

THE PROPHET'S DU‘A AT THE BEGINNING OF THE NEW YEAR

From Sayyid Ibn Ṭāwūs in al-Iqbāl: Narrated from Muḥammad ibn al-Fudhayl al-Sayrafi who said: It was narrated to us from ‘Alī ibn Mūsā al-Riḍā from his father, from his grandfather, from his fathers عليه, who said: On the first day of Muḥarram, the Holy Prophet ﷺ would offer two rak‘ahs after which he would raise his hands and supplicate thrice with the following supplication:

اللَّهُمَّ أَنْتَ الْإِلَهُ الْقَدِيمُ، وَهَذِهِ سَنَةٌ جَدِيدَةٌ، فَأَسْأَلُكَ فِيهَا الْعِصْمَةَ مِنَ الشَّيْطَانِ، وَالْقُوَّةَ عَلَى هَذِهِ
النَّفْسِ الْأَمَّارَةِ بِالسُّوءِ، وَالِإِشْتِغَالَ بِمَا يُقَرِّبُنِي إِلَيْكَ، يَا كَرِيمُ، يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ، يَا عِمَادَ مَنْ لَا
عِمَادَ لَهُ، يَا ذَخِيرَةَ مَنْ لَا ذَخِيرَةَ لَهُ، يَا حِرْزَ مَنْ لَا حِرْزَ لَهُ، يَا غِيَاثَ مَنْ لَا غِيَاثَ لَهُ، يَا سَنَدَ مَنْ لَا سَنَدَ لَهُ، يَا
كَنْزَ مَنْ لَا كَنْزَ لَهُ، يَا حَسَنَ الْبَلَاءِ يَا عَظِيمَ الرَّجَاءِ، يَا عِزَّ الضُّعْفَاءِ، يَا مُنْقِذَ الْغَرَقَى، يَا مُنْجِي الْهَلْكَى، يَا
مُنْعِمُ، يَا مُجْمِلُ، يَا مُفْضِلُ، يَا مُحْسِنُ، أَنْتَ الَّذِي سَجَدَ لَكَ سَوَادُ اللَّيْلِ، وَنُورُ النَّهَارِ، وَضَوْءُ الْقَمَرِ،
وَشُعَاعُ الشَّمْسِ، وَدَوِيُّ الْمَاءِ، وَخَفِيفُ الشَّجَرِ، يَا اللَّهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَكَ. اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْنَا خَيْرَ أُمَّةٍ يُطُؤُونَ،
وَاعْفِرْ لَنَا مَا لَا يَعْلَمُونَ، حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا هُوَ عَلَيْهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ وَهُوَ رَبُّ الْعَرْشِ الْعَظِيمِ، آمَنَّا بِهِ، كُلُّ مَنْ
عِنْدَ رَبِّنَا، وَمَا يَدْرَأُ الْإِلَهُ الْأُولُو الْأَبْنَابِ، رَبَّنَا لَا تُزِغْ قُلُوبَنَا وَهَبْ لَنَا مِنْ لَدُنْكَ رَحْمَةً إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْوَهَّابُ.

O Allah! You are the Eternal Lord, and this is a new year, so I ask that You grant me protection from Shaitan, and control over this voluptuous self that incites towards evil, and being occupied in that which would bring me closer to You, O Most Kind! O Lord of Might and Majesty! O Supporter of the one who has no supporter, O Protector of the one who has no protector, O Guardian of the one who has no guardian, O Helper of the one who has no helper, O Assister of the one who has no assister, O Reinforcement of the one who has no reinforcement, O Granter of gracious gifts, O Source of great hope, O Esteem of the weak, O Rescuer of the drowning, O Savior of the devastated, O Benefactor, O Beautifier, O Granter of excellence, O Bestower; You are the One to whom prostrate the darkness of night and the light of day, the brightness of the moon and rays of the sun, the sound of (gushing) water and the rustling of the trees; O Allah! You have no partner. O Allah! Make us the best of what they conjecture (about us) and forgive us that which they do not know (of our faults). Allāh is enough for me – there is no god but He; in Him do I trust and He is the Lord of the Exalted Throne. We believe in it - everything is from our Lord, and none takes admonition except those who possess intellect. Our Lord! Make not our hearts deviate and bestow Your mercy on us, indeed You are All-Munificent.¹

¹ Iqbāl al-A‘māl: 553