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Chapter 1

Dua before class

O GOD, please bring me out of the darkness of doubt and favour me with the light of comprehension,
O GOD open to us the doors of your mercy and unfold for us the treasure of your knowledge by
your mercy O the most merciful of the merciful ones.

اللَّهُمَّ أَخْرِجْنِي مِنْ ظُلُمَاتِ الْوَهْمِ وَ أَكْرَمْنِي بِنُورِ الْفَهْمِ
اللَّهُمَّ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا أَبْوَابَ رَحْمَتِكَ وَ انشُرْ عَلَيْنَا خَزَائِنَ
عُلُومِكَ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

*Allhumma Akhrijni min zulumatil vahmi ,wa akrimni be nuril fahmi . Allahumma afta alayna
abwaba rahmateka, wa anshur alyna khazaena uloomeka be rahmateka ya arrahamar rahemeen.*

Chapter 2

Dua Before Studying 1

Oh Allah! Make useful for me what you have taught me and teach me knowledge that will be useful to me.

Oh Allah! I ask you for the understanding of the prophets and the memory of the messengers, and those nearest to you.

Oh Allah! Make my tongue full of your remembrance and my heart with awe of you.

Oh Allah! You do whatever you wish, and you are my availer and protector and best of aid.

لَلّهُمَّ انْفَعْنِي بِمَا عَلَّمْتَنِي وَ عَلَّمْنِي مَا يَنْفَعُنِي
اللّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ فَهْمَ النَّبِيِّينَ وَ حِفْظَ الْمُرْسَلِينَ الْمُقَرَّبِينَ.
اللّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ لِسَانِي عَامِرًا بِذِكْرِكَ وَ قَلْبِي بِخَشْيَتِكَ
إِنَّكَ عَلَى مَا تَشَاءُ قَدِيرٌ وَ أَنْتَ حَسْبُنَا اللَّهُ وَ نِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ.

“*ALLAHUMMA INFANII BIMAA ‘ALLAMTANII WA’ALLIMNII MAA YANFA’UUNII.
ALLAHUMMA INII AS’ALUKA FAHMAL-NABIYYEN WA HIFZAL MURSALEEN AL-
MUQARRABEEN.*

*ALLAHUMMA IJAL LEESANEE ‘AIMAN BI DHIKRIKA WA QALBI BI KHASHYATIKA.
INNAKA ‘ALA MA-TASHA’U QADEER WA ANTA HASBUN-ALLAHU WA NA’MAL WAKEEL.’*”

Chapter 3

Dua before study 2

O Allah, honor me by the light of understanding and take me out from the darkneses of doubt and open upon us the doors of Your knowledge and open upon us the treasure of Your recognition, O the best of the Merciful ones.

O Allah, and give me Tawfeeq to the study and solving all the difficult problems through books. By Your mercy, O the best of the merciful ones.

اللَّهُمَّ اكْرِمْنِي بِنُورِ الْفَهْمِ وَ خَرِّجْنِي مِنْ ظُلُمَاتِ الْوَهْمِ وَ افْتَحْ عَلَيْنَا أَبْوَابَ عِلْمِكَ، وَ انشُرْ عَلَيْنَا خُزَانَ مَعْرِفَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ،
اللَّهُمَّ وَفِّقْنِي فِي الْمَطَالَعَةِ بِحَلِّ جَمِيعِ مُشْكَلَاتِ الْمَسَائِلِ مِنَ الْكُتُبِ بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ

Allaahumma akrimnee binooril fahmi wa kharrajanee min z'ulumaatil wahmi waftah' a'lainaa abwaaba i'lmak. Wan shur a'lainaa khuzzaanu ma'rifatika yaa arh'amar raah'imeen. Allaahumma waffiqnee fil mut'aala'ti bih'ablee jamee-i' mushkilaatil masaa-ili minal kutubi birah'matika yaa arh'amar raah'imeen.

Source: *Zubtat al-Asraar*, Ancient Manuscript. The name of the compiler and the introduction pages are missing. Inscribed in 1229 A.H.

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Chapter

Du`a for removing Anxiety

Oh Allah, I seek refuge in You from worry and grief,
from helplessness and laziness,
from cowardice and stinginess,
and from overpowering of debt and from oppression of men.

