Supplication during Pilgrimage

In the Name of Allah, the Most Gracious, the Most Merciful

All praise is due to Allah, Lord of the Worlds, and prayers and peace of Allah be upon Allah's Messenger, the most trusted among His beings.

Pilgrimage is one of the most honorable journeys that a Muslim can make in his whole life. On it, he spends money and effort and leaves his country and family in pursuit of Allah's satisfaction and reward. During such a journey, there are certain times, places, and states in which Allah is likely to accept supplications, so it is highly advisable that a Muslim try to seize such times in mention and prayer to Allah.

There are now many inauthentic supplications and handbooks full of invented extolments of Allah that are thought to be specific for each ritual or part of ritual, while other extolments and supplications reported directly from Prophet Muhammad, prayers and peace of Allah be upon him, are ignored. So, we are sending this message to clarify the virtues and proprieties of supplication, where and when in pilgrimage supplications are likely to be accepted by Allah, and a number of supplications quoted from the Qur'an and authentic Sunnah, to be utilized by the pilgrim on his blessed journey. We ask Allah to accept from you and us supplications and good deeds.

Merits of Supplication

There are countless Qur'anic verses and Prophetic hadiths on the merits of supplication, such as the following:

1. Allah says, {And when My slaves ask you (O Muhammad) concerning Me, then (answer them), I am indeed near (to them by My Knowledge). I respond to the invocations of the supplicant when he calls on Me (without any mediator or intercessor). So let them obey Me and believe in Me, so that they may be led aright.} [Al-Baqarah: 186]

2. Allah says, {And your Lord said: "Invoke Me, [i.e. believe in My Oneness (Islâmic Monotheism) and ask Me for anything] I will respond to your (invocation). Verily! Those who scorn My worship [i.e. do not invoke Me, and do not believe in My Oneness, (Islâmic Monotheism)] they will surely enter Hell in humiliation!"}

The Prophet (prayers and peace of Allah be upon him) said, "There is nothing more honorable to Allah than supplication" [Report ed by At-Tirmithi; declared good by Al-Albani]

He also said, "There is no Muslim who calls upon his Lord with a supplication in which there is no sin or severing of family ties but Allah will give him one of three things: Either He will answer his prayer quickly, or He will keep equivalent reward for him (in the Hereafter), or He will divert an equivalent evil away from him" [Authenticated by Al-Albani]

Proprieties of Supplication

- 1. Show sincerity and submission to Allah.
- 2. Keep supplicating and do not wait for a quick response.

3. Start supplication with praising Allah and sending blessings upon the Prophet (Prayers and peace of Allah be upon him).

4. Keep away from invoking curses on one's family, property, or children.

5. Perform ritual ablution and turn one's face towards the Kiblah while supplicating.

6. Lower one's voice and uttering supplications in no voice.

- 7. Not use rhyming in affectation.
- 8. Admit sins and ask for forgiveness.

Places where supplication is answered in Pilgrimage

1. The Day of `Arafah

The Prophet, prayers and peace of Allah be upon him said, "The best of supplication is the supplication (uttered) on the Day of `Arafah, and the best that I and the Prophets before me said is: 'La ilaha illa Allah wahdahu la sharika lah, lahu al-mulk wa lahu al-hamd wa huwa `ala kulli shay'in qadir (i.e., There is no God except Allah Alone, with no associate. He is the dominion, to Him is praise, and He is over everything omnipotent)" [Related by At-Tirmidhi; deemed good by Al-Albani]

2. As-Safa and Al-Marwa

Describing how the Prophet (Prayers and peace of Allah be upon him) performed pilgrimage, Jabir (may Allah be pleased with him) said, "He started with As-Safa, climbing it until he could see the Ka'ba, then he turned his face to the Qiblah and proclaimed the Oneness of Allah and magnified Him, saying, "There is no God except Allah Alone, with no associate. His is the dominion, to Him is praise, and He is over everything Omnipotent. There is no God except Allah Alone. He fulfilled His promise, granted victory to His slave, and defeated the allies Alone". Then, he came down to Al-Marwa, and once his feet touched the bottom of the valley, he ran, and once he started going up, he walked until he came to Al-Marwa, and he did at Marwa the same as he had done at As-Safa" [Reported by Muslim]

3. Al-Mash`ar Al-Haram (The Sacred Place)

The above-mentioned hadith also narrates, "Then he rode Al-Qaswa' (his she-camel) until he came to Al-Mash`ar Al-Haram, where he turned his face to the Kiblah and said supplications to Him (i.e., Allah), magnified Him, and proclaimed His Oneness. He remained standing there until the morning light was everywhere" [Reported by Muslim]

