

Angels' Supplication for the Believers

First Khutbah

إِنَّ الْحَمْدَ لِلَّهِ , نَحْمَدُهُ , وَنَسْتَعِينُهُ وَنَسْتَغْفِرُهُ , وَنَعُوذُ بِاللَّهِ مِنْ شُرُورِ أَنْفُسِنَا وَمِنْ سَيِّئَاتِ أَعْمَالِنَا , مَنْ يَهْدِهِ اللَّهُ فَلَا مُضِلَّ لَهُ , وَمَنْ يَضِلَّ فَلَا هَادِيَ لَهُ , وَأَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ وَأَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

Verily, all praise is for Allah. We praise Him, we seek His assistance and we ask for His forgiveness. And we seek refuge in Him from the evils of our selves. Whoever Allah guides, none can misguide. Whoever He misguides, none can guide. And I bear witness that there is no deity other than Allah and I bear witness that Mohammad is His servant and messenger.

(يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا اتَّقُوا اللَّهَ حَقَّ تُقَاتِهِ وَلَا تَمُوتُنَّ إِلَّا وَأَنْتُمْ مُسْلِمُونَ ﴿١٠٢﴾ [آل

عمران:102]

Al Imran(3) 102 : **O you who believe! Fear Allah as He should be feared, and die not except in a state of Islam.**

Oh Believers:

Allah Almighty created the angels from light for His obedience. Among them are those who pray and those who glorify Him. Allah Almighty said:

وَمَنْ عِنْدَهُ لَا يَسْتَكْبِرُونَ عَنْ عِبَادَتِهِ وَلَا يَسْتَحْسِرُونَ * يُسَبِّحُونَ اللَّيْلَ وَالنَّهَارَ لَا يَفْتُرُونَ-

الأنبياء 19-20

Al-Anbya (21) 19-20: **(19) And those near Him [i.e., the angels] are not prevented by arrogance from His worship, nor do they tire. (20) They exalt [Him] night and day [and] do not slacken.**

He designated some of Angels for tasks related to the children of Adam. Among them are the honorable scribes recording deeds. There are those who seek out the gatherings of remembrance of Allah. And there are those who stand at the doors of the masjids on Fridays, recording the attendees in their order of arrival.

The Angels, peace be upon them, are constantly obedient to Allah Almighty, spared from error and disobedience. Allah Almighty said:

لَا يَعْصُونَ اللَّهَ مَا أَمَرَهُمْ وَيَفْعَلُونَ مَا يُؤْمَرُونَ-التَّحْرِيم 6

Tahrim (66) 6: **They do not disobey Allāh in what He commands them but do what they are commanded.**

Since angels, peace be upon them, are obedient to Allah Almighty, they love humans who are obedient to Allah Almighty, honor them, supplicate for them, and give them glad tidings upon their passing with what Allah Almighty has prepared for them. Allah Almighty said:

الَّذِينَ تَتَوَفَّاهُمُ الْمَلَائِكَةُ طَيِّبِينَ يَقُولُونَ سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ ادْخُلُوا الْجَنَّةَ بِمَا كُنْتُمْ تَعْمَلُونَ-

النحل 32

An-Nahl (16) 32: **The ones whom the angels take in death, [being] good and pure; [the angels] will say, "Peace be upon you. Enter Paradise for what you used to do."**

The Angels will receive them on the Day of Resurrection at the gates of Paradise, welcoming them and congratulating them on their places in Paradise. Allah Almighty said:

وَسِيقَ الَّذِينَ اتَّقَوْا رَبَّهُمْ إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ زُمَرًا حَتَّى إِذَا جَاءُوهَا وَفُتِحَتْ أَبْوَابُهَا وَقَالَ لَهُمْ خَزَنَتُهَا

سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ طِبْتُمْ فَادْخُلُوهَا خَالِدِينَ-الزُّمَر 73

