

Salat al-Tibbiyya (the Prayer of Medicine)

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وَشِفَائِهَا ❀ وَنُورِ الْأَبْصَارِ وَضِيَائِهَا ❀ وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

Allāhumma ṣalli ‘alā Sayyidinā Muḥammadin ṭibbi l-qulūbi wa dawā’iha, wa ‘āfiyati l-abdāni wa shifā’iha, wa nūri l-abṣāri wa ḍiyā’iha, wa ‘alā ālihi wa ṣaḥbihi wa sallim.

○ Allah, send prayers and peace upon our Master Muhammad, the medicine of hearts and their treatment, the soundness of bodies and their cure, the light of vision and its illumination, and [send blessings] upon his family and his Companions.

Version 2

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وَشِفَائِهَا ❀ وَقُوتِ الْأَرْوَاحِ وَغَذَائِهَا ❀ وَنُورِ الْأَبْصَارِ وَضِيَائِهَا ❀ وَعَلَى آلِهِ
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Allāhumma ṣalli ‘alā Sayyidinā Muḥammadin ṭibbi l-qulūbi wa dawā’iha, wa ‘āfiyati l-abdāni wa shifā’iha, wa qūti l-arwāḥi wa ghadha’iha, wa nūri l-abṣāri wa ḍiyā’iha, wa ‘alā ālihi wa ṣaḥbihi wa sallim.

○ Allah, send prayers and peace upon our Master Muhammad, the medicine of hearts and their treatment, the soundness of bodies and their cure, the sustenance of souls and their nourishment, the light of vision and its illumination, and [send blessings] upon his family and his Companions.

Version 3

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ وَبَارِكْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ طِبِّ الْقُلُوبِ وَدَوَائِهَا ❁ وَعَافِيَةَ
الْأَبْدَانِ وَشِفَائِهَا ❁ وَنُورِ الْأَبْصَارِ وَضِيَائِهَا ❁ وَرُوحِ الْأَرْوَاحِ وَسِرِّ بَقَائِهَا

Allāhumma ṣalli wa sallim wa bārik ‘alā Sayyidinā Muḥammadin ṭibbi l-qulūbi wa dawā'iha, wa ‘āfiyati l-abdāni wa shifā'iha, wa nūri l-abṣāri wa ḍiyā'iha, wa rūḥi l-arwāḥi wa sirri baqā'iha.

O Allah, send prayers, peace and blessings upon our Master Muhammad, the medicine of hearts and their treatment, the soundness of bodies and their cure, the light of vision and its illumination, the spirit of all spirits and the secret of their endurance.

Line by Line

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Allāhumma ṣalli ‘alā Sayyidinā Muḥammadin ṭibbi l-qulūbi wa dawā'iha

O Allah, send prayers and peace upon our Master Muhammad, the medicine of hearts and their treatment

وَعَافِيَةَ الْأَبْدَانِ وَشِفَائِهَا

wa ‘āfiyati l-abdāni wa shifā'iha
the soundness of bodies and their cure

وَنُورِ الْأَبْصَارِ وَضِيَائِهَا

wa nūri l-abṣāri wa ḍiyā'iha
the light of vision and its illumination

وَعَلَى آلِهِ وَصَحْبِهِ وَسَلِّمْ

wa ‘alā ālihi wa ṣaḥbihi wa sallim
and [send blessings] upon his family and his Companions.

About this Prayer

Salat al-Tibbiyya (Arabic: صلاة الطبية; The Prayer of Medicine) or Salat al-Tibb al-Quloob (Arabic: صلاة طب القلوب; The Prayer of the Medicine of Hearts) is a prayer of inward and outward healing. **Reciting this prayer will cure spiritual and physical illness by the permission of Allah the Exalted.** It is commonly known as Durood-e-Shifa al-Quloob in the Indian subcontinent and Sholawat Tibbil Qulub in Far East Asia.

This prayer should be read **2,000 times for any illness.** It is also mentioned that it can be read **400 times.** By the permission of Allah, the illness will be cured.