4. Middle and Minor Pebble Throwing

"Every time the Prophet (Prayers and peace of Allah be upon him) threw a pebble, he would advance in front of it and stand facing the Kiblah and raising his arms to supplicate, standing for a long time. Then, he would come to the middle pebble throwing, in which he would throw seven pebbles, uttering Takbir (i.e., saying, "Allahu Akbar [Allah is the Greatest]) with each throw. Then, he would move to the left, stand facing the Kiblah, raise his arms, and supplicate." [Reported by Al-Bukhari]

5. Inside the Ka'ba or Hijr

Usama Ibn Zayd (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated, "When the Prophet (Prayers and peace of Allah be upon him) entered the House (i.e., the Kaaba), he supplicated in all its corners" [Reported by Muslim]

6. When Drinking From Zamzam

Jabir (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated, "The Prophet (Prayers and peace of Allah be upon him) said, 'The water of Zamzam is (useful) for whatever it is drunk for"

[Reported by Ibn Majah; authenticated by Al-Albani]

Supplications of Pilgrims Are Accepted by Allah

Ibn `Umar (may Allah be pleased with him) cited the Prophet (Prayers and peace of Allah be upon him) as saying, "The warrior who fights for the Sake of Allah and the pilgrim performing pilgrimage(Hajj) or lesser pilgrimage ('Umrah) are guests of Allah. He invited them and so they answered Him, and they asked Him (for whatever they want) and He gave (that to) them" [Reported by Ibn Majah; Declared good by Al-Albani]

Supplications from the Qur'an and Sunnah

O my brother pilgrim!

As we have seen, rituals of pilgrimage include many points when and where Allah accepts supplications of whoever supplicates Him. It is advisable, then, that you utter many supplications to Him. Here are some supplications derived from the Qur'an and Sunnah, compiled for easy use:

I. Qur'anic Supplications

1. {And those who say: "Our Lord! Avert from us the torment of Hell. Verily its torment is ever an inseparable, permanent punishment." (65) Evil indeed it (Hell) is as an abode and as a place to rest in.} [Al-Furqan: 65-66]

2. {And those who say: "Our Lord! Bestow on us from our wives and our offspring the comfort of our eyes, and make us leaders of the Muttaqûn(the pious."} [Al-Furqan: 74]

3. {And those who came after them say: "Our Lord! Forgive us and our brethren who have preceded us in Faith, and put not in our hearts any hatred against those who have believed. Our Lord! You are indeed full of kindness, Most Merciful."} [Al-Hashr: 10]

4. {And say (O Muhammad): "My Lord! Forgive and have mercy, for You are the Best of those who show mercy!"} [Al-Mu'minun: 118]

5. {And of them there are some who say: "Our Lord! Give us in this world that which is good and in the Hereafter that which is good, and save us from the torment of the Fire!"} [Al-Baqarah: 201]

6. {our Lord! Lay not on us a burden like that which You did lay on those before us (Jews and Christians); our Lord! Put not on us a burden greater than we have strength to bear. Pardon us and grant us Forgiveness. Have mercy on us. You are our Maulâ (Patron, Supporter and Protector, etc.) and give us victory over the disbelieving people} [Al-Baqarah: 286]

7. {(They say): "Our Lord! Let not our hearts deviate (from the truth) after You have guided us, and grant us mercy from You. Truly, You are the Bestower} [Aal `Imran: 8]

8. {[Mûsâ (Moses)] said: "O my Lord! Open for me my chest (grant me self-confidence, contentment, and boldness). (25) And ease my task for me; (26) And loose the knot (the defect) from my tongue, (i.e. remove the incorrectness from my speech) [That occurred as a result of a brand of fire which Mûsâ (Moses) put in his mouth when he was an infant]. (27) That they understand my speech.} [Ta-Ha: 25-28]

9. {"He said: "My Lord! Verily, I have wronged myself, so forgive me." Then He forgave him. Verily, He is the Oft-Forgiving, the Most Merciful."} [Al-Qasas: 16]

10. {They said: "In Allâh we put our trust. Our Lord! Make us not a trial for the folk who are Zâlimûn (polytheists and wrong-doers) (i.e. do not make them overpower us). (85) And save us by Your Mercy from the disbelieving folk."} [Yunus: 85 and 86]