لِّلّٰهُمَّ اِنِّيْ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْهَمِّ وَ الْحَزَنِ
وَ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْعَجْزِ وَ الْكَسَلِ
وَ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنَ الْجُبْنِ وَ الْبُخْلِ
وَ اَعُوْذُ بِكَ مِنْ غَلَبَةِ الدَّيْنِ وَ قَهْرِ الرِّجَالِ

Allâhumma innî a`ûdhu bika min al-hammi wa al-hazan. Wa a`ûdhu bika min al-`ajzi wa al-kasal.

Wa a`ûdhu bika min al-jubni wa al-bukhl. Wa a`ûdhu bika min ghalabat id-dayni wa qahr ir-rijal.

This is a short **dua found in Mafateehul Jinaan** useful for acquiring better understanding and more insight into the ocean of light of knowledge, It can be recited regularly in Qunoot of Namaaz. This is specially beneficial for students for achieving maximum output from their efforts in studies.

O Allah let my heart be filled with light & insight & understanding & knowledge ,verily u control everything.

اَللّٰهُمَّ اجْعَلْ لِيْ فِيْ قَلْبِيْ نُورًا وَ بَصَرًا وَ فَهْمًا وَ عِلْمًا اِنَّكَ عَلٰى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيْرٌ

Chapter 5

Dua After Studying

Oh Allah! I entrust you with what I have read and I have studied. Oh Allah! Bring it back to me when I am in need of it. Oh Allah! You do whatever you wish, you are my availer and protector and the best of aid.

اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْتَوِدُّكَ مَا قَرَأْتُ وَمَا حَفَظْتُ، فَرُضْهُ عَلَيَّ عِنْدَ حَاجَتِي إِلَيْهِ، إِنَّكَ عَلَى مَا تَشَاءُ قَدِيرٌ وَأَنْتَ حَسْبِي وَنِعْمَ الْوَكِيلُ

“ALLAHUMMA INNI ASTAODEEKA MA QARA'TU WAMA HAFUZ-TU. FARUDDUHU 'ALLAYA INDA HAJATI ELAHI. INNAKA 'ALA MA-TASHA'-U QADEER WA ANTA HASBEEYA WA NA'MAL WAKEEL”

Chapter 6

Dua While Studying Something Difficult

Oh Allah! Nothing is easy except what You have made easy. If You wish, You can make the difficult easy.

اللَّهُمَّ لَا سَهْلًا إِلَّا مَا جَعَلْتَهُ سَهْلًا وَأَنْتَ تَجْعَلُ الْحَزْنَ إِذَا شِئْتَ سَهْلًا

Allâhumma lâ sahlâ illâ mâ ja‘altahu sahlâ wa anta taj‘alu al-hazana idhâ shi’ta sahlâ.

Chapter 7

Dua For Concentration

Blessings of God be upon Muhammad and his progeny. O God, I ask you, the one who mentions goodness and actualizes it and commands it, remind me of that which the shaytan makes me forget.

صَلَّى اللهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ. اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ يَا مُذَكِّرَ الْخَيْرِ وَفَاعِلَهُ وَالْأَمْرَ بِهِ ذَكِّرَنِي مَا أَنْسَانِيهِ الشَّيْطَانُ

SALLA-L-LAAHU ALAA MUHAMMAD WA AAL-E MUHAMMAD. ALLAHUMMA INNI AS'ALUKA YAA MUDHAKKIRA-L KHAYR WA FAA'ILAHU WA-L-AAMIRA BIHI DHAKIR-NI MAA ANSAANI-HI-SHAYTAN.

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Chapter

Dua For Victory And Prosperity

O' the chief of all chiefs! O' the acceptor of prayers! O' the elevator of ranks! O' the master of virtues!
O' the forgiver of sins! O' the granter of requests! O' the excerpator of penance! O' the hearer of all
voices! O' the one who knows all mysteries! O' the remover of calamities!

