, Allahu Akbar, subhaanallazii sakhkhara lanaa haazaa wa maa kunnaa lahuu muqriniin, wa-innaaa 'ilaa rabbinaa lamungalibuun.

Meaning:

In the name of Allah and all praise is for Allah.
Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest. How perfect He is, The One Who has placed this (transport) at our service, and we ourselves would not have been capable of that, and to our Lord is our final destiny.

(Surah Az Zukhruf 43: 13-14)

OR

Invocation for riding in a vehicle

بِسُمِ اللهِ وَالْحَمْلُ لله، سُبُحانَ الذي سَخَّرَ لَنَا هذا وَمَا كُنَّا لَهُ مُقَرِنين، وَإِنَّا إِلَى مَتِبَنا لَمُنْ قَلِبُون، اللهُ أَكْبَر، سُبُحانَكَ اللهُ مَّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفِسي فَاغُفِرُ لِي، فَإِنَّهُ لا يَغْفِرُ النُّنوب إِلاَّ أَنْت سُبُحانَكَ اللهُ مَّ إِنِّي ظَلَمْتُ نَفِسي فَاغُفِرُ لِي، فَإِنَّهُ لا يَغْفِرُ النُّنوب إِلاَّ أَنْت

Bismil-lah, walhamdu lillah, subhanal-lathee sakhkhara lana hatha wama kunna lahu muqrineen, wainna ila rabbina lamunqaliboon, alhamdu lillah, alhamdu lillah, alhamdu lillah, alhamdu lillah, Allahu akbar, Allahu akbar, subhanakal-lahumma innee thalamtu nafsee faghfir lee fainnahu la yaqhfiruth-thunooba illa ant.

Meaning:

In the name of Allah and all praise is for Allah. How perfect He is, the One Who has placed this (transport) at our service and we ourselves would not have been capable of that, and to our Lord is our final destiny. All praise is for Allah, All praise is for Allah, All praise is for Allah, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest, Allah is the Greatest. How perfect You are, O Allah, verily I have wronged my soul, so forgive me, for surely none can forgive sins except You. (Abu Dawud and At-Tirmithi)

Upon entering the Masjid

بِسُمِ اللهِ, وَالصَّلاَّةُ وَالسَّلاَمُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللهِ. اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحُ لِي أَبُوَابَ رَحُمَتِكَ

Bismillah, was-Salaatu was-Salaamu 'alaa Rasool-illah. Allahumma-ftah lee abwaaba Rahmatik.

Meaning:

In the name of Allah, and prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah. O Allah, open the gates of Your mercy for me. (Abu Dawud)



Upon leaving the Masjid

Bismillah, was-Salaatu was-Salaamu 'alaa Rasool-illah.
Allahumma innee as-aluka min fadlika.

Meaning:

In the name of Allah, and prayers and peace be upon the Messenger of Allah. O Allah, I ask You from Your favor.

(Abu Dawud)



When waking up

الحَمَٰنُ لِلهِ النَّ أَحُيانا بَعُنَ مَا أَمَاتَنا وَإِليه النَّهُ مِن النَّهُ اللَّهُ اللَّالَّهُ اللَّهُ الللَّهُ ا

Alhamdu lillahil-lazee ahyana baAAda ma amatana wa-ilayhinnushoor.

Meaning:

'All praise is for Allah who gave us life after having taken it from us and unto Him is the resurrection.'

(Sahih Bukhari and Muslim)

Before entering the toilet

(بِسُمِ الله) اللهُمَّ إِنِّي أُعودُ بِكَ مِنَ الْخُبُثِ وَالْخَبائِث

(Bismil-lah) allahumma innee aAAoothu bika minal-khubthi walkhaba-ith

Meaning:

'(In the name of Allah). O Allah, I take refuge with you from all evil and evil-doers.'

(Sahih Bukhari and Muslim)

After leaving the toilet

عُفُرانك

Ghufranaka

Meaning:

'I ask You (Allah) for forgiveness.'

(Abu Dawud, AT-Tidmithi and Ibn-Majah)



When starting ablution

بِسُمِ الله

Bismil-lah

Meaning:

'In the name of Allah.'

