

DUA FOR LONGEVITY

Twenty-first: Sayyid Ibn Tawus, through a valid chain of authority, has reported the following incident from Jamil ibn Darraj:

A man visited Imam al-Sadiq(a.s.) and said, "My master, I have become old aged, my relatives have all died, and I fear lest death will come upon me while I have no one to entertain me and to whom I may refer."

The Imam (a.s.) answered, "Some of your brothers-in-faith are closer to you than relatives and you can find with them entertainment more pleasant than that which you may find with your relatives. However, if you wish that you and your relatives will live longer, you must say the following supplicatory prayer after each ritual prayer:

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ اللَّهُمَّ إِنَّ رَسُوكَ
الصَّادِقَ الْمُصَدِّقَ صَلَوَاتِكَ عَلَيْهِ وَآلِهِ قَالَ إِنَّكَ قُلْتَ مَا
تَرَدَّدْتُ فِي شَيْءٍ أَنَا فَاعِلُهُ كَتَرَدَّدِي فِي قَبْضِ رُوحِ عَبْدِي
الْمُؤْمِنِ يَكْرَهُ الْمَوْتَ وَأَكْرَهُ مَسَائِتَهُ اللَّهُمَّ فَصَلِّ عَلَى
مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَعَجِّلْ لِي وَلِيَّكَ الْفَرَجَ وَالْعَافِيَةَ
وَالنَّصْرَ وَلَا تَسْؤُنِي فِي نَفْسِي وَلَا فِي أَحَدٍ مِنْ أَحِبَّتِي۔

If you wish, you may mention the persons you love by names."



The old man thereafter said, "By Allah I take the oath, I lived for such a long time until I became bored of life."

This ultimately considerable supplicatory prayer is mentioned in all books of supplications.

