

MERIT OF RECITING BISMILLAH ALONG WITH LA HAWL LA WA LA

Seventh: Through valid chains of authority, Sayyid Ibn Tawus reported Imam al-Rida(a.s.) to have said: He who repeats the following doxology (zikr) one hundred times after the dawn (fajr) Prayers will be closer to the Greatest Name of Almighty Allah than the blackness of the eye to its whiteness:

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ لَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ
الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ-

Through valid chains of authority too, Imam al-Sadiq and Imam al-Kazim (a.s.) are reported to have said, "He who says this doxology (zikr) seven times after the dawn (fajr) Prayers and the Sunset Prayers before he speaks or moves from his position, Almighty Allah will fend off from him seven kinds of misfortunes the easiest of which are leprosy, mycobacterium, trickeries of Satan, and evils of ruling authorities.

According to other validly reported traditions, this doxology (zikr) may be repeated three or ten times. However, it may be repeated three times as minimum and one hundred times as maximum; the more the best in rewarding.