(Abu Dawud, Ibn-Majah and Ahmad)



Upon completing the ablution

أَشْهَلُ أَنْ لا إِلَهَ إِلاّ اللهُ وَحُلَهُ لا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَلُ أَنْ لا إِلَهَ إِلاّ اللهُ وَحُلَهُ لا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَشْهَلُ أَنَّ مُحَمِّداً عَبْلُهُ وَسَسولُه

Ashhadu an laa ilaha illal-lahu wahdahu laa shareeka lah, wa-ashhadu anna Muhammadan Aabduhu wa-rasooluh.

Meaning:

'I bear witness that none has the right to be worshipped except Allah, alone without partner, and I bear witness that Muhammad is His slave and Messenger.' (Shahi Muslim)

Upon seeing a good dream or a bad dream

'The righteous dream is from Allah and the bad dream is from the devil, so if anyone sees something which pleases him then he should only relate it to one whom he loves...'

Summary of what to do upon having a bad dream:

- Spit on your left three times
- Spit: A form of spitting comprising mainly of air with little spittle
- Seek refuge in Allah from Shaytan and the evil of what you saw
- Do not relate it to anyone
- Turn and sleep on the opposite side to which you were sleeping on previously.
- Get up and pray if you so desire.

(Sahih Bukhari and Muslim)

Supplication before eating

'When you are about to eat, you should say:

Bismil-lah.

Meaning:

'In the name of Allah

...and if you forget to say it before starting, then you should say (when you remember):

Bismil-lahi fee awwalihi wa-akhirih.



'In the name of Allah in it's beginning and end.'

(Abu Dawud and Timithi)

Upon completing the meal

الْحَمْنُ للهِ النَّنِي أَطْعَمَنِي هِذَا وَرَزَقَنِيهِ مِنْ غَيْرِ الْحَمْنُ للهِ النَّي اللهِ النَّي اللهِ النَّوَة

Alhamdu lillahil-lathee at A A amanee hatha warazaqaneehi min ghayri hawlin minnee wala quwwah.

Meaning:

'All praise is for Allah who fed me this and provided it for me without any might nor power from myself.'

(Abu Dawud, AT-Tidmithi and Ahmad)

Supplication said upon sneezing

'When one of you sneezes he should say:

الْحَمْدُ للهِ

Alhamdu lillah.

'All praise is for Allah.'

...and his brother or companion should say to him:

يَنُ حَمُكُ الله

Yarhamukal-lah.

'May Allah have mercy upon you.'

...and he (i.e. the one who sneezed) replies back to him:

Yahdeekumul-lahu wayuslihu balakum.

'May Allah guide you and rectify your condition.' (Sahih Bukhari, Timithi and Ahmad)

After completion of any program/meeting

Rasul (pbuh) used to recite "Surah Al-Asr" after any meeting or program

وَالْعَصْرِ

Wal-ASRI

By [the token] of time (through the Ages];

Innal 'Insaana lafii khusr Surely, Man is in loss;

Illallaziina 'aamanuu wa 'amilus-saalihaati wa tawaa-saw bil-Haqqi wa tawaasaw bis-Sabr.

Except such as have Faith, and do righteous deeds, and [join together] in the mutual teaching of Truth, and of Patience and Constancy.

Best Dua' for Here & Hereafter

مَ بَّنَا آتِنَا فِي اللَّانُيَا حَسَنَةً وَفِي الآخِرَةِ حَسَنَةً وَقِنَا عَنَابَ النَّاس

"Rabbana atina fid-dunya hasanatau wa fil-akhirati hasanatau wa qina azaban-naar."

Meaning:

Our Lord, give us good in this world and good in the Hereafter, and save us from the torment of the Fire.

