PROTECTION FROM EVIL (PART 2 OF 2)

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Description: Simple daily prayers for spiritual protection from the Quran and Sunnah of Prophet

Muhammad.

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Objectives

Learn several invocations along with their benefits, that help protect a person from harm.

1. Morning and Evening Invocations

Keep in mind that "Morning" starts with *Fajr* time and "Evening" starts with *Asr* time. To find *Fajr* and *Asr* times according to your city, visit www.islamicfinder.org.

(a) The verse of Al-Kursi (Quran 2:255)

Transliteration	Translation
Allaahu laa ilaaha illaa Huwa	Allah – there is no true god except Him
Al-Hayyul-Qayyoom,	The Ever-Living, the Sustainer of all existence
Laa ta khuthuhu sinatun wa laa nawm	Neither drowsiness overtakes Him nor sleep
Lahu maa fis-samaawaati wa maa fil-ardh	To Him belongs whatever is in the heavens and whatever is on the earth

Man thal-lathee yashfa'u 'indahu illaa bi ithnih	Who is it that can intercede with Him except by His permission?
Ya'lamu maa bayna aydeehim wa maa khalfahum	He knows what is present before them and what will be after them
Wa laa yuheetoona bishay- in min 'ilmihi illaa bimaa shaa'a	and they encompass not a thing of His knowledge except for what He wills
Wasi'a kursiyyuhus samaawaati wal-ardh wa laa yaooduhu hifdhuhumaa	His <i>Kursi</i> extends over the heavens and the earth, and its preservation tires Him not
Wa Huwal- 'Aliyyul-	And He is the Most High, the

The Prophet said, "Whoever says this when he rises in the morning will be protected from *jinns* until he retires in the evening, and whoever says it when retiring in the evening will be protected from them until he rises in the morning."[1]

Most Great.

Recite the following three *surahs* (chapters of Quran) three times each in Arabic. The Prophet said, "Whoever recites these three times in the morning and in the evening, they will suffice him (as a protection) against everything."[2]

(b) Al-Ikhlaas (Quran, chapter 112)

'Adheem

Transliteration	Translation
Bismillaahir-Rahmaanir- Raheem	I begin with the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.
Qul Huwallaahu Ahad	Say, "He is Allah, (who is) One.

Allaahus-Samad	Allah, the Eternal Refuge.
Lam yalid wa lam yoolad	He neither gives birth nor is born,
Wa lam yakun lahu kufuwan ahad	nor is there to Him any equivalent."

(c) Al-Falaq (Quran, chapter 113)

Transliteration	Translation
Bismillaahir-Rahmaanir- Raheem.	I begin with the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.
Qul a'oothu birabbil-falaq	Say, "I seek refuge in the Lord of daybreak
Min sharri ma khalaq	From the evil of that which He created
Wa min sharri ghaasiqin itha waqab	And from the evil of darkness when it settles
Wa min sharrin- naffaathaati fil-'uqad	And from the evil of the blowers in knots
Wa min sharri haasidin ithaa hasad	And from the evil of an envier when he envies."

(d) An-Naas (Quran, chapter 114)

Transliteration Translation

Bismillaahir-Rahmaanir-Raheem. I begin with the name of Allah, the Entirely Merciful, the Especially Merciful.

Qul a'oothu birabbin-naas

Say, "I seek refuge in the

Lord of mankind

Malikin-naas

The King of mankind

llaahin-naas

The God of mankind

Min sharril-waswaasil-

khannaas.

from the evil of the retreating

whisperer

Allathee yuwaswisu fee

sudoorin-naas

who whispers evil into the

breasts of mankind

Minal-jinnati wannaas

from among the jinn and

mankind."

(e) Recite three times in Arabic in the morning and evening:

"Bismillaahil-lathee laa yadhurru ma'as-mihi shay'un fil-ardhi wa laa fis-samaa'i wa Huwas-Samee 'ul- 'Aleem"

"I begin with the Name of Allah, Who with His Name nothing can cause harm in the earth nor in the heavens, and He is the All-Hearing, the All-Knowing."

