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وَقَالَ رَبُّكُمْ ادْعُونِي أَسْتَجِبْ لَكُمْ

(Surat Ghaafir: 40)

And your Lord says: "Call on Me; I will answer your (Prayer)"

SIJILL ARTICLE: Power of Prayer

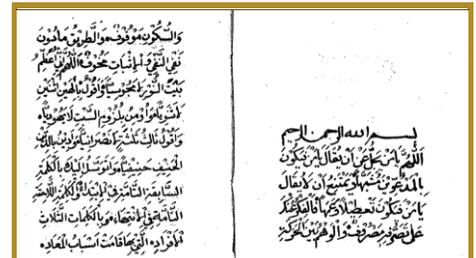
Do'a – prayer to Allah Ta'ala – is an essential part of ibaadat and worship. Allah Ta'ala has commanded us in the Qur'an Majeed to beseech do'a: "call me in do'a and I will answer your prayer, those who are too arrogant to worship me will surely enter jahannam" (*ud'uni astajib lakum innallazina yastakbiruna an ibaadati sayadkhuluna jahannama daakhireen* – Surat Ghaafir:60).

Ja'farus Sadiq Imam SA said, "do'a is the best form of worship." The Imam SA was also asked about two individuals who entered the Masjid at the same time, prayed namaaz at the same time, following which one recited Qur'an and the other engaged in do'a – which one of the two is better? Imam

SA replied that they are both good and beneficial. The questioner persisted, but which one is better? The Imam SA answered, "do'a is best, have you not heard the ayat (quoted above) 'and your Lord says, call on me and I will answer your prayer'."

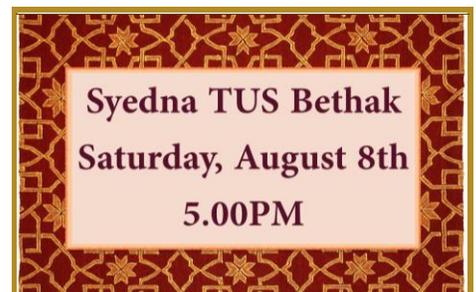
Our Hudaat Kiraam have always guided us to beseech Allah Ta'ala in prayer. After every namaaz we are directed to recite the *ta'qeeb* doa. Every morning we are encouraged to recite the do'as in the (roz parwani) hafti. In Shehruallah we are encouraged to pray bihori namaaz and do'a. In every Urus majlis we recite Sadaqallah do'a. In every wasila, we beseech the intercession of panjetan, a'immat and do'aat and pray to Allah Ta'ala. The do'as and Munajaats composed by our mawali tahereen enable us to pray in the best way. In times of happiness and joy and in times of difficulty and grief we naturally channel our energy into prayer.

In his wasila on the last Friday of Shehruallah al-Mo'azzam, Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS took the wasila of our mawali tahereen and beseeched do'a to Allah Ta'ala. He said



DOA IN TRANSLATION:

This image is of the do'a hafti transcribed by Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS. The first page was transcribed by Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA himself. Syedna al-Mu'ayyad's do'a in Times of Despair is presented this week with translation.



Syedna TUS Bethak
Saturday, August 8th
5.00PM

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Syedna TUS Saturday Qadambosi Bethak 23rd Shawwal (8th August)



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that Rasulullah SA has instructed us that, "if you desire and pray for something from Allah Ta'ala then ask for a lot" (*iza tamannayta fa akthir*).

Syedna also referred to Amirul Mumineen's SA instruction to keep praying and beseeching do'a time and again, lest there be a time most conducive to our prayer being heard. In the wasila, Syedna also said that a mumineen's sincere prayer is never unanswered. It may be in Allah's wisdom to answer the prayer immediately or imminently, or it may be in His wisdom that the answer is delayed but it is given in the seeker's lifetime, or it may be in His wisdom that the answer is given in Jannat. In this last scenario, the seeker is granted all that he desired and asked for and so much more that he wishes at that time that all his wishes were answered in the Hereafter.

