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(DUA AL KHIDR)





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Kumayl Ibn Ziyad Nakha'i was a close companion of Imam Ali ibn Abi Talib (pbuh) and this Dua was taught to him by Imam Ali (pbuh). According to Allama Majlisi, Kumayl had attended an assembly in the Mosque at Basra, where Imam was giving a sermon in which the night of the 15<sup>th</sup> of Shaban was mentioned. Imam Ali (pbuh) said - "Whosoever keeps awake in devoutness on this night and recites the Dua of Prophet Khizr, undoubtedly that person's dua will be responded to and granted.

When the assembly at the Mosque had dispersed, Kumayl called at the house where Imam was staying, and requested him to teach him Hazrat Khizr's "Dua".

Imam Ali (pbuh) asked Kumayl to sit down, record and memorise this "Dua" which Hazrat Ali (pbuh) dictated to Kumayl.

Imam then advised Kumayl to recite this "Dua" on the eve of (i.e. evening proceeding) every Friday, or once a month or at least once in every year so that, added Imam, "Allah may protect thee from the evils of the enemies and the plots contrived by impostors. O' Kumayl! In consideration of your companionship and understanding, I grant you this honour of entrusting this "Dua" to you."



Bless Muhammad and Muhammad's household!

In the Name of Allah, the All-merciful, the All-compassionate

O Allah, I ask You by Your mercy, which embraces all things.

And by Your strength, through which You dominate all things,

And toward which all things are humble, And before which all things are lowly.



And by Your invincibility through which You overwhelm all things,

And by Your might, which nothing can resist.

And by Your tremendousness, which has filled all things.

by Your force, which towers over all things.

And by Your face, which subsists after the annihilation of all things,



And by Your Names, which have filled the foundations of all things.

And by Your knowledge, which encompasses all things;

And by the light of Your face, through which all things are illumined!

O Light! O All-holy!

O First of those who are first, And O Last of those who are last!



O Allah, forgive me those sins which tear apart safeguards!

O Allah, forgive me those sins which draw down adversities!

O Allah, forgive me those sins which alter blessings!

O Allah forgive me those sins which hold back supplication!

O Allah forgive me those sins which cut down the hopes!



O Allah, forgive me those sins which draw down tribulation!

#### أخطأها

O Allah, forgive me every sin I have committed and every mistake I have made!

O Allah, verily I seek nearness to You through remembrance of You,

And I seek intercession from You with Yourself,

And I ask You through Your generosity to bring me near to Your proximity,



And to provide me with gratitude toward You

And to inspire me with Your remembrance.

O Allah, verily I ask You with the asking of a submissive, abased,

and lowly man to show me forbearance, to have mercy on me

And to make me satisfied and content with Your appointment.



and [make me] humble in every state.

O Allah, I ask You the question of one whose indigence is extreme,

And who has stated to You in difficulties his need.

And whose desire for what is with You has become great.

O Allah, Your force is tremendous, Your place is lofty,



And Your plan is hidden, Your command is manifest,

And Your domination is overwhelming, Your power is unhindered.

And escape from Your governance is impossible.

O Allah, I find no forgiver of my sins,

Nor concealer of my ugly acts



# وَّلَالِشَيْء مِّنُ عَمَلِي الْقَبِيحِ بِالْحَسَنِ مُبَلِّلًا

#### غيرك

Nor transformer of any of my ugly acts into good acts but You

There is no god but You!

Glory be to You, and Yours is the praise! I have wronged myself,

And I have been audacious in my ignorance.

And I have depended upon Your ancient remembrance of me and Your favour toward me.



O Allah! O my Protector! How many ugly things You have concealed!

How many burdensome tribulations You have abolished!

And how many stumbles You have prevented! And how many ordeals You have repelled!

And how much beautiful praise, for which I was unworthy, You have spread abroad!

O Allah, my tribulation is tremendous, And my bad state is excessive,



And my acts are inadequate, And my fetters have tied me down,

And my far-fetched hopes have held me back from my gain.

And this world with its delusions,

my own soul with its offences and my delay have deceived me.

O my Master! So I ask You by Your might.



not to let my evil works and acts veil my supplication from You,

And not to disgrace me through the hidden things You know of my secrets

And not to hasten me to punishment for what I have done in private:

My evil acts in secrecy and my misdeeds

And my continuous negligence and my ignorance.



And my manifold passions and my forgetfulness.

And by Your might, O Allah, be kind to me in all states.

And be gracious to me in all affairs!

My God and my Lord! Have I any but You from whom to ask

removal of my affliction and regard for my affairs!



## <u> اِلْمِي وَمَوْلَايَ اَجْرَيْتَ عَلَيَّ حُكُمًا اتَّبَعْتُ فِيهِ</u>

### هَواي نَفُسِي،

My God and my Protector! You put into effect through me a decree in which I followed the impulse of my own soul.

And [I] did not remain wary of adorning my enemy.

So he deluded me through my soul's impulse and therein destiny favoured him

So, in what was put into effect through me in that situation,



### عَلَيَّ مِنُ ذَلِكَ بَعُض كُنُ ودِكَ

I transgressed some of Your statutes.