يَا سَيِّدَ السَّادَاتِ يَا مُجِيبَ الدَّعَوَاتِ يَا رَافِعَ الدَّرَجَاتِ يَا وَلِيَّ الْحَسَنَاتِ يَا غَافِرَ الْخَطِيئَاتِ يَا مُعْطِيَ الْمَسْأَلَاتِ يَا قَابِلَ التَّوْبَاتِ يَا
سَامِعَ الْأَصْوَاتِ يَا عَالِمَ الْخَفِيَّاتِ يَا دَافِعَ الْبَلِيَّاتِ

“YA SAYYEDAS-SADA-TE, YA MOJEEBAD-DA’VATE, YA RAFE’AD-DARAJATE, YA VALI-YAL
HASANATE, YA GHAFERAL-KHATI’ATE, YA MO’TI-YAL MAS’ALATE, YA QABI-LAT-TAVBATE, YA
SAME’AL-ASVATE, YA ‘ALEMAL-KHAFIYATE, YA DAFE’AL BALI YATE.”

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Chapter

Dua for increase in knowledge

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful,
O Allah, bless Muhammad and his family
O Allah I ask You for beneficial knowledge and good deeds and a strong memory and a perfect understanding
and a sound intellect by Your mercy, O the most Merciful of the merciful ones
O Allah, bless Muhammad and his family.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ
اللَّهُمَّ إِنِّي أَسْأَلُكَ عِلْمًا نَافِعًا وَعَمَلًا صَالِحًا
وَحِفْظًا قَوِيًّا وَفَهْمًا كَامِلًا
وَعَقْلًا سَالِمًا بِرَحْمَتِكَ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ
اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

Bismillāhir rahmānir raheem -
Allāhumma Swalli ‘alā Muhammadin wa aali Muhammad -
Allāhumma inni asaluka ‘amalan nāfi‘ā -
Wa ‘amalan swālihā -

hifzan qawiyā -

wa fahman kāmilā -
wa aqlan sālīmā - birahmatika yā arhamar rāhimeen -
Allāhumma Swalli ‘alā Muhammadin wa aali Muhammad-

Du'Áa Before Starting Class

In the Name of AllÁh, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful Take me out of the darkness of doubt, .
And favor me with the light of understanding. O' AllÁh! Upon for us, the doors of Your Mercy, And
unfold for us, the treasures of Your Knowledge, !With your Mercy, O' the Most Merciful of the
Merciful! O' AllÁh! Send Your blessings upon Muhammad and the family of Muhammad.

Dua'a for Memory and Speech

DUA'A 10

If one fails to remember an event or written text or spoken words, according to Imam Jafar bin Muhammad al Sadiq one should put the right hand on the forehead and recite:

INNEE AS-ALUKA YAA MUD'AKKIRAL KHAYRI WA FAA-ILAHOO WAL AAMIRA BIHEE AN TUS'ALLIYA A'LAA MUH'AMMADIN WA AALI MUH'AMMADIN WA TUD'AKKIRANEE MAA ANSAANEEHISH SHAYT'AAN

I beseech You, O He who reminds about doing good, does good and commands to do good. Send blessings on Muhammed and the family of Muhammed and let me remember what shaytan makes me forget.

DUA'A 11

According to Imam Ali ibn abi Talib to retain in memory whatever one listens or reads, recite the following dua'a after every obligatory salat.

In the name of Allah the most kind the most merciful.

Glory be to Him who does not treat the citizens of His kingdom unjustly.

Glory be to Him who does not let the torment and pain come suddenly upon mankind.

Glory be to the compassionate the merciful.

O Allah, fill my heart with true enlightenment, wisdom, understanding and knowledge.

Surely you are able to do all things.

SUBH'AANA MAN LAA YA-TADEE AA'LAA AHLI MAMLAKATIHEE SUBH'AANA MAN LAA YAAKHUUD'U AHLAL ARZI BILWAANIL A'D'AABI SUBH'AANAR RA-OOFIR RAH'EEMI ALLAAHUMMAJ-A'L LEE FEE QALBEE NOORAN WA BAS'ARAN WA FAHMAN WA I'LMAN INNAKA A'LAA KULLI SHAY-IN QADEER

DUA'A 12

Recite the following dua'a 7 times after obligatory salat to increase knowledge

RABBI ZIDNEE I'LMAA

DUA'A 13

To learn the holy Quran by heart (or remember its important verses) recite the following dua'a by Imam Ali ibn abi Talib written in Sahifa Alawiyyah

O Allah have mercy on me to be able to leave disobeying you till I am alive. Show mercy on me by not imposing a troublesome and difficult task on me. Make me do good deeds that please you. Make me learn your book by heart, just like you have taught me. Give me the ability to recite it in a manner that pleases you. O Allah (through the quran)

enlighten my wisdom, open the doors of understanding and liberate my heart. Loosen my tongue, let my body be active and give me strength for it. No one can help me save you. There is no god except you.