Syedna Qutbuddin beseeched do'a, particularly in Shehre Ramadan in every wasila, in his munajaat and in every sajda. Syedna especially prayed for the safeguarding of Dawat, for aid and victory from Imamuz-zaman, and for the well-being of mumineen. A Da'i's do'a is always answered. Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA uttered these deeply meaningful words in Lailatul Qadar many years ago, "*Khuzaima ni do'a mustajaab che.*"

In these challenging times, as Syedna Qutbuddin appears in the Bombay High Court (see Announcement section below) we seek the wasila of our mawali tahereen and beseech do'a for the hifaazat of Dawat, for our Da'i and for the safety and success of all mumineen. We recite these abyaat by Syedna al-Mo'ayyad al-Shirazi and Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA in prayer:

*Ay parwardigar, our Lord, safeguard Dawatul-Haqq.
Safeguarding its frontiers in all lands.*

أَيَّا رَبَّنَا أَحْفَظُ دَعْوَةَ الْحَقِّ حَافِظًا
لِمُنْتَكِبِيهَا فِي الْأَرْضِ ذَاتِ الْمُنَاكِبِ

Amirul Mumineen grant us victory and fathe mubeen.

يَا أَمِيرَ الْمُؤْمِنِينَ
أَفْتَحِ الْفَتْحَ الْمِينَةَ

We sincerely beseech do'a to Allah Ta'ala that by the wasila of Panjetan, A'immat and Du'aat – especially Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA and Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA – may He give *Nasre Aziz, ta'yeed*, inspiration and *yaari* to the 53rd Dai al-Mutlaq Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS. *Nasrun Minallahi wa Fathun Qareeb wa Bashsheril Mumineen.*



DOA IN TRANSLATION: Syedna al-Mu'ayyad's do'a in Times of Despair

Syedna al-Mu'ayyad al-Shirazi was the Babul-Abwaab, the highest of the spiritual ranks (*hudood*), of the 18th Imam al-Mustansir Billah SA. He is one of the most preeminent scholars of the knowledge and 'ilm of Aale Mohammed SA. It was through him that this 'ilm was transferred to the Du'aat Mutlaqeen in Yemen. Syedna al-Mu'ayyad's life was filled with trials and tribulations, yet he remained steadfast in his belief in the Imam and in his conviction to serve him. He composed many munajaats and do'as supplicating to Allah Ta'ala and beseeching his succor. The do'as are compiled together in a hafti from which we pray particularly in the last ten days of Shehrullah al-Mo'azzam. Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA prayed from a hafti of Syedna al-Mu'ayyad's

do'as which was transcribed by hand by Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin (Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA wrote the Bismillah and first page of the first do'a). Syedna Burhanuddin RA also used this particular hafti for many years.

In one of the do'as in this collection, there are abyaat of munajaat which Syedna Taher Saifuddin recited every year in Lailatul Qadar along with the short do'a passage that followed the verses. Syedna Burhanuddin RA also recited this do'a many times. Following their tradition Syedna Qutbuddin also recited this do'a in Ramadan al-Mo'azzam this year.

The *abyaat* and the last part of the do'a are presented on Fatemidawat.com with English translation. An image of the do'a hafti transcribed by Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS is presented on the front page of Sijill.

This is an excerpt from the do'a (*ilahi ahata l-ya'su min kulli janibi*):

Allah, despair has surrounded us from every side

All roads have closed in

Fate oppresses—we are a morsel for all to devour

Harm smites—we are a draft for all to swallow

The Dawat of the virtuous Imams from Fatema's progeny

Noble, revered suns of guidance

Has been thrown into anarchy by a vile aggressor's attack

And hit by an earthquake from a foul enemy's plotting

Has been thrown into anarchy by a vile aggressor's attack

And hit by an earthquake from a foul enemy's plotting

*Is it acceptable to you, lord, that
the true faith*

*Has become a ball these
miscreants toss around?*

*Will you leave the followers of
truth unheeded and alone?*

*Will you let their lions be
assaulted by these jackal
whelps?*

*Umayyah's children have
rejoiced enough at the sorrows
they brought to Taha's progeny*