And disobeyed some of Your commands.

So Yours is the argument against me in all of that

I have no argument in what Your destiny put into effect through me therein.

nor in what Your decree and Your tribulation imposed upon me.



Now I have come to You, My God, after my shortcoming,

and my immoderation toward myself, Proffering my excuse, regretful,

Broken, apologizing, Asking forgiveness, repenting,

Acknowledging, submissive, confessing.

I find no place to flee from what occurred through me,



Nor any place of escape to which I may turn in my affairs,

Other than Your acceptance of my excuse

and Your entering me into the compass of Your mercy.

O Allah, so accept my excuse, Have mercy upon the severity of my affliction.

And release me from the tightness of my fetters,



My Lord, have mercy upon the weakness of my body,

the thinness of my skin and the frailty of my bones.

O You who gave rise to my creation, to the remembrance of me,

to the nurture of me, to goodness toward me and to nourishment on me,

Bestow upon me for the sake of Your having given rise [to me] with generosity and Your previous goodness to me!



O Allah, my Master and my Lord!

Can You see Yourself tormenting me with Your fire after I have professed Your Unity

And after the knowledge of You my heart has embraced,

And the remembrance of You my tongue has constantly mentioned.

And the love of You to which my mind has clung,



And after the sincerity of my confession

and my supplication, humble before Your lordship?

Far be it from You! You are more generous than that You should squander him whom You have nurtured,

Or banish him whom You have brought nigh, Or drive away him whom You have given an abode.

Or submit to tribulation him whom You have spared and shown mercy.



Would that I knew, my Master, My God and my Protector,

Whether You will give the Fire dominion over faces fallen down prostrate before Your Tremendousness,

And over tongues voicing sincerely the profession of Your Unity

and giving thanks to You in praise,

And over hearts acknowledging Your Divinity through verification,



## وَّعَلَىٰ ضَمَا لِئِرَ حَوَتُ مِنَ الْعِلْمِ بِكَحَتَّى صَاءَتُ

#### خَاشِعَةً

And over minds encompassing knowledge of You until they have become humble

And over bodily members speeding to the places of Your worship in obedience

and beckoning for Your forgiveness in submission.

No such opinion is held of You!

Nor has such been reported - thanks to Your bounty — concerning You, O All-generous!



My Lord, And You know my weakness

before a little of this world's tribulations and punishments,

And before those ordeals which befall its inhabitants,

Even though it is a tribulation and ordeal whose stay is short,

whose subsistence is but little, and whose period is but fleeting.



So how can I endure the tribulations of the next world

and the great ordeals that occur within it?

For it is a tribulation whose period is long,

whose station endures and whose sufferers are given no respite,

Since it only occurs as a result of Your wrath,

Your vengeance and Your anger,



#### وَهَنَامَا لَا تَقُومُ لَهُ السَّمَاوَاتُ وَالأَرْضُ

And these cannot be withstood by the heavens and the earth.

O Master, so what about me?!

For I am Your weak, lowly, base, wretched and miserable slave.

My God! My Lord! My Master! My Protector!

For which things would I complain to You? And for which of them would I lament and weep?



For the pain and severity of chastisement? Or for the length and period of tribulation?

So if You take me to the punishments with Your enemies,

And gather me with the people of Your tribulation

And separate me from Your friends and saints,

and my Lord that I am able to endure Your chastisement,



Then suppose, My God, my Master, my Protector,

How can I endure separation from You?

And suppose that I am able to endure the heat of Your fire,

How can I endure not gazing upon Your generosity?

Or how can I dwell in the Fire while my hope is Your pardon?



So by Your might, my Master and my protector, I swear sincerely,

if You leave me with speech,

I will lament to You from the midst of the Fire's inhabitants with lamentation of the hopeful.

I will cry to You with the cry of those crying for help.

I will weep to You with the weeping of the bereft.



## وَلَاْنَادِينَاكَ أَيْنَ كُنتَ يَا وَلِيَّ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ

And I will call to You, Where are You, O Sponsor of the believers,

O Goal of the hopes of Your knowers,

O Aid of those who seek assistance,

O Friend of the hearts of the sincere

And O God of all the world's inhabitants!

Can You see Yourself — Glory be to You My God, and Yours is the praised



## تَسۡمَعُ فِيهَاصَوۡتَ عَبُدٍ مُّسُلِمٍ

hearing within the Fire the voice of a slave surrendered to You,

Imprisoned there because of his violations,

Tasting the favour of its torment because of his disobedience,

And confined within its levels because of his sin and crime,

While he laments to You with the lament of one hopeful for Your mercy,



### وَيُنَادِيكَ بِلِسَانِ اَهُلِ تَوْحِيدِكَ

And calls to You with the tongue of those who profess Your Unity

And entreats You by Your lordship!

My Protector, so how should he remain in the chastisement,

while he has hope for Your previous clemency?

Or how should the Fire cause him pain while he expects Your bounty and mercy?

Or how should its flames burn him, while



### وَأَنتَ تَسُمَعُ صَوْتَهُ وَتَرى مَكَانَهُ

You hear his voice and see his place?