ALLAAHUMMAR-H'AMNEE BITARKIL MA-A'AS'EE ABDAN MAA ABQAYTANEE FAR-H'AMNEE MIN TAKALLUFI MAA LAA YUNEENEE WARZUQNEE H'USNAL MANZ'ARI FEEMAA YURZ'EEKA A'NNEE WAL-ZAM QALBEE H'IFZA KITAABIKA KAMAA A'LLAMTANEE WARZUQNEE AN ATLUWAHOO A'LAN NAH'WIL LAD'EE YURZ'EEKA A'NNEE ALLAAHUMMA NAWWIR BAS'AREE WASH-RAH BIHEE S'ADRE WA FARRU BIHEE QALBEE WA AT'LIQ BIHEE LISAAANEE WAS-TA-MIL BIHEE BADANEE WA QAWWINEE A'LAA D'AALIKA WA A-I'NNEE A'LAYHI INNAHOO LAA MU-E'ENA A'LAYHI ILLAA ANTA LAA ILAAHA ILLAA ANTA

DUA'A 14

Whoever writes *surah Bani Israil* with saffron, washes it with pure water and drinks it will grow in wisdom and have fluent speech.

DUA'A 15

To speak clearly and fluently recite *surah al Jumu-ah* a great deal, and to have a photographic memory learn surah al A-laa by heart.

Memory and Retention Ayatullah 'Ali Qadhi al-Tabataba'i would advise one to recite Ayat al-Kursi [2:255-257] and Ma'udhatayn (Surat al-Falaq and Surat al-Nas) for strengthening one's memory

Reciting regularly Salwaat on the holy prophet & his household is also a method to improve ones memory

Take 4 or 7 almonds and pray salwat then pray "Ya Zul Jallale wal Ikraam" 11times, again salwat then and blow (breathe on the almonds with the breath of the Zikr as you recite it) on the almonds and eat them first thing every morning, Inshallah it will help your memory

From Baqiyatus slaehat (margins of Mafatih) :-

It is reported in 'Makaarimul Akhlaq' from Imam Muhammad Baqir (a.s.) and Imam Sadiq (a.s.) that one should write on a clean vessel with safron the Chapter of Al-Hamd, Ayatul Kursi, the Chapters of Qadr, Yasin, Waqiah, Hashr, Mulk, Ikhlas, Falaq and Nas and should then wash them with Zamzam water, rain water or clean water and add in the water about two grams of 'kandaroo', fifty grams of sugar and fifty grams of honey. At night it should be kept under open sky on iron.

At the end of the night one should recite two rakaats in each of which after the recitation of the Chapter of Al-Hamd, the chapter of Ikhlas be recited fifty times.

On completion of the salaah, one should drink the water which is good and tested

The following dua'a was taught by the Holy Prophet (S.A.) to Imam Ali (A.S.), to be recited after every obligatory Salaah, for developing a flawless memory:

Glory be to Him who does not treat the citizens of His Kingdom unjustly and harshly, Glory be to Him who does not let torment and pain come suddenly upon mankind, Glory be to the Compassionate, the Merciful. O Allah fill my heart and mind with true enlightenment, discerning intelligence, quick understanding and knowledge, Verily Thou art able to do all things.

سُبْحَانَ مَنْ لَا يَعْتَدِي عَلَى أَهْلِ مَمْلَكَتِهِ
سُبْحَانَ مَنْ لَا يَأْخُذُ أَهْلَ الْأَرْضِ بِاللَّوَانِ
الْعَذَابِ سُبْحَانَ الرَّؤُوفِ الرَّحِيمِ اللَّهُمَّ
أَجْعَلْ لِي فِي قَلْبِي نُورًا وَبَصِيرَةً وَفَهْمًا
. وَعِلْمًا إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ .

Proven Supplication for increasing memory (Tohfatul Hashmiya)

Write on seven pieces of sugar and eat a piece everyday. Write on the first one:

فَتَعَلَى اللَّهِ الْمَلِكُ الْحَقُّ

Fataa'a'lallaahul malikul haqq

Supremely exalted is therefore Allah, the King, the Truth,[1]

and eat it on Saturday, and on the second write:

وَقُلْ رَبِّ زِدْنِي عِلْمًا

Wa qur rabbi zidnee i'lmaa.

And say: O my Lord! Increase me in knowledge.[2]

and eat it on Sunday, and on the third write:

لَا تُحَرِّكْ بِهِ، لِسَانَكَ

Laa tuh'arrik-bihi lisaanak.

Do not move your tongue with it[3]

and eat it on Monday, and on the fourth piece write

إِنَّ عَلَيْنَا جَمْعَهُ وَقُرْآنَهُ

Inna a'lainaa jam-a'hu wa qur-aanah.

Surely on Us (devolves) the collecting of it and the reciting of it.[4]

and eat it on Tuesday, and on the fifth piece write:

فَإِذَا قَرَأَهُ فَاتَّبِعْ قُرْآنَهُ

Fa-idhaa qaraa-nahu fattabi' qur-aanah.

Therefore when We have recited it, follow its recitation.[5]

and eat it on Wednesday, and on the sixth piece write:

سَنُقَرِّئُكَ فَلَا تَنْسَى

Sanuqri-uka falaa tansaa.

We will make you recite so you shall not forget,[6]

and eat it on Thursday, and on the seventh piece write:

إِنَّهُ يَعْلَمُ الْجَهْرَ وَمَا يَخْفَى

Innahu ya'lamul jahra wa maa yakhfaa.

Surely He knows the manifest, and what is hidden.[7]

and eat it on Friday.

Memorization would become easy for one who does this for seven days, and his tongue would become eloquent and his memory will increase.

Another Supplication for Memory[8]

The Prophet (s.a.w.s.) said to Ali (a.s.): If you intend that you retain all that you hear, then recite the following after every ritual prayer:

سُبْحَانَ مَنْ لَا يَعْتَدِي عَلَى أَهْلِ مَمْلَكَتِهِ، سُبْحَانَ مَنْ لَا يَأْخُذُ أَهْلَ الْأَرْضِ بِاللَّوَانِ الْعَذَابِ، سُبْحَانَ الرَّؤُفِ الرَّحِيمِ، اللَّهُمَّ اجْعَلْ فِي قَلْبِي نُورًا وَبَصَرًا وَفَهْمًا وَعِلْمًا، إِنَّكَ عَلَى كُلِّ شَيْءٍ قَدِيرٌ

Sub-h'aana mallaa ya'tadee a'laa ahli mamlikatih. Sub-h'aana mallaa yaa-khudhu ahlal arz'i bi-alwaanil adhaab. Sub-h'aanar ra-oofur rah'eem. Allaahummaj-a'l fee qalbee nooranw wa bas'araa. Wa fahimanw wa i'lmaa. Innaka a'laa kulli shai-in qadeer.

Glory be to the One who does not oppress His subjects, Glory be to the One Who does not subject the people of the earth to various punishments, Glory be to the forgiving and the Merciful, O Allah, put in my heart a light and perception and understanding. Indeed You are powerful over all things.

[1] Surah Taha 20:114

[2] Surah Taha 20:114

[3] Surah Qiyamah 75:16

[4] Surah Qiyamah 75:17

[5] Surah Qiyamah 75:18

[6] Surah Alaa 87:6

[7] Surah Alaa 87:7

[8] Tibb al-Aaimma, As-Sayyid Shubbar, Pg. 388

Du‘ā for increase in knowledge

Bismillāhir rahmānir raheem

In the name of Allah the Beneficent, the Merciful

Allāhumma Swalli ‘alā Muhammadin wa aali

Muhammad O Allah, bless Muhammad and his family

Allāhumma inni asaluka ‘amalan nāfi‘ā

O Allah I ask You for beneficial knowledge

Wa ‘amalan swālihā

and good deeds

wa hifzan qawiyā

and a strong memory

wa fahman kāmīlā

and a perfect understanding

wa aqlan sālīmā

and a sound intellect

birahmatika yā arhamar rāhimeen

by Your mercy, O the most Merciful of the merciful one

Allāhumma Swalli ‘alā Muhammadin wa aali

Muhammad O Allah, bless Muhammad and his family.

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