11. {And they said nothing but: "Our Lord! Forgive us our sins and our transgressions (in keeping our duties to You), establish our feet firmly, and give us victory over the disbelieving folk."} [Aal `Imran: 147]

12. {"Our Lord! Bestow on us mercy from Yourself, and facilitate for us our affair in the right way!"} [Al-Kahf (The Cave): 10]

13. {"My Lord! Increase me in knowledge."} [Ta-Ha: 114]

14. {"My Lord! I seek refuge with You from the whisperings (suggestions) of the Shayâtîn (devils)"} [Al-Mu'minun: 97]

15. {"Our Lord! Make us not a trial for the disbelievers, and forgive us, Our Lord! Verily, You, only You, are the All-Mighty, the All-Wise."} [Al-Mumtahanah: 5]

16. {"O my Lord! Grant me from You, a good offspring. You are indeed the All-Hearer of invocation."} [Aal `Imran: 38]

17. {"Our Lord! Accept (this service) from us. Verily! You are the All-Hearer, the All-Knower"} [Al-Baqarah: 127]

18. {"O my Lord! Make me one who performs As-Salât (Iqâmat-as-Salât), and (also) from my offspring, our Lord! And accept my invocation"} [Ibrahim: 40]

19. {"Our Lord! Forgive me and my parents, and (all) the believers on the Day when the reckoning will be established"} [Ibrahim (Abraham): 41]

20. {"Our Lord! We have indeed believed, so forgive us our sins and save us from the punishment of the Fire"} [Aal `Imran: 16]

21. {"My Lord! Give me victory over the people who are Mufsidûn (those who commit great crimes and sins, oppressors, tyrants, mischief-makers, corrupters)."} [Al-`Ankabut: 30]

22. {"Our Lord! We believe, so forgive us, and have mercy on us, for You are the Best of all who show mercy"} [Al-Mu'minun: 109]

23. {"Our Lord! Keep perfect our Light for us [and do not put it off till we cross over the Sirât (a slippery bridge over the Hell) safely] and grant us forgiveness. Verily, You are Able to do all things."} [At-Tahrim: 8]

24. {"Our Lord! We believe; so write us down among the witnesses"} [Al-Ma'idah (The Table):83]

II. Prophetic Supplications

1. "O Allah! Correct my (commitment to) religion, which is the foundation of my life, and make good my [affairs of this] world in which is my livelihood, and make good my [recompense in the] Hereafter to which is my return, and make [my existence in this] life a means of accumulating good, and make death a respite for me from all evil." [Reported by Muslim]

2. "O Allah! I ask You [to bless me with] guidance, piety, chastity, and sufficiency" [Reported by Muslim]

3. "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from incapacity, laziness, cowardice, miserliness, senility, and torment in the grave. O Allah! Grant my self its piety, and chasten it, as You are the Best to chasten it. You are its Master and Protector. O Allah! I seek refuge with You from [having] knowledge that does not avail, and from [having] a heart that does not submit [to You], and from

[having] a soul that does not get satisfied [with anything], and from [uttering] a supplication that is not accepted [by You]" [Reported by Muslim]

4. "O Allah! Guide me and make me steadfast" — Remember guidance by "tour guide" and steadfastness by the "straightforwardness of an arrow" [Reported by Muslim]

5. "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from deprivation of Your Blessing, alteration of Your Protection, sudden infliction of Your Anger, and all Your Wrath" [Reported by Muslim]

6. "O Allah! I am Your servant, son of Your servant, son of Your maidservant. My forehead is in Your Hand. Your Command over me is forever executed. Your Decree over me is just. I ask You by every name belonging to You, which You have named Yourself with, or You revealed in Your Book, or You taught to any of Your creation, or You have preserved in the knowledge of the Unseen with You, that You make the Qur'an the life of my heart, and the light of my breast, and a departure for my sorrow, and a release for my anxiety." [Authenticated by Al-Albani]

7. "O Allah, Director of hearts! Direct our hearts to obedience to You" [Reported by Muslim]

8. "O Controller of hearts! Make my heart adhere firmly to Your religion" [Authenticated by Al-Albani]

9. "O Allah! I ask You for wellbeing in this world and in the Hereafter" [Reported by Abu Dawud; Authenticated by Al-Albani]

10. "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the tribulation of Hellfire and the torment of Hellfire, and the tribulation of the grave and the torment of the grave, and the evil of the tribulation of richness, and the evil of the tribulation of poverty. O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the evil of the tribulation of Antichrist. O Allah! Wash away my sins with the water of snow and hail, and cleanse my heart from sins as a white garment is cleansed from filth, and put a great distance between me and my sins as great as the distance You have made between the East and the West. O Allah! I seek refuge with You from laziness and sinfulness and loss" [Reported by Al-Bukhari]

11. "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from incapacity, laziness, cowardice, senility, and miserliness, and I seek refuge with You from torment in the grave and from the tribulation of life and death" [Reported by Muslim]

12. "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from severe calamity, a bad end, a bad fate, and gloating of enemies."