Or how should its groaning encompass him,

while You know his weakness?

Or how should he be convulsed among its levels,

while You know his sincerity?

Or how should its keepers torture him while he calls out to You, O Lord?



#### أَمُ كَيْفَ يَرْجُو فَضَلَكَ

Or how should he have hope of Your bounty

in freeing him from it, while You abandon him within it?

Far be it from You! That is not what is expected of You,

Nor what is well-known of Your bounty,

Nor it is similar to the goodness and kindness You have shown to those who profess Your Unity.



## فَبِالْيَقِينِ ٱقْطَعُ لَوُلَامَا حَكَمْتَ بِهِ مِن تَعُذِيبِ

#### جَاحِدِيكَ

So I declare with certainty that were it not for what You have decreed concerning the chastisement of Your deniers

And what You have foreordained concerning the everlasting home of those who stubbornly resist,

You would make the Fire, all of it, coolness and safety,

And no one would have a place of rest or abode within it.



## لَكِنَّاكَ تَقَلَّسَتُ أَسُمَا وُكَ

But You—holy are Your Names

have sworn that You will fill it with the unbelievers,

Both Jinn and men together,

And that You will place those who stubbornly resist therein forever.

And You— majestic is Your eulogy— said at the beginning.



and were gracious through kindness as a favour,

(What? Is he who has been believer like unto him who has been ungodly? They are not equal)

My God and my Master! So I ask You by the power You have apportioned

And by the decision which You have determined and imposed and through which

You have overcome him toward whom it has been put into effect,



That You forgive me in this night and at this hour

Every offence I have committed, And every sin I have performed,

And every ugly thing I have concealed. And every folly I have enacted.

Whether I have hidden or announced it, Or I have concealed it or manifested it.

And every evil act which You have commanded the Noble Writers to record,



Those whom You have appointed to watch over what appears from me.

And whom You have made, along with my bodily members, witness against me.

And You was Yourself the Watcher over me from behind them,

And the Witness of what is hidden from them. But through Your mercy You concealed it

And through Your bounty You veiled it.



[And I ask You] that You bestow upon me an abundant share of every good You send down,

Or kindness You confer, Or goodness You unfold,

Or provision You spread out, Or sin You forgive, Or error You cover.

My Lord! My Lord! My Lord!

My God! My Master! My Protector! Owner of my bondage!



O He in whose hand is my forelock!

O He who knows my affliction and my misery!

O He who is aware of my poverty and indigence!

My Lord! My Lord! My Lord!

I ask You by Your Truth and Your Holiness

And the greatest of Your Attributes and Names,



That You make my times in the night and the day

inhabited by Your remembrance And joined to Your service.

And my deeds acceptable to You,

So that my deeds

and my invocations may all be a single invocation.



And my occupation with Your service everlasting.

My Master! O He upon whom I depend!

O He to whom I complain about my states!

My Lord! My Lord! My Lord!

Strengthen my bodily members in Your service,

And fortify my ribs in determination.



And bestow upon me earnestness in my fear of You.

And continuity in my being joined to Your service.

So that I may move easily toward You in the battlefields of the foremost

And hurry to You among the prominent

And desire fervently Your proximity among the fervently desirous



And move nearer to You with the nearness of the sincere

And fear You with the fear of those who have certitude.

And gather with the believers in Your vicinity.

O Allah, whoever desires evil for me, desire [it] for him!

whoever deceives me-deceive him!



## وَاجْعَلْنِي مِنُ أَحَسَنِ عَبِيدِكَ نَصِيبًا عِنْدَكَ فَ

And make me one of the most excellent of Your slaves in Portion from You,

And the nearest of them in station to You And the most elected of them in proximity to You.

For that cannot be attained except by Your bounty. And grant generously to me through Your generosity,

And incline toward me with Your splendour And protect me with Your mercy!

And make my tongue remember You without ceasing.



And my heart enthralled by Your love! And be gracious to me by answering me favourably,

And nullify my slips. And forgive my lapses!

For You have decreed Your worship for Your servants

And commanded them to supplicate You. And assured them that they would be answered.

So toward You, my Lord, I have turned my face.



And toward You, my Lord, I have extended my hand.

So by Your might, comply with my supplication And make me attain my desires!

Do not severe my hoping for Your Favours

And spare me the evil of my enemies from among the jinn and men!

O He, whose pleasure is quickly achieved!



Forgive him who owns nothing but supplication.

For You do what You will.

O He whose Name is a remedy, And whose remembrance is a cure,

And whose obedience is wealth!

Have mercy upon him whose capital is hope.



## وَسِلاَحُهُ الْبُكَآءُ يَاسَابِغَ النِّعَمِ يَادَافِعَ النِّقَمِ

And whose weapon is tears! O Ample in blessings! O Repeller of adversities!

O Light of those who are lonely in the darkness! O Knower who was never taught!

Bless Muhammad and Muhammad's household!

And do with me what is worthy of You!

And Allah bless His messenger and the holy Imams of his household. And give them abundant peace!