"Whoever recites it three times in the morning will not be afflicted by any calamity before evening, and whoever recites it three times in the evening will not be overtaken by any calamity before morning."[3]

2. Invocations Before Sleeping

a)Cup your palms together, and recite the same three chapters of the Quran mentioned earlier (Chapter 112, 113 and 114). Then blow in your hands and pass them over as much of your body as you can reach, beginning with the head and the face, then the entire front of your body. Do this three times.[4]

b)Recite the verse of *Al-Kursi* (Quran, 2:255), which is also mentioned above. Prophet Muhammad said, "Whoever reads this when he lies down to sleep will have a guardian from Allah remain with him and Satan will not be able to come near him until he rises in the morning.[5]

3. Invocation for leaving the home

"Bismillaahi, tawakkaltu 'alallaahi, wa laa hawla wa laa quwwata illaa billaah"

"I begin with the Name of Allah, I have placed my trust in Allah, there is no might and no power except by Allah."[6]

4. Invocation for entering the home

"Bismillaahi walajnaa, wa bismillaahi kharajnaa, wa 'alaa Rabbinaa tawakkalnaa"

"In the Name of Allah we enter, in the Name of Allah we leave, and upon our Lord we depend (then say As-Salaamu 'Alaykum to those present)."[7]

The Prophet said that one should mention the Name of Allah when entering the home and when beginning to eat, and that the devil upon hearing this says: "There is neither shelter for us here tonight nor food."

5. Invocation for entering the toilet

"Bismillaahi Allaahumma innee a'oothu bika minal-khubthi wal khabaa-ith"

"I begin with the Name of Allah. O Allah, I seek protection in You from the male and female unclean spirits."[8]

6. Invocation for protecting the house from the devil

Prophet Muhammad said: "Allah inscribed a book two thousand years before He created the heavens and the earth, from which the last two verses of *Surah al-Baqarah* were revealed. If they are recited, no Satan (devil) will come near the house for three nights." So try to recite these two verses once every three days.

The last two verses of chapter 2 (Quran 2:285-286):

Transliteration

Translation

Aamanar-rasoolu bimaa unzila ilayhi mir-Rabbihi wal-mu-minoon

The Messenger has believed in what was revealed to him from his Lord, and [so have] the believers.

Kullun aamana billaahi wa malaaikatihi wa kutubihi wa rusulihi All of them have believed in Allah and His angels and His books and His messengers, [saying],

Laa nufarriqu bayna ahadim-mirrusulihi "We make no distinction between any of His messengers."

Wa qaaloo sami'naa wa ata'naa ghufraanaka Rabbanaa wa ilaykal-maseer And they say, "We hear and we obey. [We seek] Your forgiveness, our Lord, and to You is the [final] destination."

Laa yukallifullaahu nafsan illaa wus'ahaa Allah does not charge a soul except [with that within] its capacity.

Lahaa maa kasabat wa 'alayhaa mak-tasabat It will have [the consequence of] what [good] it has gained, and it will bear [the consequence of] what [evil] it has earned.

Rabbanaa laa tu aakhithnaa in naseenaa aw akhta'naa "Our Lord, do not impose blame upon us if we have forgotten or erred.

Rabbanaa wa laa tahmil 'alaynaa isran kamaa hamaltahu 'alallatheena min qablinaa Our Lord, and lay not upon us a burden like that which You laid upon those before us. Rabbanaa wa laa tuhammilnaa maa laa taagata lanaa bihi Our Lord, and burden us not with that which we have no ability to bear.

Wa'fu 'annaa, waghfir lanaa warhamnaa And pardon us; and forgive us; and have mercy upon us.

Anta Mawlaanaa fansurnaa 'alalgawmil-kaafireen You are our protector, so give us victory over the disbelieving people."

7. Invocation for protection while staying at home or any place:

When at home or when you are resting or staying at any place, such as when camping or picnicking, you can recite:

"A'oodhu bikalimaatil-laah al-taammah min sharri ma khalaq"

"I seek refuge in the perfect words of Allah from the evil of that which He has created"

Prophet Muhammad said: "Whoever stops at a place and says: 'A'oodhu bikalimaatillaah...',nothing will harm him until he moves on from that place."[10]

In another narration, a man complained to the Prophet Muhammad that he was stung by a scorpion the night before. The Prophet replied that if he had recited this invocation, he would not have been stung. This invocation also protects a person from physical harm befalling him or her.

8. Invocation when feeling afraid

In general, if a person is afraid of something or feeling scared, then he/she can recite what was mentioned above in No. 1(a) to 1(d) and No 7.

Some people tend to attribute almost all problems and calamities on paranormal things such as witchcraft, demons etc. One should not become paranoid about it and look at things in a reasonable way. However if there is clear evidence or inclination towards the presence of supernatural things happening around, then one should surely take a serious note of it and protect oneself with the prescribed prayers.

Footnotes: Hakim Abu Dawud and Tirmithi Abu Dawud Saheeh Al-Bukhari, Saheeh Muslim Saheeh Al-Bukhari Abu Dawud, Tirmithi Saheeh Muslim Saheeh Al-Bukhari, Saheeh Muslim Saheeh at-targheeb Saheeh Muslim

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