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The Omnipresent One
A Prayer for Salvation

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Praise be to You my Lord, the Most Exalted and the Most High, the Almighty Supreme Lord of all creations, the Divine Sovereign Master of the Day of Judgment, the originality of Whose wisdom perplexes the most wise among all creations, the subtleties of Whose proofs confound all arguments, the wonders of Whose magnificent work alienates the opinions of the secular ones in this world, and the proofs of Whose explanations and meticulous details resonate throughout the eighteen thousand universes. You are the Just, and there is nothing equal to You. You are the Ever Right, and righteousness is one of Your infinite Holy Attributes. You are Allah and “Allah is He Whom there is no Sovereign Divinity except Him. He knows the [secrets of the] unseen and what is manifest. He is the Most Merciful and
the Most Compassionate. Allah is He Whom there is no Sovereign Divinity except Him. He knows the [secrets of the] unseen and what is manifest. He is the Most Merciful and the Most Compassionate. Allah is the King, the Holy, the Peace [and Perfection], the Believer, the Supreme in Dominion, the Exalted in Might, the irresistible, the Absolute Sovereign Divine, the Imposer of His Supremacy [over all], so Glory be to Allah Who is above what they associate with Him. Allah is He the Creator [Who is] the Originator [of everything], and the Fashioner of all forms. To Him belongs all the Most Beautiful Names, and whatever is in the heavens and on earth exalt His praises, and He is the Most Exalted in Might, the All-Wise.”

I bear witness that there is no Divine Sovereign Lord except Allah, the Absolute in His Sovereignty Who has no associate or partner. He is the sole Creator, Cherisher and Sustainer of everything, and I testify that Muhammad is His servant and Messenger, and he is the Seal of His Prophets and Messengers.
He sent him with the final mission to humanity bearing guidance and peace, to proclaim the Divine Law and to establish the Divine canon of a religious way of life with social principals that are acceptable to our Creator, Cherisher and Sustainer of all lives, a religious decree that is most beneficial for humanity in this down life and until the Day when Allah, the Magnificent and Most Exalted brings humanity back for reckoning and judgment.

My Lord Whom no eye can see in this world, Whom no perception can conceive or compare with, and no events or time can change; my Sublime Lord Who knows the exact weight of each mountain and the exact measurement of each ocean, the exact number of rain drops and the exact number of tree leaves, my Most Exalted and Most Magnificent Lord, You know what is covered by the darkness of the night, and what is exposed by the daylight to the minute details; my beloved Lord Who knows what stands by the seashores and what is in the deep of the oceans. My Lord,
make my life worthy of doing good and protect me against temptations in this fleeting life, and spare me the trials of the consequences of wrongdoing. My Lord, make the best of my days the day I am brought to stand before Your Holy Majesty. You are indeed the Most Merciful and Most Compassionate, and You surely have the power over all things. O my Divine Sovereign Lord, there is surely no proof of You more evident than Your Holy Presence, and no sphere that is not immersed with Your Holy Grace and subtle Compassion. You are the Exact Truth, the Supreme Evidence of Your Own Most Powerful Presence and Kindness. You are the Sole Ruler of the universes, and the Just King of the Day of Judgment. I am Your creation and servant, my heart is wholly ascertained of Your Absolute Supremacy and control over everything, for You are the Omniscient and Most Acquainted Who monitors, hears and sees everything. O Most Forbearing and Tolerant, the Most Gracious and Charitable, the Most Generous and
Munificent One, my Lord, encompass me in Your Bounty and Acceptance, protect me against any fall after You have guided me to walk on Your Straight Path, the path of those You blessed. My Lord, spare me any concern or sorrow in this down life and later in the true life to come in the hereafter. O Supreme Holy King and Master of the Day of Judgment, I am Your property and only a small little servant of Your creations; my Lord, if You only exalt and bless the good ones, then where else can the sinners turn to for forgiveness except towards You? My Lord, if You only bless the noble ones among Your creation, then where else can the penitents turn to for acceptance except towards You? O Most Swift and Just Reckoner bless us with Your Kindness and Divine Luminous Grace; make us true followers of Your beloved Messenger Muhammad upon whom be peace. Our Lord! You blessed Him during the Nocturnal Journey to stand in Your Holy Presence beyond the upper heavens, and You blessed us thereafter to also stand and to bow
to Your Holy Presence in our daily Salat prayers on this earth. My Lord! Accept our humble prostration and prayers. Make our focus when we turn our faces towards the holy Ka’aba be true, help us focus on the reality of Your Holy Presence and guard us against any distraction during our Salat prayers.

My Lord! As you accepted the offering of Your beloved Prophet Abraham ﷺ upon whom be peace and ransomed Ishmael with a magnificent offering from paradise; my Lord, O Most Kind One, bless us with Your kindness, pardon us, accept our humble offerings and grant us to be in the company of Your blessed servants. Surely You are the Most Merciful and Most Compassionate One. O Allah, my Lord and the Divine Sole Creator and Lord of everything, strengthen my faith and certitude. Teach me what is effective and important for my journey back to You, and allow me the benefit from what You teach me. My Lord! Provide me with what is lawful and
advantageous, and protect me against the impermissible and harmful.

