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Make duáa for others

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Have you prayed for your brother or sister without them knowing?

Did you know... "The supplication (duáa) of a Muslim for his brother in his absence will certainly be answered. Every time he makes a supplication for good for his brother, the angel appointed for this particular task says: 'Ameen*! May it be for you too!'" [Prophet Muhammad ﷺ *]
(Hadith narrated by Muslim)

Alhamdulillah*!

Here are some tips on how to make that duáa for your brother or sister a bit more beneficial:

1. Do it for someone who wouldn't expect it from you. Make the duáa without telling that person so as to make it most sincere and for the sake of Allah.

2. Broaden the type of duáas and broaden the kinds of people that you make duáa for so that you can be given different things. So in particular think of a person in each of the following categories and make duáa for them daily:

a) A person who has good qualities but hasn't been guided to faith. Make duáa for guidance for that person so that perhaps Allah grants you further guidance.

b) A person who is involved in Islamic work. Ask Allah to accept from them and keep them sincere so that perhaps Allah uses you for His cause and keeps you sincere.

c) A person who is committing a public sin. Make duáa that Allah forgives that person. Imagine if the duáa is accepted for a major public sin, then the angels will say Ameen for you also and perhaps Allah will forgive you for both your public and private sins!

d) A person who is ill. Make duáa that Allah grants him or her full health so that perhaps Allah will either heal you if you are sick or preserve your health for you if you are healthy.

e) A person who is struggling due to the lack of money or food or suffering a worldly hardship. Ask Allah to help that person so that perhaps Allah will help you in that same situation.

f) A person who has a particular blessing that you wish for. Ask Allah to keep blessing that person with that item. Ask Allah to make the item good for the person, without making it a method to take him away from the goodness in the Hereafter. Perhaps Allah will grant that same blessing or item for you. Perhaps Allah will maintain your blessings upon you too, without making the item be a method of harming you.



2. When making dua for all the Muslims around the world, don't just end it at "Allah help all the Muslims." Rather, be specific, describe to Allah what's going on. Ask Him specifically for those in Rohingya, in Syria, in Gaza etc. For that, you'll need to be aware of what's happening to our brothers and sisters around the world. Do your research, stay aware and make dua for them all.

3. Sometimes when we make dua, we run out of things to say and so we say 'ameen' and end our dua quickly. However, don't give up, when you face that silence in your dua, stay how you are, you'll eventually think of many more things to make dua for.

4. Lastly, finish your dua off with salutations to the prophet (saw).

Content of your dua:

1. Ask Allah for exactly what you want. Talk to Allah like you're having a conversation with Him. Describe to Him what's on your mind. Tell Him how you feel. Be very precise in your dua.

*Brief Meanings:

Allah = God, The one Almighty God

Ameen = May Allah accept the duáa/ answer the duáa. (In other words: "Allahumma Ameen" means, "O Allah, answer it".)

Prophet Muhammad ﷺ = Prophet Muhammad (p.b.u.h.) = Prophet Muhammad (s.a.w.) = Prophet Muhammad SalAllahu 'alayhi wa

Sallaam = Prayer of God be upon him (Prophet Muhammad) and peace

Alhamdulillah = All praises and thanks to Allah

Duáa = "invocation". It is an act of supplication which can be done at anytime. It is like making a wish or prayer to Allah, asking Allah for something that you really want. The term duáa is an Arabic word meaning to 'call out' or to 'summon'. Muslims regard this as an excellent act of worship.

Allah loves to be asked, and He encourages that in all things. He is angry with the one who does not ask of Him and He encourages His slaves to ask of Him. Allah says: "And your Lord said: "Invoke Me [ask Me for anything] I will respond (to your invocation)...."[Quran; Surah Ghaafir 40:60]

Du'aa is very important in Islam, so much so that the Prophet (peace and blessings of Allah be upon him) said: "Du'aa' is worship." Narrated by al-Tirmidhi, 3372; Abu Dawood, 1479; Ibn Maajah, 3828; classed as saheeh by al-Albaani in Saheeh al-Tirmidhi, 2590.

(s.a.w.) = Sal Allaahu alayhi wa sallam = may peace and blessings of God be upon him

Sahaba or **As-Sahaba** (Arabic: الصحابة), meaning the companions, refers to the companions, friends and family of the Islamic prophet, Muhammad.