

Ramadan Dua Guide: Bismillah,

We have narrations stating the etiquette of dua, we are encouraged to start off by praising Allah for he is the one that deserves the ultimate praise. One way to do that is by calling Allah by his beautiful names.

Before starting your dua, take a look at some of these names and their meanings. Try to truly imagine that you are speaking to Allah and that he is listening and he fully embodies all of the following characteristics plus more.

Al rahman: most/entirely merciful	Al salam: the perfection/giver of peace
Al raheem: the bestower of mercy	Al mu'min: the one who gives iman/guidance
Al Malik: the king and owner of this world, day of judgment, everything!	Al mussawir: the fashioner
Al quddus: the absolutely pure	Al wahhab: the giver of gifts
Al fattah: the opener	Al a'leem: the all knowing
Al samee': the all hearing	Al baseer: the all seeing
Al hakam: the judge	Al a'dl: the utterly just, giver of justice
Al shakoor: the most appreciative/thankful	Al mujeeb: the responsive one
Al wadood: the most loving	Al wakeel: the trustee, disposer of all affairs
Al walliy: the protecting	Al ahad: the unique, only one
Al qadir: the capable, powerful	Al tawwab: the ever pardoning
Al ra'oof: the most kind	Al nur: the light, illuminator
Al hadi: the guide, one who guides	Al saboor: the forbearing, the patient
Al badee': the incomparable one	Al warith: the inheritor, the heir
Al rasheed: the guide, infallible teacher	Al baqi: the everlasting, ever surviving
Al mughni: the enricher	Al ghaniy: the self sufficient, the wealthy
Malik al muluk: master of the kingdom, owner of the dominion	Dhul jalaali wal ikram: possessor of glory and honor, lord of majesty and generosity
Al barr: the source of goodness, the kind benefactor	Al baatin: the hidden one, the knower of the hidden

Next, we are told to send blessings upon the prophet. There is a hadith that mentions when a servant of Allah begins off by praising Allah then sending blessings upon the prophet and finishes off his dua by sending blessings again, their dua is accepted.

"Allaahumma salli 'ala Muhammad wa 'ala aali Muhammad kama salayta 'ala Ibraaheem wa 'ala aali Ibraaheem, innaka hameedun majeed. Allaahumma baarik 'ala Muhammad wa 'ala aali Muhammad kama baarakta 'ala Ibraaheem wa 'ala aali Ibraaheem, innaka hameedun majeed

(O Allaah, send prayers upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad, as You sent prayers upon Ibraaheem and upon the family of Ibraaheem; You are indeed Worthy of Praise, Full of Glory, O Allaah, send blessings upon Muhammad and upon the family of Muhammad as You sent blessings upon Ibraaheem and upon the family of Ibraaheem; You are indeed Worthy of Praise, Full of Glory)."

"'Allaahumma salli 'ala Muhammadin wa 'ala azwaajihi wa dhurriyyatihi kama salayta 'ala Ibraaheem, wa baarik 'ala Muhammadin wa 'ala azwaajihi wa dhurriyyatihi kama baarakta 'ala aali Ibraaheem, innaka hameedun majeed

(O Allaah, send Your salaah (grace, honour and mercy) upon Muhammad and upon his wives and offspring, as You sent Your salaah upon Ibraaheem, and send Your blessings upon Muhammad and upon his wives and offspring, as You sent Your blessings upon the family of Ibraaheem. You are indeed Praiseworthy, Most Glorious)."

Next, we go ahead and make dua to Allah. Know that when you call out to Allah, he hears you, he loves you, and he wants to answer your dua. Allah says "call upon me and I will respond" (40:60).

Don't ever despair and lose hope in making dua, for even if you are not directly given what you pray for, every dua is being answered in one way or another.

Ya allah, you are the most merciful of those who show mercy, the most forgiving, forgive us for the minor and major sins, the hidden and the exposed, the first and the last, the sins we repented from and returned to forgive us for every single sin and please don't take your blessing away from us because of our misdoings and bad deeds.

Ya Rabb, don't take our souls until you are pleased with us. Let the shahadah be our last works rolling out of our tongues. Ya Rabb, you're the guider of lost souls, so guide us all and forgive us, and our parents and the whole ummah combined

Ya Allah, give us sabr and patience, ease the pain in the hearts of your believers, allow us to taste the sweetness of patience and to build an unbreakable connection towards you through tawakkul.

Help us to stay firm during times of hardship, to find ultimate peace and comfort in turning to you alone, to perfect not only our patience but also our tawakkul.

Oh Allah, help make acts of worship that are difficult for us easy. Give us the guidance and the ability to grow in our religion and implementation of it. To be from the people we hear and obey and not to be from those who heard and disobeyed.

Oh allah, this world is of no value, its importance is insignificant, help us to hold this world in our hands and not in our hearts. Allow us to stay firm on our religion and on the truth during a time when fitnah is so evident.