Salat al-Tibbiyya is known to cure eye disorders and diseases. For this reason, this prayer is also referred to as Salat Nur al-Absar (Arabic: صلاة نور الأبصار; The Prayer of the Light of Vision). Habib Ahmad bin Hasan al-Attas (d. 1334 AH/1916 CE), a saintly scholar from Harida, Yemen, writes the following about this prayer in his works:

A visually impaired man complained to my master, may Allah be pleased with him, so he wiped over his eyes and ordered him to recite Salat Nur al-Absar [Salat al-Tibbiyya] in abundance. Habib Muhammad bin Zayn Ba Aboud informed me that he [the man] said: "I took my eye complaint to Habib Saleh bin Abdullah al-Attas who wiped over my eyes and said, 'Recite **300 salawat** upon the Prophet ﷺ every day with the following formula: *Allāhumma ṣalli 'alā Sayyidinā Muḥammadin ṭibbi l-qulūbi wa dawā'iha, wa 'āfiyati l-abdāni wa shifā'iha, wa qūti l-arwāḥi wa ghadha'iha, wa nūri l-abṣāri wa ḍiyā'iha, wa 'alā ālihi wa ṣaḥbihi wa sallim.*' He said, '**my vision returned to its former state.**'"

Shaykh Moulay Ahmad bin al-Ma'mun al-Balghithi (d. 1348 AH/1929 CE), may Allah have mercy on him, a saintly Maliki scholar from Fes, Morocco said: "Our Shaykh Sidi Abu al-Abbas Ahmad bin al-Arabi bin Umar al-Meknasi gave me permission to recite this prayer. He said: 'It should be recited **315 times to avert heart disease.**' When I took it, I asked him: 'Is it meant for physical heart disease or for the spiritual heart?' He told me: 'It applies to all.' Our Shaykh Abu Abdullah Junoun, may Allah have mercy on him, mentioned in *t'aleeqah 'ala al-muwatta* that it [recital of the prayer] **averts the plague.**"

His Eminence Dr. Shaykh Wahbah al-Zuhaili (d. 1436 AH/2015 CE), may Allah have mercy on him, was asked: "Does prayer on the Prophet ﷺ help to heal, God willing?"

The Shaykh said: "*Allāhumma ṣalli 'alā Sayyidinā Muḥammadin ṭibbi l-qulūbi wa dawā'iha, wa 'āfiyati l-abdāni wa shifā'iha, wa nūri l-abṣāri wa ḍiyā'iha, wa 'alā ālihi wa ṣaḥbihi wa sallim.* Shaykh Hashim Al-Khatib taught us to place your hand on your right temple and with a submissive heart, **recite this prayer 10 times. Healing will take place, God Almighty willing, and this is tried and tested. I do this and I do not need medicine.**"

Some scholars have said: "As for their number, it is **100 times daily in the morning after the Fajr prayer, 100 times in the evening after the Asr prayer, and 100 times before the Maghrib prayer.** It has a wondrous effect in treating heart disease and many other diseases. Whoever recites it **7 times over water** [and drinks it] experiences astonishing results. It is tried and tested in treating all diseases, God Almighty willing."

Following is another amazing account about the wondrous effects of this prayer. In the year 1966, Shaykh Sulayman Abdu Rabbihi al-Qalyubi, may Allah have mercy upon him said:

“By the will of Allah, I was afflicted with a terrible neurological illness so I went to the doctors and they said to me: “You only have 1% chance of survival!” I then left, performed wudhu and went to my place of seclusion. I persisted in my invoking salutations upon the Prophet ﷺ, saying: *Allāhumma ṣalli wa sallim wa bārik ‘alā Sayyidinā Muḥammadin ṭibbi l-qulūbi wa dawā’iha, wa ‘āfiyati l-abdāni wa shifā’iha, wa nūri l-abṣāri wa ḍiyā’iha.* Before the time of Fajr, I felt the coolness of his [the Prophet’s ﷺ] blessed hand upon my head, and he ﷺ said to me, ‘My son, say: *wa rūḥi l-arwāḥi wa sirri baqā’iha.*’ **Thereafter, I went to the doctors and they were astonished by my recovery.** Amongst the doctors was a non-Muslim man. When I related my story to him, he said: ‘I testify that there is no god but Allah and Muhammad ﷺ is the messenger of Allah.’”