

Salutation of Help

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ وَسَلِّمْ عَلَى سَيِّدِنَا مُحَمَّدٍ ❁ قَدْ ضَاقتْ حِيلَتِي أَذْرِكُنِي يَا رَسُولَ اللَّهِ ❁

Allāhumma ṣalli wa sallim ‘alā Sayyidinā Muḥammadin, qad ḍāqat ḥīlatī adriknī yā rasūla Llāh.

O Allah, send prayers and peace upon our master Muhammad. My situation has become weak - come to my aid, O Messenger of Allah!

About this Prayer

One of the immense benefits of regularly reciting this prayer is receiving help from the Prophet ﷺ in times of difficulty. It has been used by many of the scholars and the pious in times of hardship and need.

The salutation was received by the Mufti of Damascus, Shaykh Hamid Effendi al-Imadi directly from the Prophet ﷺ. It was transmitted by Sayyid Muhammad Amin, better known as Ibn Abidin al-Shami (d. 1836 CE / 1252 AH), a prominent Ottoman Hanafi jurist from Damascus, with a chain of narration. He is well known for his authoritative work of Hanafi jurisprudence, Radd al-Muhtar.

Ibn Abidin records in his *thabat*, on the authority of his teacher Sayyid Muhammad Shakir al-Aqqad, who reported on the authority of the pious servant Shaykh Ahmad al-Halabi of Damascus, who reported on the authority of the Mufti of Damascus, the erudite Hamid Effendi al-Imadi, who said that once a government minister in Damascus wanted to punish him, so he spent the night in extreme worry and distress. That very night he saw our master the Messenger of Allah ﷺ in his dream. The Messenger of Allah ﷺ eased his worries and taught him this formula. He ﷺ said that if he reads it Allah will relieve him of his difficulty. After he woke up, he began reading this prayer. He had not repeated it more than two hundred times when a man suddenly came and informed him that the tribulation had been lifted. By the Prophet’s blessings ﷺ, Allah relieved him of his difficulty.

The nineteenth century Turkish Shaykh and gnostic Muhammad Haqqi Effendi al-Nazili (d. 1301 AH/1884 CE) mentions some of the virtues of this salutation. He said that he asked his Shaykh for a litany which would increase him in knowledge, grant him closeness to Allah and a connection to the Messenger of Allah ﷺ. So his Shaykh taught him Ayat ul-Kursi [Quran 2:255] and this salutation. He told him that regularly reciting this salutation will result in receiving knowledge and secrets directly from the Prophet ﷺ, so much so that he will be spiritually under his personal care. He said this is something that has been tried and tested.

This salutation should be read 100 to 300 times daily.

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