[Surah Al-Baqarah: 201]



After Fard (Obligatory) Salah

After Salam, Rasul (PBUH) used to recite:

33 times <u>Subhanallah</u> (Glory to Allah)

33 times <u>Alhamdulillah</u> (All praise is for Allah)

34 times Allahu Akbar (Allah is the Greatest)

Total 100 times

(Sahih Muslim)



The Virtues of Tahmeed, Tahleel & Tasbeeh

لَا إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحُدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمَٰدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ اللهُ إِللهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحُدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ، لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمَٰدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ اللهُ إِلَهَ إِلاَّ اللهُ وَحُدَهُ لاَ شَرِيكَ لَهُ الْمُلْكُ وَلَهُ الْحَمَٰدُ وَهُوَ عَلَى كُلِّ اللهُ الل

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said: "Whoever says:

Laa 'ilaaha 'illallaahu wahdahu laa shareeka lahu, lahulmulku wa lahul-hamdu wa Huwa 'alaa kulli shay'in Qadeer

100 times, would get the reward of freeing ten slaves, one hundred good deeds would be written for him, one hundred sins would be remitted from him, it would be a shield for him from the Shaytan that day till night, and nobody would arrive with better than what he arrived with except for one that had done more than him."



(Sahih 'Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim)

Remembrance of Allah at Both Ends of the Day

سُبْحَانَ اللهِ وَبِحَمْدِهِ

Subhana 'allahi wa bihamdihi

Meaning:

I honor Allah from all things unsuitable to Him and [I am] in celebration of his Praise.

Recite 100 times, no one would arrive on the Day of Resurrection with better than what he arrived with, except for a person who said the same."

Or more: of utterances like Laa 'ilaaha 'illa 'allah and other legislated sayings. He should not bind such sayings by any number that has not been legislated. (mentioned in the Hadith)

(Sahih Muslim)

What to say at times of Grief, Concern & Sadness

At times of distress the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) would say:

Laa 'ilaaha 'illaa 'allaahu 'al-`atheemu 'alhaleemu, la 'ilaaha 'illaa 'allaahu rabbul `arshil`atheemi, la 'ilaaha 'illaa 'allaahu rabbussamaawaati wa rabbul-'ardhi wa rabbul-`arshilkareem.

Meaning:

There is no Ilah except Allah The Magnificent, The Forbearing. There is no Ilah except Allah Lord of the Magnificent Throne. There is no Ilah except Allah Lord of the Heavens, Lord of the Earth, and Lord of the Noble Throne.

(Sahih Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim)

On Debt

It is reported of 'Ali bin 'Abi Talib (RA) that someone who was indebted came to him and said: I am unable to pay my debt, so help me. He said: Shall I not teach you a few words the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) taught me, if you had the like of a mountain of debt Allah would fulfill it on your behalf? Say:

'Allahummakfinee bihalalika `an haramika, wa 'aghninee bifadhlika `amman siwaka.

Meaning:

O Allah, make me with what You have made lawful needless of what You have made unlawful, and make me with your benevolence independent of all others. (At-Tirmidhi)

What to say upon confrontation of the Enemy & of People with Power

If the Prophet (pbuh) was afraid of a certain people, he would say:

Allaahumma 'innaa naj'aluka fee nuhoorihim wa na'oo<u>th</u>u bika min shuroorihim.

Meaning:

O Allah, we ask You to restrain them by their necks and we seek refuge in You from their evil.



(Abu Dawood and An-Nisa'ee)

About Devils Presenting Themselves to Humans

Allah the Exalted has said:

And say: Rabbi 'a-'uuzu bika min hamazaatishshayaa-tiini, wa 'a`uuzu bika rabbi 'ayyahzuruun.

Meaning:

And say "O' my Lord! I seek refuge in You from the suggestions of the shayateen [plural of shaytan], And I seek refuge in You my Lord! that they come to me. [Come to me meaning in any of my affairs, and for this Allah has commanded us to mention Him whenever we start doing things. Meaning in order to expel the shaytan when eating, slaughtering, etc.] This was Surat 'Al-Mu'minoon (#23) V.97-98.



And

It is reported of the Prophet (pbuh) that he used to say:

'A`outhu bil lahi 'as-samee`il-`aleemi minashshaytanir-rajeemi, min hamzihi, wa naphkhihi, wa nafthihi

Due to the statement of Allah (pbuh) "And if [at any time] an incitement to discord is made to you by the Shaytan then seek refuge in Allah, He is the One who hears and knows all things" (Surah Fussilat 41: 36)

And 'Athan repels Shaytan:

I seek refuge in Allah the Ever-Hearing, the Ever-Knowing from the despicable Shaytan, from his diabolical possession [madness], from his instigation of pride, and from his erotic verses [poetry]

What a Fasting Person Says upon Iftaar

When the Messenger of Allah (pbuh) would break his fast, he would say:

Thahaba 'ath-thama'u wabtallatil-`urooqu wa thabuta 'al-'ajru 'in sha'a 'allahu.

