



Eighth: It is recommended to say the following confidential prayer (Munajat) that has been narrated by Ibn Khalawayh who commented on it, saying, "This is the confidential prayer of Imam AliAmeer al-Momineen and the Holy Imams (a.s.) who used to say it in the month of Sha'ban."

This confidential prayer (Munajat), ascribed to the Holy Imams (a.s.), is highly significant since it comprises excellent meanings. It is advisable to say it with presence of heart all the time.

بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ

اللَّهُمَّ صَلِّ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

O Allah, (please do) send blessings to Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad,

وَاسْمَعْ دُعَائِي إِذَا دَعَوْتُكَ،

listen my prayers whenever I beseech You

وَاسْمَعْ نِدَائِي إِذَا نَادَيْتُكَ

listen to my call whenever I call upon you,

وَاقْبَلْ عَلَيَّ إِذَا نَاجَيْتُكَ

and accept from me whenever I confidentially whisper to You,

فَقَدْ هَرَبْتُ إِلَيْكَ وَوَقَفْتُ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

for here I am fleeing in to You, standing before You,

مُسْتَكِينًا لَكَ مُتَضَرِّعًا إِلَيْكَ

showing submission to You, imploring You,

رَاجِيًا لِمَا لَدَيْكَ ثَوَابِي

and hoping for the reward that You have.

وَ تَعْلَمُ مَا فِي نَفْسِي وَ تَحْبُرُ حَاجَتِي

and You are well aware of my inner thoughts. You are aware of my needs.

وَ تَعْرِفُ ضَمِيرِي،

and You recognize my hidden affairs,

وَلَا يَخْفَى عَلَيْكَ أَمْرٌ مُنْقَلَبِي وَ مَثْوَايَ

and all my moves and stillness are known by You.

وَمَا أُرِيدُ أَنْ أَبْدِيَ بِهِ مِنْ مَنْطِقِي،

So are all the utterances which I want to begin with,

وَ أَتَفَوَّهَ بِهِ مِنْ طَلِبَتِي،

all the requests that I want to express,

وَ أَرْجُوهُ لِعَاقِبَتِي،

and all the expectation that I hope for my future.

وَ قَدْ جَرَتْ مَقَادِيرُكَ عَلَيَّ يَا سَيِّدِي

All that which You have decided for me, O my Master

فِي مَا يَكُونُ مِنِّي إِلَى آخِرِ عُمْرِي

up to the end of my life,

مِنْ سَرِيرَتِي وَ عَلَانِيَتِي

including my secret and open matters, shall be experienced by me.

وَ بِيَدِكَ لَا بِيَدِ غَيْرِكَ زِيَادَتِي وَ نَقْصِي

And it is in Your hand, not anybody else's, that are all increase and decrease,



وَنَفْعِي وَضَرِّي

and all my benefits and harms that come upon me.

إِلَهِي إِنْ حَرَمْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَرْزُقُنِي

O my God, if You deprive me (of Your sustenance), then who else can ever provide me with sustenance?

وَ إِنْ خَدَلْتَنِي فَمَنْ ذَا الَّذِي يَنْصُرُنِي

and If You disappoint me, then who else can ever back me?

إِلَهِي أَعُوذُ بِكَ مِنْ غَضَبِكَ

My Lord I seek refuge from You in the descending of Your wrath

وَ حُلُولِ سَخَطِكَ

and Your chastisement.

إِلَهِي إِنْ كُنْتُ غَيْرَ مُسْتَأْهِلٍ لِرَحْمَتِكَ

O Allah! Although I am not eligible for Your Mercy,

فَأَنْتَ أَهْلٌ أَنْ تَجُودَ عَلَيَّ بِفَضْلِ سَعَتِكَ

You are still expected to confer upon me with Your expansive favor.

إِلَهِي كَأَنِّي بِنَفْسِي وَاقِفَةٌ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

O my God, I now imagine how I will stand before You,

وَ قَدْ أَظَلَّهَا حُسْنُ تَوَكُّلِي عَلَيْكَ

shaded by my good idea about You on account of my trust in You,

فَقُلْتَ مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ،

and You will decide for me that which befit You

وَ تَعَمَّدْتَنِي بِعَفْوِكَ-

and You will include me with Your forgiveness.

إِلَهِي إِنْ عَفَوْتَ فَمَنْ أَوْلَى مِنْكَ بِذَلِكَ

O my God, if you pardon me, then who else is worthier than You are in pardoning.

