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In His Name, the Lord of Husayn(A)

I seek refuge with Allah, from Shaytaan, the Rejected One.

I begin with the name of Allah,  
the Most Kind,  
the Most Loving.

All praise belongs to Allah, the Lord and Sustainer of the Universes,  
and may His blessings and peace be upon our beloved messenger,  
Muhammad(S), and upon the pure and pure family of Muhammad(S).

May Allah's mercy be far away from those Evil ones, who harmed,  
oppressed and went against Muhammad(S) and the family of  
Muhammad(S), from the very first one, until the Day of Judgement.

Ameen, O Lord and Sustainer of the Universes.

Our beloved third Imam, Imam Husayn ibn Ali(A), the Master of the  
Martyrs, the Martyr of Karbala, says:

*"Indeed, the requests which people make to you are blessings of  
Allah, so do not feel weary and uneasy (about fulfilling them if you  
are able)"*

One of the most important duties of all Muslims, along with obeying  
Allah is to help their fellow Muslims. There are many sayings of the  
Masumeen(A) and here are a couple of them:

The first one is from our beloved Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq(A), the  
sixth Imam, our Imam says:

*"When a Muslim comes to you with a problem or a difficulty, he is actually bringing the Mercy of Allah to you. Therefore, if you accept to solve their problem and/or help them in their time of need, then you have accepted the mercy of Allah. However, if you choose to ignore him, or not help him, or if you reject his plea for help, then you have reject to accept the Mercy of Allah"*

Can you imagine, our blessed Imam(A) is saying, that if someone comes to you and asks for some help - for example; if your mum or dad, come to you and ask you to help with throwing the rubbish out, or with hoovering the house - for example, it is like they are giving you the mercy of Allah, and if you are naughty, and don't help them out, then you've taken this very precious and priceless gift and thrown it away.

But, if you help them, and do what tasks you are asked to do - such as cleaning your room, clearing the table after dinner, doing your homework, and so on, you have accepted the precious gift of the mercy of Allah and kept it very safe and secure.

Another very interesting saying of our Imam(A)s, this time from Imam Muhammad al-Baqir(A), the father of Imam Ja'far as-Sadiq(A) is about our blessed Prophet Musa(A) (or Moses(A)).

Imam Baqir(A) was once sitting with his companions, and told them a very interesting thing; our Imam(A) said:

*"One of the things that Allah told to Prophet Musa(A) was:  
'I have given permission to some of my creatures to not only enter heaven, but to exercise some authority within it'*

*Prophet Musa(A) asked Allah:*

*'Who are these blessed people?'*

*To which Allah replied:*

*'O Musa(A)! They are the ones who bring happiness to a fellow*

## Muslim"

So you can see, that Allah is telling Prophet Musa(A) that not only will he (she) send a person to heaven, but will make him like a senior person, a chief in Heaven, if he (she) treats people with kindness and makes them happy.

How can we make others happy? Can you think of three ways you can make those around you happy?

Make a list here:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

Another time Imam Baqir(A) said:

*"Whenever a person asks me for help, I rush to provide it to him, in case that person's situation changes and he no longer needs my help, which would deprive me from the blessings of helping"*

Can you imagine? Imam Baqir(A) is saying that if someone was to ask him for help, he would rush to help them, just in case the situation of the person asking for help changes and he (she) no longer needs help. Subhan Allah.

To put it into an example we can understand if you are asked to do something by your mum or dad, aunt or uncle or teacher, you should do it quickly, if you are a follower of Imam Baqir(A). Let's use an example:

If you are downstairs, and your mum is in the kitchen, and she wants you to give her something which is near you - say a pen - you should

quickly give her the pen, because then you'll be rushing to grab the mercy of Allah, if you procrastinate (wait or delay), perhaps she will find a pen in the kitchen and no-longer need a pen from you, and you will lose out on that chance to grab the Mercy of Allah.

Who wants to miss out on such a wonderful gift like the Mercy of Allah? I don't think anyone would want to miss out on something so amazing!!