Az-Zumar (39) 73: **But those who feared their Lord will be driven to Paradise in groups until, when they reach it while its gates have been opened and its keepers say, "Peace be upon you; you have become pure; so enter it to abide eternally therein," [they will enter].**

And in other verses:

وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يَدْخُلُونَ عَلَيْهِمْ مِنْ كُلِّ بَابٍ * سَلَامٌ عَلَيْكُمْ بِمَا صَبَرْتُمْ فَنِعْمَ عُقْبَى الدَّارِ-

الرعد 23-24

Ar-Ra'd (13) 23-24: **(23) And the angels will enter upon them from every gate, [saying], (24) "Peace [i.e., security] be upon you for what you patiently endured. And excellent is the final home."**

This is only due to the Angels' love for them. The driver for that love is iman (faith) and obedience of Allah Almighty, which brought together the angels and the righteous among humans.

Indeed, the angels, peace be upon them, were honored by Allah Almighty in this world with the highest of stations, entrusted with the noblest of tasks. It is enough an honor for them to be close to Allah Almighty in the highest kingdom. They constantly worship, obey, and glorify Him. Despite this great honor and high rank, the Angels, peace be upon them, out of their love for the believers, their allegiance to them, their closeness to them, seek forgiveness from Allah Almighty for the believers. They supplicate to Him, the Exalted, to forgive and have mercy upon them, to spare them from the causes of His wrath, and to admit them into His Paradise.

What a privilege it is for the believers, and what a status they have before Allah Almighty when He, the Exalted, appoints His closest angels to supplicate and seek forgiveness for them, and even supplicate for their parents, spouses, and offspring to join them. How magnificent is iman (faith) that granted them this lofty status. Allah Almighty said:

الَّذِينَ يَحْمِلُونَ الْعَرْشَ وَمَنْ حَوْلَهُ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَيُؤْمِنُونَ بِهِ وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا رَبَّنَا وَسِعْتَ كُلَّ شَيْءٍ رَحْمَةً وَعِلْمًا فَاغْفِرْ لِلَّذِينَ تَابُوا وَاتَّبَعُوا سَبِيلَكَ وَقِهِمْ عَذَابَ الْجَحِيمِ * رَبَّنَا وَأَدْخِلْهُمْ جَنَّاتٍ عَدْنٍ الَّتِي وَعَدْتَهُمْ وَمَنْ صَلَحَ مِنْ آبَائِهِمْ وَأَزْوَاجِهِمْ وَذُرِّيَّاتِهِمْ إِنَّكَ أَنْتَ الْعَزِيزُ الْحَكِيمُ * وَقِهِمُ السَّيِّئَاتِ وَمَنْ تَقِ السَّيِّئَاتِ يَوْمَئِذٍ فَقَدْ رَحِمْتَهُ وَذَلِكَ هُوَ الْفَوْزُ

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Ghafir (40) 7-9: **(7) Those [angels] who carry the Throne and those around it exalt [Allāh] with praise of their Lord and believe in Him and ask forgiveness for those who have believed, [saying], "Our Lord, You have encompassed all things in mercy and knowledge, so forgive those who have repented and followed Your way and protect them from the punishment of Hellfire. (8) Our Lord, and admit them to gardens of perpetual residence which You have promised them and whoever was righteous among their forefathers, their spouses and their offspring. Indeed, it is You who is the Exalted in Might, the Wise. (9) And protect them from the evil consequences [of their deeds]. And he whom You protect from evil consequences that Day - You will have given him mercy. And that is the great attainment."**

Reflect upon this great supplication by those who carry the Throne and those around it for the believers and what it encompasses of profound meanings. They, peace be upon them, ask Allah Almighty for forgiveness for the believers, protection from Hell, safeguarding them from its causes such as committing sins. And they ask Allah Almighty for Paradise for the believers and for the righteous among their parents, spouses, and offspring.

These noble angels, who seek forgiveness for the believers, are not just any angels, but rather they are the bearers of the Throne and those around it, the closest of angels to Allah Almighty. They have no sins at all. And their seeking forgiveness for the believers and their supplications for them are in the unseen. And the believers would not know about that if Allah Almighty had not informed them. How fortunate are the believers when the bearers of the throne supplicate and ask for forgiveness for them!!