My Lord! Guide me and accept me to be among those who celebrate Your praises continually, standing up, sitting down, or leaning on their sides. Inspire me my Lord to keep my focus on Your Holy Message. My Lord, You inspired and directed me to ponder on the marvelous structure of the heavens and earth You alone created and You alone cherish and maintain. My Lord! You certainly did not create all of that in vain. Glory be to You. Our Lord, we heard a harbinger calling to the faith; “Believe in your Lord;” and by Your guidance, we hearkened and were able to recognize the truth, we consented, trusted and submitted to Your exclusive absolute reality, and embraced Your Holy Message. Our Lord! Forgive us our sins, erase any wrongdoing from our records and place us when we die among the true ones to their Lord, spare us from any punishment and save us from ever suffering in hellfire, for whoever is cast into hellfire You would have
disgraced him, and the unjust ones can have no savior to help them. Our Lord, grant us what You promised us by Your Messengers. Do not disgrace or humiliate us on the Day of Judgment. Let us not suffer by association the consequences of what immoral and impudent ones among us have committed. You certainly do not fail a fixed promise.

My Lord! All the creations in this down world are Your property. Their lives and final destiny are all subject to Your Divine Just and Effective All-Controlling Powers. Everything in the heavens and on earth is humbled in submission to Your Holy Presence and Divine Magnificent Attributes, my Lord. Grant us refuge and safety in Your protection. There is surely no salvation except for whoever You alone can save.

My Lord, there is no exposure to adversities and hardships for one You bless and bring under the canopy of Your guardianship. O Holy One, when I realized how my heart
became hard like a stone and my understanding turned static, You guided me to seek more of Your pardon and forgiveness. You are the Holy One Who always feeds me, You are the only One Who can satisfy my hunger and quench my thirst. You are indeed my Holy Guide and Sustainer. Your Grace is always available for the mere asking, and Your compassionate ever Giving Hands are continuously stretched out for the needy. Grant me my Lord eyes to see more of Your magnificence and Grace. Supply me with wings without feathers to help my prayers soar to the furthest height of Your praises. Grant my heart an imploring tongue, to address Your Holy Majesty with words of devotion my guardian angels cannot record or hear. Fill my heart with extreme love for You, to be fostered with supreme faith and certainty. I place my hopes in You my Holy One to answer these prayers and pray to win Your acceptance. Help me my Lord so that I become free from the torture of
sorrow and concerns. You are my journey and Guide, and who can live without a guide?

I plead with You my Lord by the concealed innermost secrets You placed in Your creations, by the Majesty of Your magnificent reality, the unfathomable secrets of Your Holy Being, the Might of Your Divine Throne, the Effulgent Light of Your Divine Countenance, the infinite reach of Your Knowledge, the imposing Powers of Your Divine Will, the Magnificence of Your Reality, the Glory of Your Majesty, the infiniteness of Your Favors and the Sovereignty of Your Divine Lordship. I implore You my Lord by Your ever imposing Divine Beauty, Your Supreme Perfection, and Your Divine Luminous Grace and Kindness my Lord, shower me with Your kind favors and generosity, fill my heart solely with Your Presence; occupy my thoughts with the ever presence of Your subtle kindness; engage my time exclusively with You my Lord; make my heart radiate with the love of Your Effulgent Light, and let my eyes enjoy adoring You my
Lord; let my innermost sight ever witness the constant effulgence of Your Divine Splendor my Lord.

My Lord! The divided mix of the four pigeons, Abraham ﷺ slew, rose from the dead and flew from the top of the four hills back to him when he called them in Your Holy Name to come, so glory be to You my Lord. The whale of Jonah ™ could not bear the intensity of glorification and plea for forgiveness with which Your blessed Messenger implored for three nights and three days, and therefore, the whale cast him to the seashore by Your Most Merciful command O Most Compassionate Lord. When You showed Your blessed Messenger Moses ™ that the staff he leaned on represented his dependence of this down world, and that it was merely a snake, Moses ™ ran away in fear, You commanded him then not to be afraid, You alone could have appeased his fears with Your Divine Compassion, and he then placed his entire trust and dependence on You, so Glory be to You my Lord.
My Lord! O Eternal Omnipresent King
Whose kingdom is everlasting, Whose
universes are ever expanding, Whose Powers
are irresistible, Whose Mercy and Compassion
are all-encompassing, Whose sovereignty is
supreme, Whose uniqueness cannot be
contested, Whose Divinity is the proclamation
of Your Lordship of all creations, Who is free of
any needs. My Lord, the entirety of creation
which is all Your magnificent work is fettered
by its absolute dependence on You. There is not
a need of any of Your creation which is not
supplied by You. My Lord! You created the
heavens and the earth, the night and the day,
hunger and its food, thirst and its drink, illness
and its cure. My Lord, the All-Knowing Lord, O
Magnificent Most Forbearing and Wise, O
Sustainer of all needs, and Answerer of all
prayers, You know my needs, and You alone
can satisfy them my Lord. O Most Generous
and Compassionate One. You are my salvation
and my ultimate destiny. Guard me with Your
Holy Eye that does not sleep. Shield me with
the vesture of Your protection. Bestow the cloak of faith and piety on me. Cure all my ills and make my little heart rejoice to know that You are pleased with me my Lord.