وَ إِنْ كَانَ قَدْ دَنَا أَجَلِي

If my time of death is approaching

وَلَمْ يُدْنِنِي مِنْكَ عَمَلِي

while my deeds are still too short to approach me to You,

فَقَدْ جَعَلْتُ الْإِقْرَارَ بِالذَّنْبِ إِلَيْكَ وَسِيلَتِي-

thus I have made my acceptance of sins a means of intercession.

إِلَهِي قَدْ جُرْتُ عَلَى نَفْسِي فِي النَّظَرِ لَهَا

O my God, I have wronged myself when I allowed myself to behave unrestrainedly;

فَلَهَا الْوَيْلُ إِنْ لَمْ تَغْفِرْ لَهَا

therefore, woe will betide me if You do not forgive.

إِلَهِي لَمْ يَزَلْ بَرُّكَ عَلَيَّ أَيَّامَ حَيَاتِي

O my God, You have never ceased Your favors from me all my lifetime;

فَلَا تَقْطَعْ بَرُّكَ عَنِّي فِي مَمَاتِي-

so, (please) do not stop Your favors from covering me after my death.

إِلَهِي كَيْفَ آيَسُ مِنْ حُسْنِ نَظْرِكَ لِي بَعْدَ مَمَاتِي

O my God, how can I despair of Your nice custody over me after my death



وَأَنْتَ لَمْ تُؤَلِّني إِلَّا الْجَمِيلَ فِي حَيَاتِي-

while You have not shown me but the good throughout my lifetime?

إِلَهِي تَوَلَّ مِنْ أَمْرِي مَا أَنْتَ أَهْلُهُ،

O my God, (please) manage my affairs in the very way that befits You,

وَعُدُّ عَلَيَّ بِفَضْلِكَ عَلَيَّ مُذْنِبٌ قَدْ غَمَرَهُ جَهْلُهُ

and confer upon me—a sinful person who is covered by his ignorance—with Your favors.

إِلَهِي قَدْ سَتَرْتَ عَلَيَّ ذُنُوبًا فِي الدُّنْيَا

O my God, You have concealed my sins in my worldly life,

وَأَنَا أَحْوَجُ إِلَى سِتْرِهَا عَلَيَّ مِنْكَ فِي الْآخِرَى

but I need Your concealment more urgently in the Next Life.

إِلَهِي قَدْ أَحْسَنْتَ إِلَيَّ إِذْ لَمْ تُظْهِرْهَا

O Allah You have thus not disclosed my sins

لِأَحَدٍ مِنْ عِبَادِكَ الصَّالِحِينَ

before any of Your righteous servants;

فَلَا تَفْضُحْنِي يَوْمَ الْقِيَامَةِ عَلَيَّ رُؤُوسَ الْأَشْهَادِ

therefore, (please) do not expose me on the Resurrection Day before all the witnesses.

إِلَهِي جُودُكَ بَسَطَ أَمَلِي

O my God, it is Your magnanimity that expanded my hope,

وَعَفْوُكَ أَفْضَلُ مِنْ عَمَلِي

and Your forgiveness is greater than my deeds.

إِلَهِي فَسِّرْني بِلِقَائِكَ يَوْمَ تَقْضِي فِيهِ بَيْنَ عِبَادِكَ

O my God, so (please) delight me when I meet You on the day when You shall judge between Your servants.

إِلَهِي اعْتِدَارِي إِلَيْكَ اعْتِدَارُ

My Lord my excuse is like the excuse of a person

مَنْ لَمْ يَسْتَغْنِ عَنْ قَبُولِ عُذْرِهِ

who does not have any hope of his excuse being accepted.

فَاقْبَلْ عُذْرِي

therefore accept my excuse.

يَا أَكْرَمَ مَنْ اعْتَدَرَ إِلَيْهِ الْمُسِيئُونَ-

O most Magnanimous of all those before whom the guilty make an apology.

إِلَهِي لَا تَرُدَّ حَاجَتِي،

O my God, (please) do not reject my request,

وَلَا تُخَيِّبْ طَمَعِي

nor overtook my desires

وَلَا تَقْطَعْ مِنْكَ رَجَائِي وَ أَمَلِي-

and do not disappoint my desire and expectation for You.

إِلَهِي لَوْ أَرَدْتَ هَوَانِي لَمْ تَهْدِنِي

O my God, had You wanted to humiliate me, You would not have guided me (to You).

وَلَوْ أَرَدْتَ فَضِيحَتِي لَمْ تُعَافِنِي-

& had You decided to disclose me, You would not have saved me



إِلَهِي مَا أَظُنُّكَ تَرُدُّنِي فِي حَاجَةٍ

O my God, I do not expect You to reject my request

قَدْ أَفْنَيْتُ عُمْرِي فِي طَلِبِهَا مِنْكَ-

for which I spent my whole lifetime asking for it from You.