Meaning:

The thirst is gone, the blood vessels have become moist, and the reward has been established with the Will of Allah.



(Sahih 'Al-Bukhari and Sahih Muslim)

Upon Entering a Market Place

The Messenger of Allah (pbuh) said: "Whoever enters the marketplace and says:

Laa 'ilaaha 'illallaahu wahdahu laa shareeka lahu, lahul-mulku wa lahul-hamdu, yuhyee wa yumeetu, wa Huwa hayyun laa yamootu, biyadihil-khayru, wa Huwa 'alaa kulli shay'in Qadeer.

Meaning:

There is no Ilah except Allah, no partner does He have; his is the Kingdom, and to Him is all Praise; He livens, and mortifies; and He is alive; never to die. In his Hand is all good, and He is well able to do everything. (At-Tirmithi)

Qunoot Al-Witr

Salatul Witr and Qunoot:

The Witr (odd number) prayer is extra prayers that the Prophet practiced and highly encouraged Muslims to practice as well. He (pbuh) never left it even when traveling. You can offer Witr prayers anytime after 'Isha' until the time for Fajr prayer. You may choose to pray one, three, five, seven, or nine Rak'at.

In Witr prayers, recite *Suratul Fatihah* and some other verses from the *Qur'an*. Before or after *Rukoo'* of the last *Rak'ah* raise your hands high up to the level of the shoulders and supplicate the following *Du'a* (supplication) with your hands raised towards the sky. This *Du'a* is called *Du'a al-Qunut:*

Supplication made before or after bowing in the witr prayer.

اللَّهُمَّ اهُدِني فيمَنُ هَدَيُت، وَعَافِني فيمَنُ عَافَيْت، وَتَوَلَّنِي فيمَنُ تَوَلَّيْت، وَتَوَلَّنِي فيمَنُ تَوَلَّيْت ، وَاللَّهُمَّ اهُدِني فيمَنُ عَافِيْت، وَقِنِي شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْت، فَإِنَّكَ تَقُضي وَلا يُقُضى عَلَيْك، وَبابِكُ لي فيما أَعُطيْت، وَقِني شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْت، فَإِنَّكَ تَقُضي وَلا يُقضى عَلَيْك، إِنَّكُ لا يَذِلُّ مَنُ واليُت، [ولا يَعِزُّ مَن عَادَيْت]، تَبابَ كُت بَبَهَا وَتَعَالَيْت.

All<u>a</u>hummah-dinee feeman hadayt, waAA<u>a</u>finee feeman AA<u>a</u>fayt, watawallanee feeman tawallayt, wab<u>a</u>rik lee feem<u>a</u> aAA<u>t</u>ayt, waqinee sharra m<u>a</u> qa<u>d</u>ayt, fa-innaka taq<u>d</u>ee wal<u>a</u> yuq<u>da</u> AAalayk, innahu l<u>a</u> ya<u>th</u>illu man w<u>a</u>layt, [wal<u>a</u> yaAAizzu man AA<u>a</u>dayt], tab<u>a</u>rakta rabban<u>a</u> wataAA<u>a</u>layt

Meaning:

'O Allah, guide me along with those whom You have guided, pardon me along with those whom You have pardoned, be an ally to me along with those whom You are an ally to and bless for me that which You have bestowed. Protect me from the evil You have decreed for. Verily, You decree and none can decree over You. For surety, he whom you show allegiance to is never abased and he whom You take as an enemy is never honored and mighty. O our Lord, Blessed and Exalted are You.'

(Abu Dawood, Tirmidhi, Ibn-Majah and Ahmad)



Exchanging Greetings on the 'Eid

It is Sunnah to exchange greetings among the Muslims on the day of celebration with the following expression:

Taqabbalallaahu minna wa minkum.

Meaning:

May Allah accept from us and from you.

There are certain Sunnahs to be observed on the day of 'Eid.