My Lord! Neither my devotion can benefit You nor does my disobedience to Your commands or failure to uphold them assiduously affect You. My Lord, I implore You to accept from me the meager devotion that does not benefit You, and to forgive me the failure in my devotion and any wrongdoing I committed knowingly or unknowingly in ignorance and which causes no harm to You. My Lord, let me never rely on my own inclinations for even a blinking of an eye, but always solicit Your guidance.

My Lord, I am a poor servant of Yours and You are the Rich. I am always in need of You, and You have no needs, so make my dependence solely on You, and be my everlasting treasure. My Lord, I am weak and You are Strong, so make my reliance always on
You, and be my strength. Guide my spirit with Your Wisdom, and let me never rely on my personal inclinations. I always turn to You, I ask of You and I depend on You, so fill my heart with Your Holy Presence, occupy my tongue with gratitude to You, guide my steps to always seek Your door, guide my soul, have mercy on me, cure my illnesses, protect me from ever failing to obey Your Command. My Lord, treat me according to Your munificent bounteous grace and not on the basis of my weaknesses and failures. My Lord, grant me the intercession of Your beloved and the Seal of Your Messengers, the holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ upon whom be peace.

O Most Compassionate One, I implore You by Your Unique Most Magnificent Holy Name Allah to treat me with Your secret hidden most fulfilling glorious effulgent and Most Exalted subtle Kindness; my Lord and the sole Lord of all creations in the seven heavens and earth, Who Guard me with Your ever vigilant Holy
Eye that never sleeps; veil me under Your canopy of the accepted ones so that no harm can ever touch me and no evil go near my premises, and no danger overcome me in this life or in the next. My Lord! You are my eternal hope. Much of Your favors I failed to recognize, and much of my trials I failed to endure relying on You my Lord. You did not deprive me when I was little grateful, and You did not humiliate me when my patience failed me, You did not expose me when my sins cluttered my vision and I could not see right from wrong, my Lord, grant me Your everlasting forgiveness and pardon by the intercession of the Holy Prophet Muhammad ﷺ, upon whom be peace. Expiate my sins; quell the fire of my worldly cravings and arrogance. Fill my heart with hope of Your acceptance. Be my hearing and my sight. Let what I earn in this life be the instrument that strengthens my faith. Grant me healthy body to help support my devotion. Strengthen my patience with Your support. Grant me Your subtle Grace so that I need no compassion
except for Yours. My Lord, dispel my worries in this life and in the next. You know what I have no knowledge of, and Your Holy Wisdom is the best to measure my needs and those of all Your creations.

My Lord, You alone can hear all sounds, and You alone can see everything, You hear cries for help from Your creation, and You alone can answer them and satisfy all needs. My Lord, You know what took place in the past, and what will come next. My Lord, You are the true Savior Who can satisfy all needs, save me my Lord from all calamities in this down world,

My Lord, what a magnificent Day of Resurrection it will be, when the entire creation will recognize Your beloved Messenger Muhammad ﷺ, upon whom be peace, as the Seal of Your Prophets and Messengers, and when everyone will stand up in his honor and places his hope to receive his intercession. My Lord! Make me a beneficiary of his intercession. Grant me the blessing and honor to be his true
follower today. My Lord, accept my covenant with him, as You accepted the covenant of his blessed companions under the holy tree to be a covenant with You my Lord.

My Lord, forgive us our wrongdoing and mistakes that we ever did knowingly or unknowingly. Grant us a resplendent record shining with Your magnificent Light. Grant us Your utmost blessings in this life and in the next. You are indeed the Most Gracious, Most Generous and Most Kind.

My Lord! I hereby place my needs solely before You and none besides You. I hereby stand before Your Majesty to solicit Your Mercy and Compassion, and that of none other than You. My Lord, direct my focus exclusively to You. Attract my heart to only solicit Your acceptance. Grant me the company of Your beloved servants. Untie my tongue to continuously utter Your praises. My Lord! You hear everything I say and You know what I think. You know what stress befell me, and I
implore You to relief my stress and replace my fears with Peace of Your Holy Mercy, Compassion and Grace, there is surely no effective will or power except by You.

My Lord, shower Your blessings upon our master Muhammad ﷺ and the family of our master Muhammad ﷺ as You blessed our master Abraham and the family of our master Abraham, and bless our Master Muhammad ﷺ and the family of our master Muhammad ﷺ as You blessed our master Abraham and the family of our master Abraham in all humanity. You are indeed the all-Hearing all-Knowing Lord.

My Lord, shower Your eternal and everlasting blessings upon our master Muhammad ﷺ who is the best of Your creations and the inherent Light of Your Divine Throne, the Seal of all the Prophets and Messengers, and the most exalted and perfect
of your creation. Ameen, Glory be to You, O Lord of all creations.

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