On helping people, we know that the position of our parents is very special, and Allah has given us special rules regarding our parents. We can't raise our voices at them, and we can't even talk to them in even a slightly rude way or ever feel frustrated with them.

Prophet Muhammad(S) has give us many important lessons regarding how we should treat our parents; one of the lessons is:

*"Sitting with your parents for one hour is better than going for Jihad in the way of Allah. If only a single word is spoken with the intention to pleasing one's parents, then Allah is pleased"*

In the Holy Quran, Allah has said the following:

*"Your Lord has ordered you to worship none except Him, and to be good to your parents. If either or both of them attain old age with you, do not say: "Fie on you", nor rebuke them, but speak to them with words of respect."*

*And lower to them the wing of humbleness out of mercy and say: "My Lord, be merciful to them, as they raised me since I was little."*

*(Quran, Surah Bani Israil (Children of Israel) (Surah 17), Ayaat 23-24)*

In this lesson from Quran, Allah is telling us that we should never be rude to them, and we should always be kind to them, after all, if our

parents were not kind to us, they would never have brought us up with this beautiful blessing of Islam, and the love of Ahl al-Bayt(A), they would never have look after us, told us off when we didn't do our homework or were naughty. While right now we might think they are wrong, we should still abide by Allah's command, and later when we are older and wiser we will understand that they were indeed showering us with kindness and everything they told us to do, every time they told us off and so on, was for the best, and they really did know better.

Five ways that you can respect your parents are given here:

1. Never raise your voice to your parents
2. Do not sit down while they are standing
3. Do not talk while they are talking
4. Do not make them angry or unhappy with you
5. Never argue, shout or be rude to them

Can you think of five more ways you can respect your parents?

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.
- 4.
- 5.

We should also always be making Dua for our parents, they are an amazing blessing and we can never thank Allah enough for them.

There is a simple two rakat namaaz called "Namaaz-e-Hadiyat al-Walidain" (the Namaaz that is a gift to the parents). If you can, you should recite this every day, if you can't do every day, then every Thursday, as it is a very special gift that you give to your parents and it has a lot of thawaab, both for yourself and your

parents.

You can pray it very simply, just like Fajr Namaaz, two rakaats, it is just the intention that is different - you would make the intention like this:

*"I am praying two rakat namaaz-e-hadiyat al-walidayin, qurabatan illa Allah (for the sake of Allah)"*

The rest of the namaaz is just like any other two rakah prayer, like Fajr prayer for example.

Now, the same way that we love our parents, our parents love us very much, everything they do is for us, and we should always remember that.

Now I want you to close your eyes, and imagine the plain of Karbala ...

*It is the night of Ashura, Bibi Zaynab(A) is talking to her beloved sons, Aun(A) and Muhammad(A):*

*"O my sons, tomorrow is the day of sacrifice. If you get near the River Furat, during the battle, do not drink the water for Sakina will still be thirsty"*

*The two boys replied to their mother:*

*"Oh our mother, have faith in us, we are the students of our beloved Uncle Abbas"*

*On the day of Ashura, the battle began; Bibi Zaynab(A) lifted the curtain of her tent and looked out. She saw that Aun(A) and Muhammad(A) were following Imam Husayn(A). She called out to her*

sons, saying:

"Oh my sons, have you still not gone to fight?"

Aun(A) and Muhammad(A) replied:

"Oh Mother, our Uncle Husayn(A) keeps refusing to allow us to go into the battlefield ..."

Bibi Zaynab(A) then called her beloved brother Imam Husayn(A) to her tent and said:

"Oh my beloved brother; why do you not accept my sacrifice?"

Imam Husayn(A) finally agreed, and allowed the two boys to go into the battlefield. He personally prepared them, he helped them mount their horses, and watched them from atop a small hill nearby ...

Aun(A) and Muhammad(A) fought very bravely, they reached the tent of the cursed Umar ibn Sa'ad(L). Umar ibn Sa'ad(L) asked who these two boys were, and he was told they were the grandsons of Ali ibn Abi Talib(A) and Ja'far at-Tayyar(A).