- ✓ Using perfume and putting on one's best clothes.
- Eating before going out to 'Eidul Fitr, and doing otherwise before 'Eidul Adhaa.
- Performance of the prayer in a public park is better, unless there are reasons to prevent this.
- Jabir (r.'a.) reported that the Prophet used to go to the 'Eid ground by one way and return by another.
- Recitation of the Takbeer, the words of greatness of Allah.
- The time of 'Eid prayer begins with the sunrise and lasts till noon, but the Sunnah of the Prophet was to make 'Eid early in the morning.
- There is no Adhaan or Igaamah for the 'Eid prayer.
- Salaatul 'Eid is two raka'at. It is Sunnah to make "Allaahu Akbar," seven times in the first raka'ah and five times in the second raka'ah, not including the Takbeer of Qiyaam. The hands should be raised with every takbeer.

Upon hearing sad News or Falling into trouble

Innaa lillaahi wa 'innaa 'ilayhi raaji'oon, Allaahumma'-jurni fee museebatee wa 'akhliflee khayran minhaa.

Meaning:

We are from Allah and unto Him we return. O Allah, take me out of my plight and bring to me after it something better. (Sahih Muslim)

Invocation for Visiting the graves

When visiting the graves, recite this Dua':

السَّلامُ عَلَيْكُمُ أَهُلَ الرِّيامِ مِنَ المؤمِنينَ وَالْمُسُلِمين، وَإِنَّا إِنْ شَاءَ اللَّهُ بِكُمُ لاحِقون، نَسُالُ اللهَ لنا وَلَكُمُ العافِيَة.

Assalamu AAalaykum ahlad-diyari minal-mu/mineena walmuslimeen, wa-inna in shaallallahu bikum lahiqoon, nas-alul-laha lana walakumul-AAafiyah.

Meaning:

Peace be upon you all, O inhabitants of the graves, amongst the believers and the Muslims. Verily, we will, Allah willing, be united with you, we ask Allah for well-being for us and you. (Sahih Muslim)

Salaam to Prophet Muhammad (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam)

Proceed to the grave of the Prophet (Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam) and while standing in front of it and facing it, say with all respect and in a lowered voice:

"Assalamu 'alaika ayyuhan-Nabiyu, wa Rahmatullahi wa Barakaatuh"

Meaning:

Peace be on you, O Prophet, and the Mercy and Blessings of Allah.

And then say the Salat an-Nabiy
(Durud-e Ibraheem which we recite in the Salah

Jalsa – sitting position).

Be careful about Bida'h

What is the true meaning of Bida'h?

The true definition of Bid'a is 'to initiate or create something upon an unprecedented example'. In the Quran, Allah describes himself as the 'Badi us-Samawaat wa al-Ardh', meaning the creator of the skies and earth. Badi' here means a creator who brings something into existence from no previous material. On this basis, Bid'a, which comes from the same root word as Badi', means to initiate or create something upon an unprecedented example.

Not everything that is Bid'a in Islam is prohibited. The Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) gave the best definition and criteria for deciding what innovation is commendable and what isn't. He said, "Whoever innovates [something] which is not from our matter [of Islam] then it is rejected" (Bukhari and Muslim)



Be careful about Bida'h

And there is no such thing in Islam as bid'ah hasanah (good innovation)."

Rasul Sallallahu Alaihi Wa Sallam said:

"Beware of newly invented matters, for every invented matter is an innovation and every innovation is a going astray and every going astray is in the Hellfire".

(Abu Dawud and Tirmidhi)

Due to lack of knowledge many Muslims do Bida'h during their Ibadah.



MORE AUTHENTIC DUA'

To get more authentic Dua', you can study these 2 books:

- Fortress of the Muslim, Invocations from the Qur'an
 & Sunnah Darussalam Publications Saudi
 Arabia
- Hisnul Muslim Madinah University.
- http://www.qss.org/archives/asop/tc.html
- http://www.islamawareness.net/Dua'/Fortress/

ISLAAMIC CALENDAR

Islamic Calendar, Al-Hijrah, which is based on the lunar system.

There are twelve months in the Islamic Calendar

1. Muharram	5. Jumaadal	9. Ramadaan
	Awwal	
2. Safar	6. Jumaadath	10. Shawwaal
	Thaanee	
3. Rabee'ul Awwal	7. Rajab	11. Dhul Qi'adah
4. Rabee'uth Thaanee	8. Sha'abaan	12. Dhul Hijjah