

# ALLAH AL 'AFUW

(The All-Pardoning)

All praises are due to Allah. Anything good is from Allah and any mistakes are from ourselves and the shaitan. May Allah forgive us.



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- The word (عفو) is to forgive, pardon and overlook in the end to be truly free. The opposite is to blame, to hold something against someone, to condemn or punish.
- We become inspired when we know Allah Al 'Afuw, to truly seek the pardoning of Allah.
- We want to be determined to always pardon because Allah is Al 'Afuw.
- This Name is mentioned five times in the Qur'an and three times in Surah An Nisaa', the chapter about women. The theme of the

surah is justice and mercy with anyone weak in society. And this includes all of us.

- Our worships, gratitude and pardoning will surely have shortcomings as Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is so great. So we are always in need of His pardoning. This truly makes us feel connected to Allah and never see ourselves sufficient.
- At the same time, Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) pardons sins and overlooks mistakes. How is this different from Al Ghafoor (The Forgiving)? Forgiveness is covering up but pardoning is complete erasing.
- For instance if we have a pimple to use a concealer is not like if we treat it and take medication, so it is completely gone.
- This Name is mentioned in the context of mercy and going back to the essentials. For

instance, in the context of prayer and purification. The pardoning of Allah is to make matters easy for us. If water is not available for wudhu (ablution), then there is tayaamum (dry ablution). This teaches us to not get stuck.

- When situations change, we do not want to get stuck. There are always other options and other things we can do.
- Sometimes we go grocery shopping after asking everyone what they need. But when we come back, there say 'oh, I also needed strawberries'. In that moment, we take the next best option.
- May Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) help us see the next best option and not get stuck.
- From the pardoning of Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) is that He always wants ease for us.

- When the Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) had two options, he would always choose the easier one. This is not related to matters of obedience.
- For instance, if we don't know which restaurant to go to, it would be easier to choose what is closest to us.
- There are two kinds of pardoning of Allah.
  1. General pardoning: this is for all the sinners. He can easily cut off all the blessings for the sinner. But out of the pardoning of Allah, He still provides us.

#### SURAH AN NAHL 61

وَلَوْ يُؤَاخِذُ اللَّهُ النَّاسَ بِظُلْمِهِمْ مَا تَرَكَ عَلَيْهَا مِنْ دَابَّةٍ

And if Allah were to impose blame on the people for their wrongdoing, He would not have left upon the earth any creature,

2. Special pardoning: this is for the one who seeks His pardoning. This person returns and repents to Him. He hopes for reward from Allah (سبحانه وتعالى). Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will remove all the traces of sins from the minds of the people, from the angels, from the book of records as well.
- There was a lady who was not wearing hijab and then started to wear it. She was concerned about the reaction of the people in her office. She asked for the pardoning of Allah, and when she went, everyone was so normal to her. When she mentioned about her hijab to one of her colleagues, she mentioned 'really, you were always wearing hijab.' She understood that this was from the pardoning of Allah.

- Knowing Allah Al 'Afuw, we always ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for pardoning and wellbeing.
- Sometimes we can face affliction in life, in health, wealth and situations as means of expiation of sins. But we don't want to go through affliction in order to be forgiven. We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) for pardoning and wellbeing.

### SUPPLICATION OF REMEMBRANCE IN THE MORNING AND EVENING

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ الْعَافِيَةَ فِي الدُّنْيَا وَالْآخِرَةِ ، اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ  
 الْعَفْوَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ فِي دِينِي وَدُنْيَايَ وَأَهْلِي وَمَالِي ، اللَّهُمَّ اسْتُرْ عَوْرَاتِي  
 وَآمِنْ رَوْعَاتِي اللَّهُمَّ احْفَظْنِي مِنْ بَيْنِ يَدَيْ ، وَمِنْ خَلْفِي ، وَعَنْ يَمِينِي  
 ، وَعَنْ شِمَالِي ، وَمِنْ فَوْقِي ، وَأَعُوذُ بِعَظَمَتِكَ أَنْ أُغْتَالَ مِنْ تَحْتِي

*Allaahumma innee as'aluk-al-'aafiyata fid-dunyaa wal-aakhirah, allaahumma innee as'aluk-al-'afwa wal-'aafiyata fee deenee wa dunyaaya wa ahlee wa maalee, allaahumm-astur 'awraatee wa amin raw'aatee*

*allaahummaḥ-fazḥnee min bayni yadayya, wa min khalfee, wa 'an yameenee, wa 'an shimaalee, wa min fawqee, wa a'oodhu bi-'aḥamatika an ughṭaala min taḥṭee*

O Allah, I ask You for well-being in this life and the next. O Allah, I ask You for pardon and well-being in my religious and worldly affairs, and my family and my wealth. O Allah, veil my weaknesses and set at ease my dismay.

