

Salat al-Tanjeena (Prayer of Deliverance)

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وَتَقْضِي لَنَا بِهَا جَمِيعَ الْحَاجَاتِ ❁ وَتُطَهِّرُنَا بِهَا مِنْ جَمِيعِ السَّيِّئَاتِ ❁
وَتَرْفَعُنَا بِهَا عِنْدَكَ أَعْلَى الدَّرَجَاتِ ❁ وَتُبَلِّغُنَا بِهَا أَقْصَى الْغَايَاتِ ❁
مِنْ جَمِيعِ الْخَيْرَاتِ ❁ فِي الْحَيَاةِ وَبَعْدَ الْمَمَاتِ

Allāhumma ṣalli ‘ala Sayyidinā Muḥammadin ṣalātan tunjīnā bihā min jamī‘i l-ahwāli wa l-āfāt(i), wa taqḍī lanā bihā jamī‘i l-ḥājāt(i), wa tuṭahhirunā bihā min jamī‘i s-sayyi‘āt(i), wa tarfa‘unā bihā ‘indaka ā‘lā d-darajāt(i), wa tuballighunā bihā aqṣā l-ghāyāt(i), min jamī‘i l-khayrāt(i), fī l-ḥayāti wa ba‘da l-mamāt(i).

○ Allah, send upon our master Muhammad a prayer through which You deliver us from all terrors and tribulations; and through which You fulfil for us every need; and through which You purify us from every sin; and through which You raise us to the loftiest of degrees in Your Presence; and through which You cause us to reach the furthest limit, in all forms of goodness, in this life and after death.

Line by Line

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Allahumma ṣalli ‘ala Sayyidinā Muḥammadin ṣalātan tunjīnā bihā min jamī‘i l-ahwāli
wa l-āfāt(i)

○ Allah, send upon our master Muhammad a prayer through which You deliver us from all
terrors and tribulations

وَتَقْضِي لَنَا بِهَا جَمِيعَ الْحَاجَاتِ

wa taqḍī lanā bihā jamī‘i l-ḥājāt(i)
and through which You fulfil for us every need

وَتُطَهِّرُنَا بِهَا مِنْ جَمِيعِ السَّيِّئَاتِ

wa tuṭāhhirunā bihā min jamī‘i s-sayyi‘āt(i)
and through which You purify us from every sin

وَتَرْفَعُنَا بِهَا عِنْدَكَ أَعْلَى الدَّرَجَاتِ

wa tarfa‘unā bihā ‘indaka ā‘lā d-darajāt(i)
and through which You raise us to the loftiest of degrees in Your Presence

وَتُبَلِّغُنَا بِهَا أَقْصَى الْغَايَاتِ

wa tuballighunā bihā aqṣā l-ghāyāt(i)
and through which You cause us to reach the furthest limit

مِنْ جَمِيعِ الْخَيْرَاتِ

min jamī‘i l-khayrāt(i)
in all forms of goodness

فِي الْحَيَاةِ وَبَعْدَ الْمَمَاتِ

fi l-ḥayāti wa ba‘da l-mamāt(i)
in this life and after death.

About this Prayer

Salat al-Tanjeena (Arabic: صلاة التجينا; the Prayer of Deliverance) or Salat al-Munjiyya (Arabic: صلاة المنجية; the Prayer of Rescue), commonly known as Durood Tanjeena in South Asia and Shalawat Munjiyat in the Far East is widely known and powerful prayer upon the Prophet ﷺ transmitted by Shaykh Musa al-Darir.

Shaykh Umar ibn Ali ibn Salim al-Fakahani (d. 734 AH/1134 CE) relates directly from Shaykh Musa al-Darir in his book *Fajr al-Munir* of how the prayer was revealed. Shaykh Musa said:

“I was once riding upon a ship in the sea and we were assailed a powerful tempest they had called the Capsizer (*al-iqlabiyya*) and which seldom left behind survivors who did not drown. As we were battling against the fierce winds I was overcome by sleep.

In my sleep I saw the Prophet ﷺ and he said to me, ‘Tell the passengers in the ship to say the following 1000 times: Allahumma ṣalli ‘ala Sayyidinā Muḥammadin ṣalātan tunjīnā bihā...’

When I had awoken I told the other passengers what I had seen, and by the time we had recited the supplication 300 times, the tempest — by the blessings of prayers upon the Prophet ﷺ — had settled.”

The rendition of Salat al-Tanjeena that appears above is the original version that was revealed by the Prophet ﷺ to Shaykh Musa al-Darir. Over the years, versions with slight variations and additions have appeared. The erudite hadith master Ahmad al-Utaridi, as reported by Sayyid Muhammad Effendi Abidin, said that the following phrase was added to the end of the prayer by al-Arif al-Akbar:

يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ يَا اللَّهُ

Yā arḥama r-rāḥimīn, Ya Allāh

O Most Merciful of the Merciful, O Allah.

The Turkish Shaykh and gnostic Muhammad Haqqi Effendi al-Nazili (d. 1301 AH/1884 CE) in his book *Khazinat al-Asrar (Treasure Trove of Secrets)* writes: “It is better to make mention of the Prophetic household in the prayer (i.e. start the prayer with Allahumma ṣalli ‘ala Sayyidinā Muḥammadin wa ‘alā āli ‘ala Sayyidinā Muḥammadin ṣalātan tunjīnā bihā...) as the Prophet ﷺ said that it is more complete and more potent in eliciting a swift answer.” The version of the prayer mentioned by Shaykh al-Akbar Muhyiddin ibn Arabi also includes the Prophetic household.

Salat al-Tanjeena appears in the famous Dala’il al-Khayrat composed by Imam al-Jazuli, specifically in the *hizb* that is recited on Wednesday. Shaykh Hasan ibn Ali al-Aswani, in his exposition of Dala’il al-Khayrat, mentions: “Anyone who invokes with this prayer **1000 times** during an adversity or unforeseen difficulty will be delivered by Allah from it, and Allah will cause him to realise his wishes.”

It is further mentioned that: “Anyone who invokes with this prayer frequently during the outbreak of a plague will be safe from it, and anyone who invokes with it frequently when embarking on the sea will be safe from drowning.”

Muhyiddin ibn Arabi says: “It is one of the treasures of the *arsh* (throne). One who supplicates with this prayer **1000 times** in the midst of the night for any desire — be it for this world or the next — Allah will fulfil their desire. It will be answered more swiftly than a flash of lightning.”

He further said: “Its secrets should remain hidden and not be mentioned to those who would not understand them.”

One of the gnostics also said: “anyone who reads it **500 times** will attain whatever he wishes of profit and wealth, Allah willing. It is tried and tested and true for all of those situations.”

Shaykh Muhammad Haqqi Effendi al-Nazili adds: “This salutation has been recited in various numbers up to **4000** (in another version **12,000**). Every group recites it according to what they find effective. People have found its benefits and secrets accordingly, and have witnessed relief from difficulties and in the attainment of their goals...”

Shaykh Ahmad al-Buni and Imam al-Jazuli have both mentioned the benefits and subtleties of this salutation, but they did not reveal its secrets, being wary of allowing them to fall into the hands of the ignorant.

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