Abu Hurayrah (may Allah be pleased with him) narrated, "The Messenger of Allah (Prayers and peace of Allah be upon him) used to seek refuge with Allah from severe calamity, a bad end, a bad fate, and gloating of enemies" [Reported by Al-Bukhari]

13. "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the evil of what I have done and from the evil of what I have not done" [Reported by Muslim]

14. "O Allah! For Your mercy I hope, so do not leave me in charge of my affairs even for the blink of an eye, and rectify all my affairs. There is no God except You." [Reported as good (Hasan) by Al-Albani]

15. "There is no God except You [O Allah], Exalted be You. Truly, I have been of the unjust." [Authenticated by Al-Albani]

16. "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from the evil of my hearing, and from the evil of my sight, and from the evil of my tongue, and from the evil of my heart, and from the evil of my sexual desires." [Reported by At-Tirmidhi; Authenticated by Al-Albani]

17. "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from what is abominable of manners, deeds, and inclinations" [Reported by At-Tirmidhi; authenticated by Al-Albani]

18. "O Allah! You are All-Forgiving, All-Generous, and You love forgiveness, so forgive me." [I A uthenticated by Al-Albani]

19. "O Allah! I ask You [to enable me] to do good deeds, to avoid evil deeds, to love the poor, and [I ask You] to forgive me and to have mercy on me. And if You want to try people, then take me to You [i.e., cause me to die] untried. And I ask You for Your Love, the love of those who love You, and the love of a deed that gets me closer to Your Love." [Reported by At-Tirmidhi; authenticated by Al-Albani]

20. "O Allah! I ask You for all goodness, now and later on, that which I know and that which I do not know, and I seek refuge with You from all evil, now and later on, that which I know and that which I do not know. O Allah! I ask You the good that which your slave and Prophet (Muhammad) asked You for, and I seek refuge with You from the evil that from which your slave and Prophet (Muhammad) sought refuge. O Allah! I ask you for Paradise and what brings one closer to it of words or deeds, and I seek refuge from you from Hell and what brings one closer to it of words or deeds, and I ask you to make every destiny that You have prescribed for me good." [Reported by Ibn Majah; authenticated by Al-Albani]

21. "O Allah! Protect me with Islam when standing, and protect me with Islam when sitting down, and protect me with Islam when reclining, and do not make an enemy or envier rejoice at me. O Allah! I ask you for every good whose stores are in Your Hand, and I seek refuge with you from every evil whose stores are in Your Hand." [Authenticated by Al-Albani]

22. "O Allah! Give us a share of fear of You that will keep us from disobeying You, and a share of obedience to You that will drive us to Your Paradise, and a share of firm belief [in You] that will make easy for us the calamities of the world. O Allah! Make us enjoy our [full] hearing, sight, and health all along our lifetimes, and make them my heirs [i.e., keep them strong until I die], and grant us revenge over those who have wronged us, and grant us victory over those who antagonize us, and do not cause our problems to be concerning our religious commitment, and do not make our worldly life the most concern for us or the utmost of our knowledge, and do not empower over us those who do not have mercy on us" [Reported by Al-Albani as Hasan (good) Ghareeb (strange)]

23. "O Allah! Forgive my sin, my ignorance, my transgression in my affairs, and whatever You know better than I. O Allah! Forgive the wrongs that I have committed jokingly or seriously and deliberately or mistakenly, and all of that is found in me." [Reported by Al-Bukhari]

24. "O Allah! Grant us a good end in all our affairs, and protect us from disgrace in the worldly life and torment in the Hereafter." [Declared weak by Al-Albani]

25. "O my Lord! Aid me and do not aid against me, and grant me victory and do not grant victory over me, and plan for me and do not plan against me, and guide me and facilitate guidance for me, and grant me victory over those who wronged me. O my Lord! Make me thankful to You, always remembering You, always fearing You, always obeying You, to You humble, tender-hearted, and repentant. O my Lord! Accept my repentance, purify my soul, accept my prayer, strengthen my argument, guide my heart, correct my tongue, and remove ill will from my heart." [Deemed authentic by Al-Albani]

26. "O Allah! I ask You for beneficial knowledge, and I seek refuge with You from knowledge that has no benefit".