The bond that connects the bearers of the Throne and those around it with the children of Adam on Earth to the point that they invoked this great supplication for them, is the bond of iman (faith) in Allah Exalted. Allah Almighty described the angels as believers:

Ghafir (40) 7: **And believe in Him**

Allah Almighty described the Angels as having iman (faith) and Allah Almighty said about the angels asking forgiveness for the children of Adam:

وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَ لِلَّذِينَ آمَنُوا

Ghafir (40) 7: **And seek forgiveness for those who believe**

For Allah Almighty also described them as having iman (faith). This indicates that the bond between them is iman (faith), which is the greatest bond. So recognize the grace of Allah Almighty upon you for having guided you to iman (faith), and appreciate this great blessing as it deserves, be grateful to Allah Almighty for it and acting in accordance with its requirements.

And in another verse, Allah Almighty informed us of the angels' supplication for forgiveness for His believing servants:

تَكَادُ السَّمَاوَاتُ يَتَفَطَّرْنَ مِنْ فَوْقِهِنَّ وَالْمَلَائِكَةُ يُسَبِّحُونَ بِحَمْدِ رَبِّهِمْ وَيَسْتَغْفِرُونَ لِمَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ أَلَا إِنَّ اللَّهَ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ-الشُّورَى 5

Ash-Shura (42) 5: **The heavens almost break from above them, and the angels exalt [Allāh] with praise of their Lord and ask forgiveness for those on earth. Unquestionably, it is Allāh who is the Forgiving, the Merciful.**

Scholars have mentioned that part of the wisdom of the angels, peace be upon them, asking forgiveness often for the believers is their awareness of the shortcomings and breaches that occur in the believers' acts of worship along with what they commit of sins.

Since supplicating for the believers and seeking forgiveness for them is one of the characteristics and habits of the angels, peace be upon them, they say "Amen" to the supplication that a believer makes for his brother in his absence. Abu Al-Darda', may Allah be pleased with him, narrated that the Prophet ﷺ said:

من دَعَا لِأَخِيهِ بِظَهْرِ الْغَيْبِ قَالَ الْمَلَكُ الْمُوَكَّلُ بِهِ آمِينَ وَلَكَ بِمِثْلِ

Whoever supplicates for his brother in his absence, the angel assigned to him says, 'Amen, and for you the same.' [Muslim 2732b]

Given this is the case the angels, peace be upon them, loving the believers, having allegiance to them, being close and concerned for them to the extent that they supplicate for them; it is fitting for believers to emulate them by showing mutual love and concern for each other, and supplicate for one another. For it is the bond of faith that connects the righteous servants of Allah under and around the Throne with the believers on Earth, despite their vast differences in natures and locations. This should indeed bond the believers among humans who are of the same species and in the same realm. Allah Almighty says:

إِنَّمَا الْمُؤْمِنُونَ إِخْوَةٌ-الحجرات 10

Al-Hujurat (49)10: **The believers are but brothers.**

So, O believers, be to your brothers as the close angels are to you; in love, allegiance, counsel, concern and supplications.

أَقُولُ مَا تَسْمَعُونَ وَأَسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ لِي وَلَكُمْ مِنْ كُلِّ ذَنْبٍ فَاسْتَغْفِرُوهُ إِنَّهُ هُوَ الْغَفُورُ الرَّحِيمُ

I say what you have heard and I seek forgiveness from Allah for me and you from every sin. So seek forgiveness from Him, Verily He is Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful.

Second Khutbah

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ, وَالصَّلَاةُ وَالسَّلَامُ عَلَى رَسُولِ اللَّهِ, وَ أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ
وَأَشْهَدُ أَنَّ مُحَمَّدًا عَبْدُهُ وَرَسُولُهُ

All praise is to Allah, and peace and blessings upon the Messenger of Allah, and I bear witness that there is no deity other than Allah and I bear witness that Mohammad is His slave and messenger.