إِلَهِي فَلَكَ الْحَمْدُ أَبَدًا أَبَدًا

O my God, all praise be to You, forever, forever,

دَائِمًا سَرْمَدًا يَزِيدُ وَلَا يَبِيدُ

perpetually, everlastingly, increasingly, and imperishably,

كَمَا تُحِبُّ وَتَرْضَى

as exactly as You like and please.

إِلَهِي إِنْ أَخَذْتَنِي بِجُزْمِي أَخَذْتُكَ بِعَفْوِكَ

O my God, if You punish me for my offense, I shall demand with Your pardon,

وَإِنْ أَخَذْتَنِي بِذُنُوبِي أَخَذْتُكَ بِمَغْفِرَتِكَ،

if You punish me for my sins, I shall demand with Your forgiveness,

وَإِنْ أَدْخَلْتَنِي النَّارَ أَعْلَمْتُ أَهْلِهَا أَنِّي أَحِبُّكَ

and if You decide to send me to Hell, I shall declare to its inhabitants that I love You.

إِلَهِي إِنْ كَانَ صَغُرَ فِي جَنْبِ طَاعَتِكَ عَمَلِي

O my God, if my deed is too little when compared to the true obedience to You,

فَقَدْ كَبُرَ فِي جَنْبِ رَجَائِكَ أَمَلِي

then my hope for You is too big when compared to my prospect from You.

إِلَهِي كَيْفَ أَنْقَلِبُ مِنْ عِنْدِكَ بِالْخَيْبَةِ مَحْرُومًا

O my God, how can it be that I return from You with disappointment and deprivation

وَقَدْ كَانَ حُسْنُ ظَنِّي بِجُودِكَ

while I expect, depending upon Your magnanimity,

أَنْ تَقْلِبَنِي بِالنَّجَاةِ مَرْحُومًا

that You will endow me with safety and mercy?

إِلَهِي وَقَدْ أَفْنَيْتُ عُمْرِي فِي شِرَّةِ السَّهْوِ عَنكَ،

O my God, I have spent my whole lifetime with the vigor of being negligent to You

وَ أَبْلَيْتُ شَبَابِي فِي سَكْرَةِ التَّبَاعُدِ مِنْكَ-

and I have spent my whole youth with the inebriety of being far away from You.

إِلَهِي فَلَمْ أَسْتَيْقِظْ أَيَّامَ اغْتِرَارِي بِكَ،

O my God, I have not thus woken up to myself during the period when I seductively felt safe from Your punishment

وَ رُكُونِي إِلَى سَبِيلِ سَخَطِكَ

and not being aware of treading the path of Your wrath.

إِلَهِي وَ أَنَا عَبْدُكَ وَ ابْنُ عَبْدِكَ

O my God, nevertheless, I am—Your servant and the son of Your servant

قَائِمٌ بَيْنَ يَدَيْكَ

now standing before You



مُتَوَسِّلٌ بِكَرَمِكَ إِلَيْكَ

and begging You in the name of Your generosity.

إِلَهِي أَنَا عَبْدٌ أَتَنَصَّلُ إِلَيْكَ

My Lord I am Your slave who has repented for all the sins

مِمَّا كُنْتُ أَوَاجِهَكَ بِهِ

which I have committed in Your presence

مِنْ قِلَّةٍ أَسْتَحْيَايَ مِنْ نَظْرِكَ،

after being careless of Your warnings

وَ أَطْلُبُ الْعَفْوَ مِنْكَ إِذِ الْعَفْوُ نَعْتُ لِكَرَمِكَ-

and I seek forgiveness from You because pardoning is one of Your characteristics.

إِلَهِي لَمْ يَكُنْ لِي حَوْلٌ فَأَنْتَقِلَ بِهِ عَن مَعْصِيَتِكَ

My Lord! I lack the strength that I follow the same way and save myself from Your wrath,

إِلَّا فِي وَقْتٍ أَيْقَظْتَنِي لِمَحَبَّتِكَ،

except after You aroused me to love You.

وَ كَمَا أَرَدْتَ أَنْ أَكُونَ كُنْتُ

Hence, I have become as exactly as You want me to be.

فَشَكَرْتُكَ بِإِذْخَالِي فِي كَرَمِكَ،

I have thus thanked You, for You have included me with Your generosity

وَ لِتَطْهِيرِ قَلْبِي مِنْ أَوْسَاخِ الْغَفْلَةِ عَنْكَ-

and You have purified my heart from the filths of being inattentive to You.