*They have caused them enough
grief*

Raining burning thunderbolts

Striking with slender blades

*A fraction of what they have
undergone, lord, suffices*

*Such sufferings are not a
required necessity*

*Guard their people, lord, and
pour down*

*On their nay-sayers heavy
calamities*

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*Unsheathe your might's sword
upon him*

*Strike him with utter disgrace in
this world and the next*

*Protect Dawat ul Haqq, lord,
and protect her shoulders*

In this wide shouldered world

*Allah, while the treacherous enemy
splits the parts of your religion that you
have commanded should be united, we
unite them. While he is determined to
disconnect himself from it, we are
determined to cling to its rope. While the
oppressor seeks aid from his brother
oppressor in perpetrating rebellion, we
seek aid from you, O merciful one, in
amending what he has damaged. While
he seeks strength in warping your*

*religion from his intercessors, (we seek
strength from) our intercessors in
straightening what he has warped, (our
intercessors) are your noble prophets,
wasi-s, and imams, the pen and the
letter N, and your treasured, concealed
name. Will you accept their mediation
for us, lord? Is there not virtue for us in
clinging to their robes? Or in seeking
their strength in amending these affairs?
And crushing a devil? And repelling a
sultan? And before everything and after
everything, this—nothing will strike us
that Allah has not decreed for us. He is
our Maula. Believers place their trust in
him.*

Abyaat and do'a with Arabic text and
English translation PDF presented on
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ANNOUNCEMENT & AMAL

**DETAILS: Court Hearings on 29th &
31st July and 3rd and 4th of August**



Syedna Khuzaima Qutbuddin TUS, the
Plaintiff in the Declaratory Suit filed in
the Bombay High Court, will appear in
the Honorable High Court for his
testimony on the 29th and 31st of July
2015 and 3rd and 4th of August 2015
inshaallah.

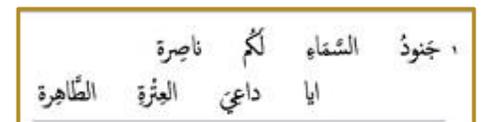
Mumineen are advised to in these days
to beseech prayers, doa and do
tasbeeh.

Mumineen should recite doa [Nasr wal
Mahab](#) and tasbeehs of hasbunallah wa
ni'mal wakeel, salawaat, panjetan paak
naam SA, Syedna Qutbuddin Shaheed

RA, Syedna Taher Saifuddin RA and
Syedna Mohammed Burhanuddin RA.
As stated earlier in [Sijill 59](#), the Hon'ble
Bombay High Court has asked that
both parties issue a statement asking
the community to maintain calm
during the proceeding of the trial.
Mumineen are hereby requested to
maintain calm during the proceeding of
the trial.

QASIDA IN TRANSLATION: *Qasida by Shz. Dr. Tahera baisaheb (From Sijill 63)*

Shz. Dr. Tahera baisaheba has
presented a Qasida to Syedna
Qutbuddin in which she beseeches
Allah Ta'ala to grant tayeed, nasar and
fateh to His Dai.



These are several verses from the
Qasida:

1. Heaven's armies are enlisted to
your aid
O Dai of the Pure Progeny
2. Tayyib Imam's inspiration
(ilhaam) is a staff in your hands
That will vanquish your enemies
3. Your case is the case of haqq
Its proof will dazzle their eyes
4. Your words shine bright
With the light of truth
5. Your deeds, well guided
Are based in the fortress of
conviction
6. Your testimony, grounded in
authentic sources
Is fragrant with the perfume of
knowledge
7. Your answers, decisive
Have the roaring might of God's
lion, Haidar
8. Your helpers are Syedna Taher
Saifuddin and Syedna
Mohammed Burhanuddin
Their swords sharp and cutting

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This Newsletter

This newsletter will inshaallah be published every Friday. It will include the latest news and instructions from Syedna Qutbuddin's office and will be published in Dawat-ni-zaban and Gujarati. It will also highlight the latest updates on fatemidawat.com. Please register to receive the newsletter regularly at info@fatemidawat.com

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Upcoming updates

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- Fatemi Dawat Architecture – Galleries and Presentations
- Fatimid Literature Article Series
- Q&A series on pertinent issues: Shari'a compliant finance, qasar namaz.

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