Oh people:

Indeed, the close angels, peace be upon them, seek forgiveness for all believers and supplicate for them. There are righteous deeds that draw the supplications of the angels for the believers. The Prophet ﷺ guided his community to those righteous deeds so that they may hasten to them and receive the supplications of the angels.

Among these righteous deeds is staying in the place of prayer before and after the prayer. Abu Huraira, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

المَلَائِكَةُ تُصَلِّي عَلَى أَحَدِكُمْ مَا دَامَ فِي مُصَلَّاهُ الَّذِي صَلَّى فِيهِ مَا لَمْ يُحَدِّثْ تَقُولُ اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لَهُ اللَّهُمَّ ارْحَمْهُ

The Angels invoke blessings upon one of you as long as he stays in his place of prayer, as long as he does not break his wudu'. They say: 'O Allah, forgive him, O Allah, have mercy on him'. [Bukhari 445 and Muslim 649h]

It has been narrated in several hadiths that Allah and His angels invoke blessings upon those who complete the rows of prayer, those in the first row, those who eat Suhoor for fasting. And whoever visits a sick person in the morning, seventy thousand angels invoke blessings upon them until the evening. And whoever visits in the evening, seventy thousand angels invoke blessings upon them until morning.

Whoever sleeps in a state of purity, an angel is assigned to seek forgiveness for them all night. As Ibn Umar, may Allah be pleased with him, reported that the Messenger of Allah ﷺ said:

طَهَّرُوا هَذِهِ الْأَجْسَادَ طَهَّرَكُمُ اللَّهُ فَإِنَّهُ لَيْسَ عَبْدٌ يَبِيتُ طَاهِرًا إِلَّا بَاتَ مَعَهُ مَلَكٌ فِي شِعَارِهِ لَا يَنْقَلِبُ سَاعَةً مِنَ اللَّيْلِ إِلَّا قَالَ: اللَّهُمَّ اغْفِرْ لِعَبْدِكَ فَإِنَّهُ بَاتَ طَاهِرًا

Purify these bodies and Allah will purify you. For there is no servant who sleeps in purity except that an angel stays with him. Every time he turns

over at night, the angel says: 'O Allah, forgive Your servant, for he went to bed in a state of purity'. [Al-Tabarani 12/446, Grade: Hasan (Albani)]

One of the reasons for inviting the mercy of the angels, peace be upon them, is for a Muslim to have mercy upon others. And the angels' mercy upon someone is a reason for them seeking forgiveness and supplicating for them. As stated in the hadith:

ارْحَمْ مَنْ فِي الْأَرْضِ يَرْحَمَكَ مَنْ فِي السَّمَاءِ

Show mercy to those on earth, and the One in heaven will show mercy to you. [Abu Dawood 4941, Grade: Hasan]

And in another wording:

ارْحَمُوا أَهْلَ الْأَرْضِ يَرْحَمُكُمْ أَهْلُ السَّمَاءِ

Show mercy to those on earth, the ones in heaven will show mercy to you. [Al Hakem 7480, Grade: Sahih]

And the ones in heaven are the angels as explained by the commentators of the hadith.

All of these are great doors of goodness. Whoever enters all of them has the greatest share of the angels supplicating and seeking forgiveness for them. And whoever implements some of them, the angels will supplicate and seek forgiveness for them in accordance to what they realized. And whoever neglects all of them, has deprived themselves of much good. We ask Allah Almighty to increase us in iman (faith) and shower us with His mercy. Indeed Allah is All Hearing, Answering.

