

# DUA WHEN DESPERATE

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(A jist of the translation is included)

إِلَهِي كَيْفَ أَدْعُوكَ وَأَنَا أَنَا وَكَيْفَ أَقْطَعُ رَجَائِي مِنْكَ وَأَنْتَ أَنْتَ

O God! How can I call on You for I am insignificant me?  
How can I cut off hope in You for You are (the Awesome) You?

إِلَهِي إِذَا لَمْ أَسْأَلْكَ فَتَوَطَّيْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي أَسْأَلُهُ فَيُعْطِينِي

O God! (even) when I did not ask from You, You gave me.  
So who else would I ask from but You and be granted.

إِلَهِي إِذَا لَمْ أَدْعُوكَ فَتَسْتَجِيبُ لِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي أَدْعُوهُ فَيَسْتَجِيبُ لِي

O God! (even) when I did not call out, You answered me.  
So who else would I call out to but You who would answer me?

إِلَهِي إِذَا لَمْ أَتَضَرَّعْ إِلَيْكَ فَتَرَحَّمْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي أَتَضَرَّعُ إِلَيْهِ فَيَرَحَّمْنِي

O God! (even) when I did not plead to you, You had mercy on me.  
So who else would I plead to but You and would be shown mercy to?

إِلَهِي فَكَمَا فَالَقْتَ الْبَحْرَ لِمُوسَى عَلَيْهِ السَّلَامُ وَنَجَّيْتَهُ

O God! Just as You parted the sea for Musa (pbuh) and saved him,

أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

I ask You to send blessings on Muhammad and the family of Muhammad

وَأَنْ تُنَجِّبَنِي مِمَّا أَنَا فِيهِ وَتُقَرِّجْ عَنِّي فَرَجًا عَاجِلًا غَيْرَ أَجَلٍ

and come to my aid, and relieve me from my  
difficulties as quickly as possible, without delay,

بِفَضْلِكَ وَبِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

through Your kindness, through Your mercy, O the most merciful.

Dua to be recited when experiencing difficulties



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