إِلَهِي انظُرْ إِلَيَّ نَظْرَ مَنْ نَادَيْتَهُ فَأَجَابَكَ،

O my God, (please) look at me in the same way as You have looked at one whom You called and he has responded to You

وَ اسْتَعْمَلْتَهُ بِمَعُونَتِكَ فَاطَاعَكَ،

and whom You have conferred with Your aid and he thus has obeyed You.

يَا قَرِيباً لَا يَبْعُدُ عَنِ الْمُعْتَرِّ بِهِ،

O He Who is too close to depart from one who is inadvertent to Him!

وَيَا جَوَاداً لَا يَبْخُلُ عَمَّنْ رَجَا ثَوَابَهُ-

O He Who is too magnanimous to deprive one who hopes for His reward!

إِلَهِي هَبْ لِي قَلْباً يُدْنِيهِ مِنْكَ شَوْقُهُ،

O my God, (please) grant me a heart whose longing for You will approach it to You,

وَ لِسَاناً يُرْفَعُ إِلَيْكَ صِدْقُهُ،

and that tongue whose truthfulness raises my head in Your presence,

وَ نَظْراً يُقَرِّبُهُ مِنْكَ حَقُّهُ-

and those eyes whose right makes me nearer to You.

إِلَهِي إِنَّ مَنْ تَعَرَّفَ بِكَ غَيْرُ مَجْهُولٍ،

My Creator! He is not a stranger who has got fame due to You.

وَمَنْ لَازَ بِكَ غَيْرُ مَخْذُولٍ

And who is under Your shelter is never abandoned



وَمَنْ أَقْبَلَتْ عَلَيْهِ غَيْرُ مَمْلُولٍ -

& he whom is attended by You shall never be anybody's slave.

إِلَهِي إِنَّ مَنْ آتَهَجَ بِكَ لِمُسْتَنْيرٍ،

O my God, he who abides by Your Path shall be enlightened,

وَإِنْ مَنْ اِعْتَصَمَ بِكَ لِمُسْتَجِيرٍ،

and he who resorts to You shall be succored.

وَ قَدْ لُذْتُ بِكَ يَا إِلَهِي

I am thus having recourse to You, O my God!

فَلَا تُخَيِّبْ ظَنِّي مِنْ رَحْمَتِكَ،

So, (please) do not disappoint me as regards Your having mercy upon me

وَلَا تَحْجُبْنِي عَنْ رَأْفَتِكَ -

and don't drive away from Your favours.

إِلَهِي أَقِمْنِي فِي أَهْلِ وِلايَتِكَ

O my God, grant me, among those who show servitude to You,

مُقَامَ مَنْ رَجَا الزِّيَادَةَ مِنْ مَحَبَّتِكَ -

the position of one who (incessantly) longs for more love for You.

إِلَهِي وَالْهَمْنِي وَلَهَا بِذِكْرِكَ إِلَى ذِكْرِكَ،

O my God, (please) inspire me with passionate love for ceaseless reference to You,

وَ هِمَّتِي فِي رَوْحِ نَجَاحِ أَسْمَائِكَ وَ مَحَلِّ قُدْسِكَ

and (please) devote all my pursuit to my attaining the delight of the success that is achieved through Your names and the amount of Your Holiness.

إِلَهِي بِكَ عَلَيْكَ إِلَّا الْحَقَّتَنِي بِمَحَلِّ أَهْلِ طَاعَتِكَ

O my God, I beseech You in Your name to put me in the position of those who are obedient to You

وَالْمَثْوَى الصَّالِحِ مِنْ مَرْضَاتِكَ،

and in an honorable standing of Your pleasure,

فَأِنِّي لَا أَقْدِرُ لِنَفْسِي دَفْعًا،

for I, verily, have no power to rescue

وَ لَا أَمْلِكُ لَهَا نَفْعًا -

or to benefit myself.

إِلَهِي أَنَا عَبْدُكَ الضَّعِيفُ الْمُدْنِبُ،

O my God, I am Your servant—the feeble and sinful—

وَ مَمْلُوكُكَ الْمُنِيبُ

and Your slave—the penitent.

فَلَا تَجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ صَرَفْتَ عَنْهُ وَجْهَكَ

So, (please) do not include me with those against whom You have turned Your face

وَ حَجَبَهُ سَهْوُهُ عَنْ عَفْوِكَ -

or those whom are deprived of Your pardon because of their inattentiveness to You.

