

DUA BEFORE LEAVING THE HOUSE

These are eight supplicatory prayers to be advisably said before one leaves his house:

First: Imam al-Sadiq (‘a) is reported to have said: When one intends to leave his house, he may say the following words just before he leaves. If he does, he will be kept under the custody of Almighty Allah until He returns him to the place he has left:

Repeat the following word three times:

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ-

Then, repeat the following statement three times:

بِاللَّهِ أَخْرُجُ وَبِاللَّهِ أَدْخُلُ وَعَلَى اللَّهِ أَتَوَكَّلُ-

Then, say the following supplicatory statement, yet one time only:

اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ لِي فِي وَجْهِ هَذَا بِخَيْرٍ وَاخْتِمْ لِي بِخَيْرٍ وَقِنِي
شَرَّ كُلِّ دَابَّةٍ أَنْتَ آخِذٌ بِنَاصِيَّتِهَا إِنَّ رَبِّي عَلَى صِرَاطٍ
مُسْتَقِيمٍ-

Second: Imam al-Sajjad (‘a) is reported to have said: At the door of your house just before you leave it, you may say the following words:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ أَمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَتَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ-

Third: Imam al-Baqir (‘a) is reported to have said: Whoever says the following statement when he leaves his house, Almighty Allah will save him from whatever of his this-worldly and otherworldly affairs that concern him:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ حَسْبِيَ اللَّهُ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ
خَيْرَ أُمُورِي كُلِّهَا وَ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ خَيْرِ الدُّنْيَا وَ عَذَابِ
الْآخِرَةِ-

Fourth: Imam al-Sadiq (‘a) is reported to have said: Whenever you leave your house, you are advised to say the following supplicatory prayer:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ اللَّهُمَّ
إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ خَيْرَ مَا خَرَجْتُ لَهُ وَ أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ شَرِّ مَا
خَرَجْتُ لَهُ اللَّهُمَّ أَوْسِعْ عَلَيَّ مِنْ فَضْلِكَ وَ أَتِمِّمْ عَلَيَّ
نِعْمَتَكَ وَ اسْتَعْبِلْنِي فِي طَاعَتِكَ وَ اجْعَلْ رَغْبَتِي فِيمَا
عِنْدَكَ وَ تَوَفَّنِي عَلَى مِلَّتِكَ وَ مِلَّةَ رَسُولِكَ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَ
آلِهِ-

Fifth: Imam al-Rida (‘a) is reported to have said: My father (‘a) used to say the following words whenever he would leave his house:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ خَرَجْتُ بِحَوْلِ اللَّهِ وَقُوَّتِهِ
 لَا بِحَوْلٍ مِنِّي وَلَا قُوَّةٍ بَلْ بِحَوْلِكَ وَقُوَّتِكَ يَا رَبِّ
 مُتَعَرِّضًا لِرِزْقِكَ فَأَتِنِّي بِهِ فِي عَافِيَةٍ-

Sixth: Imam al-Sadiq (‘a) is reported to have said, “Whoever repeats Surah al-Tawhid ten times before he leaves his house, will be kept under the safeguard and protection of Almighty Allah until he returns home.”

Seventh: Imam Abu’l-Hasan Musa (‘a) is reported to have said: When you intend to travel, you may stop at the door of your house and recite Surah al-Fatihah (No. 1) in front of you as well as to your right and left sides. You may also recite Surah al-Tawhid, Surah al-Falaq (No. 113), and Surah al-Nas (No. 114). You may then say the following supplicatory prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ احْفَظْنِي وَاحْفَظْ مَا مَعِيَ وَ سَلِّمْنِي وَ سَلِّمْ مَا مَعِيَ وَ
 بَلِّغْنِي وَ بَلِّغْ مَا مَعِيَ بِلَاغًا حَسَنًا-

Eighth: Imam Musa al-Kazim (‘a) is also reported to have said: Whenever you leave your house, whether going on a journey or going to a certain place in your city, you may say the following words:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ أَمَنْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ مَا شَاءَ اللَّهُ لَا
 حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ-