





# My Sweet prayers

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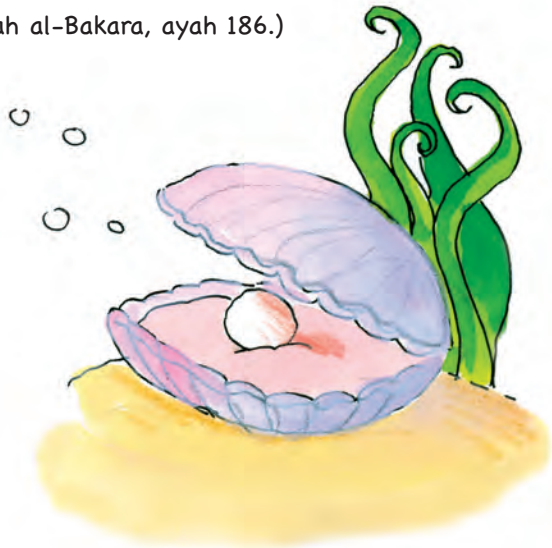
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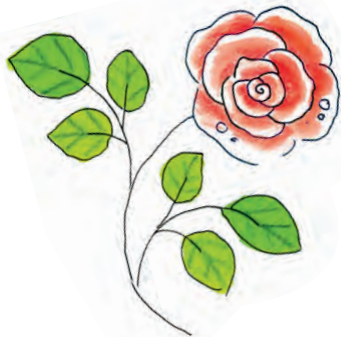
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“And when My servants ask,  
(O Muhammad), about Me – say  
indeed I am near. I respond to the  
invocation of the supplicant when he  
calls upon Me. So let them respond  
to Me (obediently) and believe in Me,  
so that they may be on the right  
path.”

(Surah al-Bakara, ayah 186.)





## Let's not forget,

Every time the Prophet's name passes, it should be followed by "Allahumma salli ala Muhammad" which means "My Allah, bless Muhammad with your peace and mercy" bringing him Salam. This is how we pray for him. Our dear Prophet explained this subject in this way.

"Whoever gives salam to me one time, Allah will give salam to him ten times, forgive ten sins and raise his reward ten degrees."

Isn't that wonderful?

Even just by reading this writing, we have given one salam.

Now let's continue...



# HELLO



Hi to all the girls and boys  
And grown-ups who are young at heart!  
Hello to all the hills and fields,  
The birds that fly and fish that dart!  
May Allah's mercy be on us all!  
Smiles on all our shining faces,  
Food ready at our dinner places.  
May the orphans who live in the streets,  
And the people who are poor,  
Have their share too, and be at peace,  
And see the end of war!  
Be a butterfly, my children,  
be a flower bright;  
Go throughout the world  
and spread your joy and light.



This is my prayer,  
This, my only wish!



May Allah grant my pen strength.  
May those who read or listen to this book,  
With an open mind,  
Never lose the prayers on their tongues,  
Or the joy in their hearts.  
May you all pray for me, too.  
May Allah be pleased with us all.  
Amin!







## THE TREASURES OF PRAYER

### Worlds Full of Roses

“Whoever opens the door to prayer has opened the door to mercy. Well-being is the most beloved by Allah, among worldly things requested from Him. Such a person will be kept in welfare. Using prayer is helpful against every kind of evil. Only prayer can solve problems. This is why you must pray!”

– Prophet Muhammad (s)



# WHAT IS PRAYER?

Prayer, or Dua, means to call, to reach out to, or to ask for help. A servant knows that Allah protects them and gives them everything that they need.



What do we need as people?

We need many things, so everyone asks Allah for whatever they need. For example:

- Whoever needs a house, or a car
- Whoever wants to study at a good school, or have a good job
- Whoever wants to have beautiful children
- Whoever wants health, or peace
- Whoever wants to be forgiven for their mistakes



So, what is it that you want?

Do you want to be happy together with your family, to be healthy and successful?



Maybe you want to have good friends and play fun games.

Who are you going to ask for these things?

Won't you ask Allah for them? Of course, because...



He created the world, the sun, the moon and the stars.

He created the mountains, the seas and the forests.

He created the animals, the plants, and all microscopic life.

He created you, me, and all people. He created the joy that is inside of us.

He created everything, and He is capable of all things.

So what can we do?

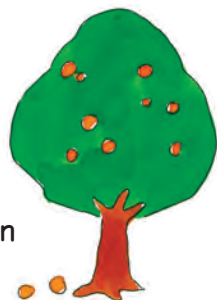
We can't do anything before we have Allah's permission, right?

If He wants, we will eat and drink.

If He wants, we will pass our exams.

If He wants, we will love one another.

If He doesn't want us to, then we can't even breathe!



If we want those things, then we should pray to Allah for them.

In our prayers we should thank Allah for everything that He has given us.

Our Lord commanded, "Call on Me, and I shall answer you!" (Surah al-Mu'min, ayah 60)

Come, let's pray together:

I am a little servant,  
My tongue cannot lie,  
I turn my hands to you.  
Fill my hands, oh Lord,  
Make me smile, oh Lord!



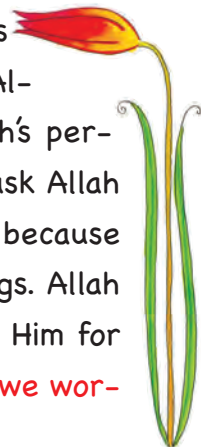
# WE ONLY SEEK HELP FROM ALLAH

"It is Allah who has made the earth a dwelling place for you and made the sky a canopy, who shaped you and shaped you exceedingly well and gave you good things as sustenance. That is Allah, your Lord; blessed be Allah, the Lord of the Universe. He is the Ever-Living; there is no god but He. So call upon Him, giving to Him all your devotion. All praise and thanks be to Allah, the Lord of creation."

(Surah al-Mu'min, Ayahs 40, 64 and 65)



Allah created everything that exists. Birds fly with Allah's permission. Flowers bloom with Allah's permission. Our families raise us with Allah's permission. Just like the rest of creation, we too ask Allah for love, protection and ease in our work. That's because we know that only Allah is capable of all things. Allah the Supreme taught us that we should only ask Him for help in Surah al-Fatiha by saying, "Only You will we worship and only You will we ask for help."



If that's true then what do you say to this prayer:

"Oh Allah!

I open my hands Only to You.

When I pray to You,

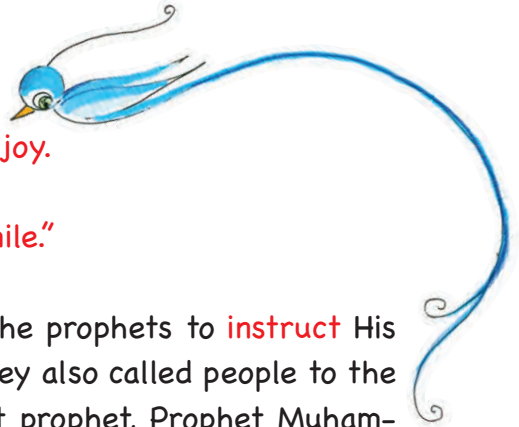
I feel like I could  
fly with the birds.

When I think of You,

My heart swells up with joy.

And when I pray to You,

My face beams with a smile."



Our Supreme Lord sent the prophets to **instruct** His servants in the best way. They also called people to the way of Allah. When the last prophet, Prophet Muhammad (s), was carrying out his sacred but difficult duty, he trusted only in Allah. He only asked for help from Him in his prayers. Since our dear Prophet (s) really loved all Muslims, we too should be like him, and turn only to Allah in our prayers.





Umar (r) said, "Before I was a Muslim, we made idols out of **halvah**. When we were hungry we ate them. I laugh when I remember this." Can you imagine that? In those days they worshipped idols made out of halvah and later they ate them. How can an idol, that cannot even protect itself, protect people? How can an idol, which has never heard of love, teach people how to love? How can an idol, which cannot help people and cannot stand on its own feet, ever help the world to stand on its own feet? As soon as the Prophet (s) was born, the idols in the Kaaba began to collapse because Allah willed it. Isn't it funny? People put their hopes in idols that can't even get up when they fall!



## Abdullah's Joy




Isn't it nice to go for a drive in a fancy car? In the time of our Prophet (s), riding a horse or a camel was a very fun thing for children. If they were to ride the camel or horse of our Prophet (s), then they would be simply flying with happiness.

One day, our dear Prophet (s) took one of the children of that time, Abdullah, up onto his camel with him. Abdullah hugged our Prophet (s) tightly and listened to his sweet words. Our Prophet (s) **counselled** him in this way:







“When you want something, ask Allah for it. When you need help with something, ask Allah for help. Know that if all of creation came together to do something for you, they could only do it with Allah’s permission. Also, if all of creation united together to harm you, they could not hurt you if Allah did not allow it. Know, also, that Allah’s help is for those who are patient, and that with every difficulty comes relief.” During Abdullah’s whole life, he never forgot our dear Prophet’s (s) words that were as valuable as gold, or his hug, which was so full of happiness. He told Allah all of his wishes, and asked only Him for help.

