

*In the name of God, Most Gracious, Most Merciful*

# IMPLORE GOD WITH THE BEST PRAYERS

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*"We responded to him and granted him John; we fixed his wife for him. That is because they always hastened to work righteousness, and implored us in situations of joy, as well as fear. To us, they were reverent" (21:90).*

The Quran informs us that we attain value at our Lord only through our worship (25:77) and supplication is a form of worship. ***"Your Lord says, 'Implore Me, and I will respond to you.' Surely, those who are too arrogant to worship Me will enter Hell, forcibly" (40:60).*** When you implore the Almighty, you are doing the right thing (13:14) and He gives you what you implore Him for (14:34). God is the Hearer of prayers (3:38). He rescues the needy, if He so wills (6:41) (14:39), He is with you wherever you may be (57:4) (58:7). Thus, implore your Lord to shower you with His grace (4:32) and His mercy (7:155) and never despair (15:55). ***"...God is Possessor of Infinite Grace" (57:21).***

## **The Importance of Imploring**

God willing, we all know that we must implore only God (25:68) (7:37) and the Quran teaches us that God tests people with adversity and hardship that they may implore (6:42) (7:94). The Most Merciful points out, ***"If only they implored when our test came to them! Instead, their hearts were hardened, and the devil adorned their works in their eyes" (6:43).*** Throughout the Quran we see many examples of God responding when His servants implored Him. Noah called upon God and He responded to him by saving him and his family from the great disaster (21:76) (26:117-118). When the devil afflicted Job with hardship and pain, he called upon his Lord and He answered his prayer (38:41) (21:84). The youth who took refuge in the cave implored God to bless their affairs with His guidance (18:10). The wife of Pharaoh implored God to build a home for her at Him in Paradise (66:11). Jonah implored God and He saved him from misery (21:87-88). God responded to Zachariah's imploring and granted him John (21:90). Moses and Aaron asked God to wipe out the wealth of Pharaoh and his elders and their prayer was answered (10:88-89). God answered the prayer of Joseph and protected him from the women's schemes (12:34). Lot implored God for victory (29:30), as did Saaleh, Shuaib, Hood, Abraham and others. You may even implore God for material things such as Solomon (38:35). However, we must never implore God on behalf of those who have transgressed (11:37) (60:4). Remember that God rewards people for what they say (5:84-85). On the Day of Resurrection He will point out that a group of His servants used to implore Him (52:28) and used to say "Our Lord, we have believed, so forgive us and shower us with mercy" (23:109,118). The Most Gracious states that, ***"At dawn, they prayed for forgiveness" (51:18).***

God describes beautifully in the Quran how important it is to implore and pray to Him,

*"When My servants ask **you** about Me, I am always close. I answer the prayers of any of them when they pray to Me. They shall respond to Me, and believe in Me, that they may be guided" (2:186).*

### **Why Some Prayers Are Not Answered**

Quran informs us that the human being often prays for something that may hurt him thinking that he is praying for something good. The human being is impatient (17:11) and may dislike something which is actually good and may like something which is actually bad. God knows while you do not know. (2:216) (4:19) (11:45-46). We also learn that the prayers of the disbelievers are always in vain (13:14) (40:50).

### **What Are The Best Prayers?**

Since God did not leave anything out of the Quran (6:38), let us use the Quran as a source to find the best prayers which will not hurt us, but help us, God Willing.

Our Lord, perfect our light for us and forgive us (66:8), increase our' knowledge and include us with the righteous (26:83). We believe in what You have revealed and we follow the messenger, so write us among the witnesses (3:53) (5:83). Guide us in the right path (1:6), make us submitters to You, teach us the rites of our religion, redeem us (2:128), and make us one of those who consistently observe the contact prayer (14:40). Grant us in this world righteousness, and in the Hereafter grant us righteousness and spare us the agony of Hell (3:16) (2:201) (25:65) (7:156). Grant us steadfastness, strengthen our foothold and grant us victory over the disbelieving people (2:250) (3:147) and let us die as Submitters (7:126).

Our Lord, do not condemn us if we forget or make mistakes, protect us from blaspheming against You, and protect us from burdens that are heavy beyond our capacity. Pardon us (2:286) (14:41) (47:19) and forgive us our transgressions, remit our sins, and let us be among the righteous when we die (3:193). Grant us what You promised us through Your messengers and do not forsake us on the Day of Resurrection. You never break a promise (3:194). Protect us from worshiping idols (14:35) and from sin (40:9).

Our Lord, direct us to appreciate the blessings you have bestowed upon us and upon our parents and to work righteousness that pleases You. Let our children be righteous as well (46:15) and admit us by your mercy to be among Your righteous servants (27:19). Admit us an honorable admittance and let us depart an honorable departure. Grant to us from You a powerful support (17:80). Forgive us, our parents and the believers on the day when the reckoning takes place (14:41). Shower our parents with Your mercy for they have raised us from infancy (17:24).

Our Lord, let ourselves, our spouses and children be a source of joy for us and keep us in the forefront of righteous (25:74). Let us not be with the transgressing people (23:94), Let us not be oppressed by those who disbelieved (60:5) and grant us a decisive victory over our people (7:89).

Our Lord, forgive us and our brethren who preceded us to the faith, keep our hearts from harboring any hatred towards those who believed (59:10) and do not disgrace us on the Day of

Resurrection (26:87). Let not our hearts waver after You have guided us and shower us with Your mercy (3:8). Our Lord, please answer our prayers (14:40); You are near, responsive (11:61).

**ALL PRAISE BE TO GOD**