

MERITS OF RECITING THE DUA (اعددت لكل هول)

In the book of al-Balad al-Amin, the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) is reported to have said: He who says these words ten times every day, Almighty Allah will forgive four thousand of his grand sins, will save him from the death agonies, the grave pressure, and one hundred of the horrors on the Resurrection Day, will also save him from the evil of Iblis (i.e. Satan) and his troops, will help him settle his debts, and will relieve him from his distress, grief, and anguishes:

أَعَدَدْتُ لِكُلِّ هَوْلٍ لَّا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَ لِكُلِّ هَمٍّ وَ غَمٍّ مَا
 شَاءَ اللَّهُ وَ لِكُلِّ نِعْمَةٍ أَلْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَ لِكُلِّ رَحَاءٍ الشُّكْرُ لِلَّهِ وَ
 لِكُلِّ أَعْجُوبَةٍ سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَ لِكُلِّ ذَنْبٍ اسْتَغْفِرُ اللَّهَ وَ لِكُلِّ
 مُصِيبَةٍ أَنَا لِلَّهِ وَ أَنَا إِلَيْهِ رَاجِعُونَ وَ لِكُلِّ ضَيْقٍ حَسْبِيَ
 اللَّهُ وَ لِكُلِّ قَضَاءٍ وَ قَدَرٍ تَوَكَّلْتُ عَلَى اللَّهِ وَ لِكُلِّ عَدُوٍّ
 أَعْتَصَمْتُ بِاللَّهِ وَ لِكُلِّ طَاعَةٍ وَ مَعْصِيَةٍ لَّا حَوْلَ وَ لَّا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا
 بِاللَّهِ الْعَلِيِّ الْعَظِيمِ -

Al-Kulayni, Ibn Baabwayh, and al-Barqi, may Allah's mercy be upon them, have reported through valid chains of authority that Imam al-Sadiq(a.s.) said: He who repeats the following statement ten times every day, Almighty Allah will record for him forty-five thousand

rewards, erase forty-five thousand of his sins, raise him forty-five thousand ranks towards Paradise, his saying will be shelter against Satan and despotic rulers, and no grand sin will surround him.

According to another narration, he will be granted the reward of one who has recited the entire Qur'an twelve times and Almighty Allah will build a house in Paradise for him.

In the narration of Ibn Baabwayh, it is not mentioned that the statement must be repeated ten times:

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

In the book of Thawab al-A'mal, al-Mahasin, and al-Kafi, Imam al-Sadiq(a.s.) is reported to have quoted the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) as saying: He who repeats the following saying fifteen times every day, Almighty Allah will receive him with His Face and will not turn His Face away from him before he enters Paradise:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ حَقًّا حَقًّا لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ إِيْمَانًا وَتَصَدِيقًا لَا
إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ عُبُودِيَّةً وَرِقًّا

In the book of al-Mahasin, the following is reported from the Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.):

To glorify Almighty Allah one hundred times every day is better than offering one hundred camels as presents to the Holy House of Allah:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ-

To praise Almighty Allah one hundred times every day is better than manumitting one hundred slaves:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ-

To profess Almighty Allah being the Greatest (i.e. too great to be described) one hundred times every day is better than offering hundred horses, along with their saddles and reins, in the way of Allah (i.e. in holy wars):

اللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ-

To profess Almighty Allah being the one and only god one hundred times every day is better than the deeds of all peoples, except those who repeat it more than one hundred times:

لَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ-

Al-Qutb al-Rawandi has related the following story:

A worshipper from the children of Israel (i.e. Israelites) asked Allah the Almighty and Majestic, saying, "O Lord! What is my status with You? If it is praiseworthy, then I will try to add up to my good deeds; but if it is blameworthy, I will repent to You before I die."

Replying to his question, Almighty Allah sent to him one of His angels to tell him that he has no good point with Allah.

"O Lord!" asked the man, "Where are then all my deeds?"

The Lord answered, "Whenever you did a good deed, you told people about it so that they would consider you virtuous and mention you reputedly. Therefore, no reward will be given for your deeds except the reward that you have accepted for yourself."

This fact disturbed and aggrieved the man extremely; therefore, Almighty Allah sent the same angel to convey the following message to him: "Allah, the Blessed and Exalted, says to you that you must purchase yourself from Him with alms that you must give every day for each one of your veins."

The man asked, "O Lord! Is there any creature able to do that?"

The Almighty instructed, "You may repeat the following statement three hundred and sixty times, the number of your veins, every day:

سُبْحَانَ اللَّهِ وَالْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ وَلَا إِلَهَ إِلَّا اللَّهُ وَاللَّهُ أَكْبَرُ وَلَا حَوْلَ وَلَا قُوَّةَ إِلَّا بِاللَّهِ-

The man said, "O Lord! Please, give me more."

The Almighty said, "If you add to the number, I will add to you."

Al-Kulayni has reported through a valid chain of authority that Imam al-Sadiq(a.s.) said: The Holy Prophet (s.a.w.a.) used to repeat the following doxology (zikr) three hundred and sixty times, the number of the veins, each day:

الْحَمْدُ لِلَّهِ رَبِّ الْعَالَمِينَ كَثِيرًا عَلَى كُلِّ حَالٍ-