إِلَهِي هَبْ لِي كَمَالَ الانْقِطَاعِ إِلَيْكَ،

O my God, (please) grant me absolute devotion to You

وَ آيِّرْ أَبْصَارَ قُلُوبِنَا بِضِيَاءِ نَظَرِيَا إِلَيْكَ،

and illuminate the sights of our hearts with the light of observing of You





حَتَّى تَخْرِقَ أَبْصَارُ الْقُلُوبِ حُجُبَ النُّورِ

so that the sights of the hearts will penetrate the Screens of Light

فَتَصِلَ إِلَى مَعْدِنِ الْعَظَمَةِ،

and arrive at the Core of Magnificence,

وَتَصِيرَ أَرْوَاحُنَا مُعَلَّقَةً بِعِزِّ قُدْسِكَ -

and that our souls hang to the majesty of Your Holiness.

إِلَهِي وَاجْعَلْنِي مِمَّنْ نَادَيْتَهُ فَأَجَابَكَ،

O my God, (please) make me of those who responded to You when You called them,

وَلَا حَظَّتْهُ فَصَعِقَ لِجَلَالِكَ،

those who were shocked for Your Majesty when You observed them

فَنَاجَيْتَهُ سِرًّا وَ عَمِلَ لَكَ جَهْرًا -

and You have thus taken into their confidence and they acted for You openly.

إِلَهِي لَمْ أَسَلْ عَلَى حُسْنِ ظَنِّي قُنُوطَ الْإِيَّاسِ،

O my God, I have shaded neither despair nor gloom over my good idea about You

وَلَا انْقَطَعَ رَجَائِي مِنْ جَمِيلِ كَرَمِكَ -

and I have never lost hope in Your excellent magnanimity.

إِلَهِي إِنْ كَانَتْ الْخَطَايَا قَدْ أَسْقَطْنِي لَدَيْكَ

O my God, if my sins have overthrown me in Your sight,

فَاصْفَحْ عَنِّي بِحُسْنِ تَوَكُّلِي عَلَيْكَ -

then please pardon me for my excellent trust in You.

إِلَهِي إِنْ حَطَّتْنِي الذُّنُوبُ مِنْ مَكَارِمِ لُطْفِكَ

O my God, if my wrongdoings have caused me to lose Your honorable kindness,

فَقَدْ نَبَّهَنِي الْيَقِينُ إِلَى كَرَمِ عَطْفِكَ -

then my belief in You has called my attention to the generosity of Your sympathy.

إِلَهِي إِنْ أَنَامَتْنِي الْعَفْلَةُ عَنِ الْاسْتِعْدَادِ لِلِقَائِكَ

O my God, if my inadvertence has screened me against readying myself for meeting You,

فَقَدْ نَبَّهَتْنِي الْمَعْرِفَةُ بِكَرَمِ الْإِيَّكَ -

then my recognition of the generosity of Your bounties has awakened me.

إِلَهِي إِنْ دَعَانِي إِلَى النَّارِ عَظِيمِ عِقَابِكَ

O my God, if Your grave chastisement has drawn me to Hellfire,

فَقَدْ دَعَانِي إِلَى الْجَنَّةِ جَزِيلِ ثَوَابِكَ -

then Your opulent reward has drawn me to Paradise.

إِلَهِي فَلَكَ أَسْأَلُ وَ إِلَيْكَ أَبْتَهِلُ وَ أَرْغَبُ،

O my God, You alone do I pray and You alone do I implore and desire.

وَ أَسْأَلُكَ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ

I beseech You to bless Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad



وَأَنْ تَجْعَلَنِي مِمَّنْ يُدِيمُ ذِكْرَكَ،

and to include me with those who always mention You,

وَلَا يَنْقُضُ عَهْدَكَ،

who never breach their covenant to You,

وَلَا يَغْفُلُ عَنْ شُكْرِكَ،

who never fail to thank You,

وَلَا يَسْتَخِفُّ بِأَمْرِكَ -

and who never belittle Your affairs.

إِلَهِي وَالْحَقُّنِي بِنُورِ عِزِّكَ أَلَّا يَهْجَ فَأَكُونَ لَكَ عَارِفًا

O my God, (please do) connect me with the most brilliant Light of Your Dignity so that I will recognize You

وَعَنْ سِوَاكَ مُنْحَرِفًا، وَمِنْكَ خَائِفًا مُرَاقِبًا

and I will leave everybody else, and that I will be fearful of and careful with You.

يَا ذَا الْجَلَالِ وَالْإِكْرَامِ

O Lord of Majesty and Honor!

وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ رَسُولِهِ وَآلِهِ الطَّاهِرِينَ

May Allah send blessings to Muhammad, His Messenger, and upon his Household the Infallible,

وَسَلَّمَ تَسْلِيمًا كَثِيرًا -

and exalt them very much.

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وَصَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَآلِهِ أَجْمَعِينَ -

and (please do) bless Muhammad and the Household of Muhammad (all of them)