هَذَا وَصَلُّوا وَسَلِّمُوا عَلَى نَبِيِّكُمْ كَمَا أَمَرَكُمْ بِذَلِكَ رَبُّكُمْ , فَقَالَ

I conclude with this and send prayers of blessings and peace upon your Prophet as your Lord commanded:

إِنَّ اللَّهَ وَمَلَائِكَتَهُ يُصَلُّونَ عَلَى النَّبِيِّ يَا أَيُّهَا الَّذِينَ آمَنُوا صَلُّوا عَلَيْهِ وَسَلِّمُوا تَسْلِيمًا

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Al Ahzaab (33) 56: Indeed, Allah confers blessing upon the Prophet, and His angels [ask Him to do so]. O you who have believed, ask [Allah to confer] blessing upon him and ask [Allah to grant him] peace.

اللَّهُمَّ اهْدِنَا فِيْمَنْ هَدَيْتَ وَعَافِنَا فِيْمَنْ عَافَيْتَ وَتَوَلَّنَا فِيْمَنْ تَوَلَّيْتَ وَبَارِكْ لَنَا فِيْمَا
أَعْطَيْتَ وَقِنَا شَرَّ مَا قَضَيْتَ إِنَّكَ تَقْضِي وَلَا يُقْضَى عَلَيْكَ وَإِنَّهُ لَا يَذِلُّ مَنْ وَالَيْتَ
تَبَارَكْتَ رَبَّنَا وَتَعَالَيْتَ

O Allah, guide us with those whom You have guided, grant us well-being among those You have granted well-being, be an ally to us along with those whom You are an ally to, and bless what You have bestowed upon us, and save us from the evil of what You have decreed. For verily You decree and none can decree over You. He whom You support can never be humiliated. Glory is to You, our Lord, You are Blessed and Exalted.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنَ الْخَيْرِ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنَا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ
مِنَ الشَّرِّ كُلِّهِ عَاجِلِهِ وَآجِلِهِ مَا عَلِمْنَا مِنْهُ وَمَا لَمْ نَعْلَمْ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ مَا
سَأَلَكَ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا عَاذَ بِهِ عَبْدُكَ وَنَبِيُّكَ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّا نَسْأَلُكَ
الْجَنَّةَ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ عَمَلٍ وَنَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنَ النَّارِ وَمَا قَرَّبَ إِلَيْهَا مِنْ قَوْلٍ أَوْ
عَمَلٍ وَنَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تَجْعَلَ كُلَّ قَضَاءٍ قَضَيْتَهُ لَنَا خَيْرًا

O Allah, We ask You for all that is good, in this world and in the Hereafter, what we know and what we do not know. O Allah, we seek refuge with You from all evil, in this world and in the Hereafter, what we know and what we do not know. O Allah, we ask You for the good that Your servant and

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Prophet has asked You for, and we seek refuge with You from the evil from which Your servant and Prophet sought refuge. O Allah, we ask You for Paradise and for that which brings one closer to it, in word and deed, and we seek refuge in You from Hell and from that which brings one closer to it, in word and deed. And we ask You to make every decree that You decree concerning us good.

عِبَادَ اللَّهِ، إِنَّ اللَّهَ يَأْمُرُ بِالْعَدْلِ وَالْإِحْسَانِ وَإِيتَاءِ ذِي الْقُرْبَىٰ وَيَنْهَىٰ عَنِ الْفَحْشَاءِ
وَالْمُنْكَرِ وَالْبَغْيِ، يَعْظُمُ لِعَلَّكُمْ تَذَكَّرُونَ

Servants of Allah. Indeed, Allah orders justice and good conduct and giving to relatives and forbids immorality and bad conduct and oppression. He admonishes you that perhaps you will be reminded.

أذْكُرُوا اللَّهَ الْعَظِيمَ يَذْكُرْكُمْ وَاشْكُرُوا يَزِدْكُمْ وَاسْتَغْفِرُوا يُغْفِرْ لَكُمْ وَاتَّقُوا يَجْعَلْ
لَكُمْ مِنْ أَمْرِكُمْ مَخْرَجًا ، وَأَقِمِ الصَّلَاةَ

Remember Allah, the Great - He will remember you. Thank Him for His favors - He will increase you therein. And seek forgiveness from Him - He will forgive you. And be conscious of Him - He will provide you a way out of difficult matters. And, establish the prayer.