O Allah, preserve me from the front and from behind and from my right and from my left and from above, and I seek refuge with You lest I be swallowed up by the earth.<sup>1</sup>

- To be pardoned from Allah means that He pardons from falling into any kind of sickness - this can be mental, physical or emotional.
- To be pardoned is to be protected from destructive sins like disbelief, association or hypocrisy.

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<sup>1</sup> Abu Dawud No# 5074



- To be pardoned is also from any kinds of debts, rights or obligations that we have not fulfilled between the people.
- The pardoning of Allah comes with Al Qadeer (The All-Able), Al Ghafoor (The All-Forgiving) and Al Haleem (The Most Forbearing). He overlooks our shortcomings.
- When He pardons us, it is never out of weakness but despite His complete ability.
- The angels who are the carriers of the Throne say سبحانك على عفوك بعد قدرتك (Glory be to You, for Your Pardoning after Your Ability).
- Knowing Allah Al 'Afuw makes us love to pardon others because He loves pardoning.

#### SUPPLICATION ON THE NIGHT OF DECREE

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّكَ عَفُوفٌ تُحِبُّ الْعَفْوَ فَاعْفُ عَنِّي

*Allaahumma Innaka 'afu-wun tuḥibul 'afwa  
fa'afu 'anni*

O Allah, You are pardoning and You love to pardon, so pardon me.<sup>2</sup>

- We want to pardon others so we can attain the pardoning of Allah.
- Matters can be blocked but by His pardoning, matters can open.

#### HONOR FOR THE ONE WHO PARDONS

*وما زاد الله عبداً بعفو إلا عزاً،*

Allah augments the honour of one who forgives; <sup>3</sup>

- Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) honors the one who pardons.
- It is also from the pardoning of Allah that He gives us ease in our worships.

<sup>2</sup> At-Tirmidhi No# 3513

<sup>3</sup> Riyad as-Salihin 555

## SUPPLICATION IN THE MORNING

أَنَّ النَّبِيَّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ مَرَّ عَلَيْهَا وَهِيَ فِي الْمَسْجِدِ تَدْعُو ثُمَّ  
 مَرَّ بِهَا قَرِيبًا مِنْ نِصْفِ النَّهَارِ فَقَالَ لَهَا " مَا زِلْتِ عَلَى حَالِكِ " .  
 قَالَتْ نَعَمْ . قَالَ " أَلَا أُعَلِّمُكَ - يَعْنِي - كَلِمَاتٍ تَقُولِينَ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ  
 عَدَدَ خَلْقِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَدَدَ خَلْقِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ عَدَدَ خَلْقِهِ  
 سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رِضًا نَفْسِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رِضًا نَفْسِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ رِضًا  
 نَفْسِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ زِينَةَ عَرْشِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ زِينَةَ عَرْشِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ  
 زِينَةَ عَرْشِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ مِدَادَ كَلِمَاتِهِ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ مِدَادَ كَلِمَاتِهِ  
 سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ مِدَادَ كَلِمَاتِهِ " .

The Prophet (ﷺ) passed by her while she was in the masjid, supplicating, then he passed by her again when it was almost midday. He said to her: "Are you still here?" She said: "Yes." He said: "Shall I not teach you some words which you can say? Subhan Allah adada khalqih, subhan Allah adada khalqih, subhan Allah adada khalqih; subhan Allah rida nafsih, subhan Allah rida nafsih, subhan Allah rida nafsih; Subhan Allah zinata 'arshih, Subhan Allah zinata 'arshih, Subhan Allah zinata 'arshih; Subhan Allah midada Kalamatih, Subhan Allah midada Kalamatih, Subhan Allah midada Kalamatih

(Glory be to Allah the number of His creation, glory be to Allah the number of His creation, glory be to Allah the number of His creation; glory be to Allah as much as pleases Him, glory be to Allah as much as pleases Him, glory be to Allah as much as pleases Him; glory be to Allah the weight of His throne, glory be to Allah the weight of His throne, glory be to Allah the weight of His throne; glory be to Allah the number of His words, glory be to Allah the number of His words, glory be to Allah the number of His words).'

- The Prophet (صلى الله عليه وسلم) told us to ask for pardoning and well-being. People are never given anything, after certainty of faith, that is better than well being.
- Certainty is to know that Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) will take care of us, He will remove distress, He will take us out and cure us. And after that comes well-being which is to remain firm and not waver.

- This is very inspiring to others and can be a reason for others to also remain firm.

## SURAH AL A'RAF 199

### خُذِ الْعَفْوَ

Take what is given freely,

- At the same time we take from what people show us. Whether it is from a child, or anyone else. This makes life easier for us and others. There is lot of ease and flexibility.
- When we do not accept, when we account too much, or have bad feelings it tightens the heart and it makes it hard to move forward.
- We ask Allah (سبحانه وتعالى) to undo all the shackles and chains so we can move forward.

MAY ALLAH PARDON US. AMEEN.

## REFERENCES

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