Allah, allow us to perfect our religion and to attain your ultimate pleasure and rida and allow us to become sources of guidance for those around us.

Oh ghafur, we have made mistakes and due to our imperfect nature we will continue to make mistakes, but you love for us in like that which our minds can't even comprehend, ya rahman forgive us, pardon us of for our sins and help us leave off the haram.

Guide our whole muslim ummah upon the true essense of islam, allow us to unite upon tawheed and to become an unbreakable ummah fighting for the sake of islam.

From your immaculate mercy and rahama, allah us to become worthy of your jannah, change us until we are from the people of jannah.

Build up palaces in your jannah, underneath your throne, make us all from amongst the highest ranks, and allow us to enter into your jannah without hisab/reckoning

Oh allah, make the punishment of jahannam haram upon us, allow us to see the reality of your anger and wrath and to use this fear to drive us away from haram

Oh rahman, allah us to stay firm on our deen and to die in a state of iman. Allow our last words to be la ilaha illa allah, to die as shuahada2, or in salah, or fighting for your religion

Allow our souls to be those whom the angels question and want to know about. For our shrouds to be from the shrouds of jannah and not the shourds of jahannam

Keep us firm on our religion during the questioning of the grave, allow our good deeds, our quran, and salah to be with us. Allow our graves to come from the gardens of paradise and not pits from the pits of hellfire.

Ya rahman, you are the owner and the ultimate possesser of mercy, for us for our sins, forgive the whole muslim ummah, forgive all of our past muslim family members/siblings in islam.

Oh allah, we know of a day that is longer than 50,000 years. When everyone will be naked, scared, and terrified. A day in which the sun will be a mile above our heads as we wait to attain our books. Oh allah, allow us to be under your shade on that day, when there is no shade but your shade.

Allow us to be standing with the righteous, attain our books on our right and not our left. Covering our wrongdoings on that day for you is the ultimate source of forgiveness.

Oh allah, allow us to attain the companionship and the shafa2a (intercession) of your beloved prophet Muhammad SAW. Help us learn about him, help us love him and attain his companionship amongst the highest ranks of jannah.

Oh allah, you have sent your beloved word and revelation, the quran, as a guidance for all of mankind. Allow us to truly fall in love with the quran. Allow it to become a source of intercession for us. To be able to read it, understand it, and implement it in our lives. For it to

become one of the sources of ultimate peace, comfort and serenity in this dunyah helping us stay firm on our religion.

Ya Allah, we have yet to perfect our salah. This ultimate connection and conversation with you has become something we neglect, hurrying as we try to move on with our day.

Help us see the true beauty of salah, to be able to clear our minds and truly focus and feel the khusuh within it. Allow it to be a getaway for us from the troubles and worries of this dunya.

Oh turner of hearts, keep our hearts firm on your deen. Keep our hearts engulfed with guidance, hidaya, and protect us from misguidance, arrogance, and envy. Allah, there is no guidance but your guidance. A life with your guidance and love paired with nothing of this dunya is the ultimate life whereas a life filled with worldly pleasures and no connection towards you is the recipe for depression and sorrow.

Oh Allah, purify our hearts from all the diseases that affect insan. All of us leave this month of Ramadan having purified our hearts and having attained a new love and connection through it towards you.

Oh Allah, protect us from the plotting and planning of shaytan, from the desires of our own nafs and the temptations of our minds. Help us to step on our souls and attain your ultimate jannah and reward. Make the halal beloved to us and haram something we hate and move away from.

Ya Allah please renew the iman in our hearts, help us to be focused on you and not your creation, give us the strength to let go of the things that are breaking us.

Ya allah you know what's in our hearts, you know what is causing us pain, ease that pain, relieve that stress and let us feel your everlasting love and protection

Oh allah, forgive and bless my parents for all they have done for me. Allow them to attain your jannah and ultimate rida

Oh allah, let us love you as you deserved to be love, and let us fear you as you deserved to be feared, and let us leave this world serving your creation for your sake

Oh Allah, don't let us every turn away from you, no matter how many trials and difficulties you test us with. Let these difficulties serve to make us stronger muslims and make us more sincere to you

Ya allah we ask you for ur straight path and the bounty of your jannah and love

Oh Allah, don't let us die until we have become those whom you are truly pleased with. Allow us to attain your ultimate love and guidance

Oh Allah, ease all of our studies and future plans. Allow us to have success both in this world and hereafter. Help us to puffy our intentions and to keep our intentions pure and to become guidance and aid to the muslim ummah.

Oh allah, don't let us leave this blessed month of ramadan without having all our sins forgiven, without having attained your jannah and been freed from your punishment, without having built an unbreakable connection and love towards you, without having purified our hearts and broken bad habits, without having gained a deeper understanding and honor to your worship and religion.

We ask you by your most beloved names to enter us into your jannah and to make us those whom you are pleased with.

To end of the dua, the etiquette is to once again mention salutations upon the prophet and mention Allah's beautiful names and praise.

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