Umar ibn Sa'ad(L) got extremely angry, he hated even to hear the name of Imam Ali(A) and any of the true lovers of Prophet Muhammad(S) and Islam; he immediately gave the order for the two boys to be surrounded by hardened soldiers from his army.

The cursed Umar ibn Sa'ad(L) ordered that the two boys be pelted with stones, spears and all manner of objects until they were dead.

When our beloved Imam Husayn(A) saw this; he called out to Hadhrat Abbas(A) to come with him. The two of them, Imam Husayn(A) and Hadhrat Abbas(A), ran towards the two boys.

While they were still getting there, they heard the boys cry out:

"Oh our Uncle Husayn! Please accept our final salaam! Please tell our mother we never faltered, and we never gave in to the enemies of Allah!"

By the time Imam Husayn(A) and Hadhrat Abbas(A) reached the two boys; they had been martyred ...

Imam Husayn(A) and Hadhrat Abbas(A) carried the bodies of Aun(A) and Muhammad(A) back to the tents of the Ahl al-Bayt(A), with Hadhrat Abbas(A) carrying the body of Muhammad(A), and Imam Husayn(A) carrying Aun(A).

As they arrived into the camp of Ahl al-Bayt(A), Bibi Zaynab(A) saw her two beloved sons martyred, she immediately laid out her musalla (prayer mat), and went into sajdah (prostration) to Allah; saying:

"Oh Allah, I give you thanks, for accepting my sacrifice!"

Ya Husayn Ya Husayn Ya Husayn .....

I want everyone to join in with the Chorus, and to make matam strongly during the actual verses:

### **Chorus:**

Love of my Heart, you're the Light of my Eyes, Husayn,  
Light of my Eyes (repeat twice)

### **Verse 1**

Zaynab my sweet,  
They will bind both your feet,  
They will tear away your veil ...  
They will come for Ali,

They will hurt him 'cause of me,  
They will torture him you'll see ...  
And we'll never be far from the pain of Ashura,  
From the pain of Ashura ...

**Chorus:**

Love of my Heart, you're the Light of my Eyes, Husayn,  
Light of my Eyes (repeat twice)

**Verse 2**

They will curse Mustafa(S),  
And my father Murtadha(S)  
For they hate all that is good,  
And all for which they stood,  
From my mother they did steal ...  
Yet the truth Allah revealed,  
And we'll never be far from the pain of Fatema  
From the pain of Fatema ...

**Chorus:**

Love of my Heart, you're the Light of my Eyes, Husayn,  
Light of my Eyes (repeat twice)

**Verse 3**

Where the sand is dry as hell,  
where holy blood had fell,  
Where souls of martyrs dwell ...  
My sweet Zaynab(A) do not fear,  
Allah is always near ...  
And we'll never be far from the pain of Karbala,  
From the pain of Karbala ...

**Chorus:**

Love of my Heart, you're the Light of my Eyes, Husayn,

Light of my Eyes (repeat twice)

**Verse 4**

You will face cursed Yazid(L),  
After all that he did,  
You will preach what is right,  
And my face he will strike ...  
To Allah we will return,  
For this meeting we do yearn ...  
And we'll never be far from the Call of Allah,  
From the Call of Allah ...

**Chorus:**

Love of my Heart, you're the Light of my Eyes, Husayn,  
Light of my Eyes (repeat twice)

**Verse 5**

We will fight until the end,  
For Islam we will defend,  
On Allah we will depend,  
For Jihad is our way,  
From now til the Judgement Day,  
And these words we will say ...  
And we'll never be far from the Ruh of Allah,  
From the Ruh of Allah ...

**Chorus:**

Love of my Heart, you're the Light of my Eyes, Husayn,  
Light of my Eyes (repeat twice)

**Verse 1 (Repeat)**

Zaynab my sweet,  
They will bind both your feet,  
They will tear away your veil ...

They will come for Ali,  
They will hurt him 'cause of me,  
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And we'll never be far from the pain of Ashura,  
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