

FRIDAY KHUTBA OF TOKYO CAMII

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EXAMPLE DUAS OF OUR PROPHET

Dear Mumins!

Today we are going to cite importance of the pray (**dua**) in the life of the Prophet (s.a.w.) and dua examples emanated from him. As it is known the pray is an invocation from man to the Lord (Rab), a natural need, and one of the significant indications showing that the person believes in Allah.¹

There are a great many examples and instructions about dua in the hadiths of the Prophet (s.a.w.). He decreed "*Dua is the very essence of worship*"² and prayed in every occasion, and demanded the companions to pray for Him as well.



Esteemed Mumins!

The Prophet (s.a.w.) used to pray to His Lord at every opportunity. He used to pray for both dead and living ones. He used to pray at the light of day and at the dark of night, while it rains, when the sun or the moon was eclipsed, at the time of drought, during war as well as peace, and while travelling. Briefly He used to never forget His Lord, and his tongue used to never omit to recall Him.

When He wore new clothing, He used to pray saying as: "*O Allah, praise be to you! You have clothed me. I ask You for its good and the good of that for which it was made*"³ He used to supplicate, by opening his hands to Allah (s.w.t.) for protecting from tricks and deceptions of Nafs: "*Do not leave me, O Allah, in my nafs even in the twinkling of an eye...*"

When He laid down on the bed, He used to pray the Lord, in a full submission saying as: "*O Allah! I have surrendered myself over to you and have turned my face towards You, and leave all my affairs to You and depend on You and put my trust in You...*"⁴

When the Prophet (s.a.w.) woke up from sleep at mornings, He used to give

thanks to the Lord who wakened from sleep which is a kind of death as follows: "*Praise be to Allah who gave us life after giving us death and to Him is our raising up.*"⁵ Again while He taught his ummah how to repent just after a sin, He was saying the following sentences: "*O Allah, I have done much wrong to myself. There is none to forgive the sins but You only. Grant me pardon from Yourself, have mercy upon me for You are much Forgiving and Compassionate.*"⁶

Our Master (s.a.w.) used to include the patients in His duas and wish recovery (shifa) for them as well.

Briefly, Dear Congregation, the Prophet (s.a.w.) conducted His mission of prophethood without neglecting anything in performing what He had to on a side... He also confessed His inability and need towards His Lord, as it is seen in contents of these duas, on the other side, and supplicated, in a meaning, saying as: "*O my Lord! I did my best. And I opened my hands for what I could not do.*"

I am finishing my khutba with the translation of a verse, which expresses nearness and mercy of Our Exalted Lord onto us. He (s.w.t.) ordains addressing to our Master (s.a.w.) as the following: "***When My slave ask you (O Muhammad) concerning Me, then (answer them), I am indeed near (to them). I respond to the invocations of the supplicant when he calls on Me. So let them obey Me and believe in Me, so that they may be led aright.***"⁷

¹ Al-Kahf, 18/28.

² Tirmidhî, Daawât, 1.

³ Abû Dâwûd, Libâs, 1.

⁴ Bukhari, Tawhed, 34.

⁵ Bukhari, Daawât, 7.

⁶ Bukhari, Azan, 149; Muslim, Dhikr, 48.

⁷ Al-Baqarah, 2/186.