Jabir Ibn `Abullah narrated, "The Messenger of Allah (Prayers and peace of Allah be upon him) said, 'Ask Allah for beneficial knowledge, and seek refuge with Allah from knowledge that does has no benefit" [Deemed good by Al-Albani]

27. "O Allah, Lord of the Seven Heavens and Lord of the Earth and Lord of the Great Throne, our Lord and Lord of everything, the One Who causes seed-grain and date-stone to split and sprout, the One Who revealed the Torah, the Gospel, and the Criterion [i.e., the Qur'an], I seek refuge with You from the evil of everything whose forehead [i.e., control] is in Your Hands. O Allah! You are the First and there is nothing before You, and You are the Last and there is nothing after You, and You are the Manifest and there is nothing above You, and You are the Hidden and there is nothing beyond You. Settle our debt and spare us from poverty" [Reported by Muslim]

28. "O Allah! Call me to account with an easy accounting" [Deemed with a good chain of narrators by Al-Albani]

29. "O Allah! Aid me in remembering You, thanking You, and worshiping You properly" [Authenticated by Al-Albani]

30. "O Allah! I ask You faith that never swerves, and bliss that never ends, and accompaniment of Muhammad [Prayers and peace of Allah be upon him] in the highest degree of the Paradise of Eternity" [Reported by Al-Albani with a good chain of transmission]

31. "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from being overcome by debt or enemy and from gloating of enemies" [Authenticated by Al-Albani]

32. "O Allah! I ask You for Paradise and seek refuge with You from Hellfire" [Reported by Abu Dawud; deemed authentic by Al-Albani]

33. "O Allah! I seek refuge with You from associating any partner with you while I know, and I ask for Your Forgiveness [if I do so] for what im not aware of" [Authenticated by Al-Albani]

34. "O Allah! Benefit me with what You have taught me, and teach me what will benefit me, and increase me in knowledge" [Reported by Ibn Majah and At-Tirmithi, and authentic by Al-Albani]

35. "O Allah! I ask You for beneficial knowledge, good livelihood, and [doing] accepted deeds." [Reported by Ahmad and Ibn Majah, and authenticated by Al-Albani]

36. "O Allah! To You I have submitted [in Islam], and in You I have believed, and on You I have relied, and to You I have repented, and by Your Help I strive [against Your enemies]. O Allah! I seek refuge with Your Glory — there is no God except You — from being led astray. You are the Ever-Living Who never dies, whereas the jinn and mankind will die" [Reported by Muslim]

37. "O Allah! By Your Knowledge of the Unseen and Your Power over Your Creation, keep me alive for as long as You know life is good for me, and cause me to die when You know death is good for me. O Allah! I ask You to make me fear You in secrecy and in public, and I ask You to make me speak the word of scincerity in times of contentment and of anger, and I ask You not

to let me be extravagant in poverty or in prosperity, and I ask You for continuous blessings, and I ask You for contentment that does not end, and I ask You to let me accept Your Decree, and I ask You for a good life after death, and I ask You for the joy of seeing Your Face and for the longing to meet You, without going through disturbing distress or misguiding tribulation. O Allah! Adorn us with the adornment of faith, and make us sources of guidance who are rightly guided" [Authenticated by Al-Albani]

38. "O Allah! Wash away my sins and mistakes. O Allah! Cleanse me of them as a white garment is cleansed of filth. O Allah! Purify me with snow and hail and cold water" [Authenticated by Al-Albani]

39. "O Allah! Make me enjoy my [full] hearing and sight, and make them my heirs [i.e., keep them strong until I die], and grant me victory over those who wronged me, and take revenge for me from them" [Declared good (Hasan) by Al-Albani]

40. "O Allah! Increase us [in Your Blessings] and do not decrease us, honor us and do not humiliate us, give us [from Your Gifts] and do not deprive us, be in favor of us and not against us, and make us satisfied and be satisfied with us." [Reported by Imam Ahmad, and declared Hasan (good) by Ibn Hajar]

41. "O Allah! Just as You have perfected my creation, perfect my manners." [Autthenticated by Al-Albani]