

VIRTUES OF THE "EFFECTIVE VENERATION"

Twelfth: Al-Barqi, through an authenticated narration, reported Imam al-Sadiq(a.s.) as saying, "Whoever repeats ten times the following statement after accomplishing his prayer and before moving his knees from their position, Almighty Allah will erase forty million of his sins, record for him forty million rewards, and he will be regarded as having recited the Holy Qur'an entirely twelve times." The Imam (a.s.) then turned his face towards the reporter and said, "As to me, I do not move my knees before I repeat this statement one hundred times. As to you, you may say it ten times only."

The statement is the following:

أَشْهَدُ أَنْ لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَحْدَهُ لَا شَرِيكَ لَهُ إِلَهًا وَاحِدًا
أَحَدًا صَدَدًا لَمْ يَتَّخِذْ صَاحِبَةً وَلَا وَكْدًا -

Very much more merits have been reported for uttering this statement of professing Almighty Allah being the One and Only God (i.e. Tahlil), especially after the dawn (fajr) and Evening Prayers and at sunrise and sunset.

Thirteenth: Al-Kulayni, Ibn Baabwayh, and others have reported through authentic chains of authority that Imam al-Sadiq(a.s.) said, "Archangel Gabriel came to Prophet Joseph (a.s.) who was in the prison and taught him to say the following supplicatory prayer after each prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ لِي فَرْجًا وَمَخْرَجًا وَارْزُقْنِي مِنْ حَيْثُ
أَحْتَسِبُ وَمِنْ حَيْثُ لَا أَحْتَسِبُ۔

Fourteenth: It is mentioned in the book of al-Balad al-Amin that the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "He who wishes that Almighty Allah will not stop him on the Resurrection Day for the evil deeds that he has done and that Almighty Allah will not open his record of deeds, may say this supplicatory prayer after every ritual prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ مَغْفِرَتَكَ أَرْجَى مِنْ عَمَلِي وَإِنَّ رَحْمَتَكَ أَوْسَعُ
مِنْ ذَنْبِي اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ كَانَ ذَنْبِي عِنْدَكَ عَظِيمًا فَعَفُوكَ
أَعْظَمُ مِنْ ذَنْبِي اللَّهُمَّ إِنْ لَمْ أَكُنْ أَهْلًا أَنْ تَرْحَمَنِي
فَرَحْمَتِكَ أَهْلٌ أَنْ تَبْلُغَنِي وَتَسَعِنِي لِأَنَّهَا وَسِعَتْ كُلَّ
شَيْءٍ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ۔

Fifteenth: Al-Kaf'ami reports that a man complained to the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) about his ailment and poverty. The Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) therefore taught him to say the following statement after the obligatory prayers:

تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى الْحَيِّ الَّذِي لَا يَمُوتُ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ الَّذِي لَمْ
يَتَّخِذْ صَاحِبَةً وَلَا وَلَدًا وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ شَرِيكٌ فِي الْمُلْكِ
وَلَمْ يَكُنْ لَهُ وِليٌّ مِنَ الذُّلِّ وَكَبْرُهُ تَكْبِيرًا-

According to another report, the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) said, "Whenever a tribulation afflicted me, Archangel Gabriel would come to me and instruct me to say these words."

According to other validly reported traditions, this doxology (zikr) may be repeated for fending off evil inspirations, settling debts, and saving from poverty.

According to other traditions, the following statement precedes the doxology (zikr) involved:

لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ-

Sixteenth: In his book of al-Muqni'ah, Shaykh al-Mufid has mentioned the following supplicatory prayer to be said after every prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ انْفَعْنَا بِالْعِلْمِ وَزَيِّنَّا بِالْحِلْمِ وَجَبِّلْنَا بِالْعَافِيَةِ
وَكَرِّمْنَا بِالتَّقْوَى إِنَّ وِليَّيَ اللهُ الَّذِي نَزَلَ الْكِتَابَ وَهُوَ
يَتَوَلَّى الصَّالِحِينَ-