

Etiquette of Dua

أدعية القرآن والسنة

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meaning

10 complete cards

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Be sincere

ادْعُ اللَّهَ وَحْدَهُ، مُخْلِصًا لَهُ الدِّينَ.

Pronunciation

Ud‘u llāha waḥdahu mukhliṣan lahu d-dīn.

English meaning

Call upon Allah alone, making the religion sincerely
His.

Source: Source: Qur'an 40:14

Begin with praise

ابدأ بحمد الله، ثم صلّ وسلّم على النبي ﷺ قبل
أن تسأل حاجتك.

Pronunciation

Ibda' bi-ḥamdi llāhi thumma ṣalli wa sallim 'alā n-nabiyyi
ṣallā llāhu 'alayhi wa sallama qabla an tas'ala ḥājatak.

English meaning

Praise Allah, then send prayers and peace upon the
Prophet ﷺ before asking.

Source: Source: Sunan Abi Dawud 1481; Jami' al-Tirmidhi 3477

Call by His Names

ادْعُ اللَّهَ بِأَسْمَائِهِ الْحُسْنَى الْمُنَاسِبَةِ لِمَا تَسْأَلُهُ.

Pronunciation

Ud'u llāha bi-asmā'ihī l-ḥusnā l-munāsibati li-mā tas'aluh.

English meaning

Choose Allah's Beautiful Names that fit your request.

Source: Source: Qur'an 7:180

Ask humbly and quietly

ادْعُ بِتَضَرُّعٍ وَخَفِيَّةٍ، مِنْ غَيْرِ اعْتِدَاءٍ فِي الدُّعَاءِ.

Pronunciation

Ud'u bi-taḍarru'in wa khufyatin min ghayri i'tidā'in fī d-du'ā'.

English meaning

Supplicate with humility and a lowered voice, without transgression.

Source: Source: Qur'an 7:55

Have certainty

اسأل الله بعزم وحضور قلب، ولا تجعل سؤالك
على سبيل الإلزام.

Pronunciation

Is'ali llāha bi-‘azmin wa ḥuḍūri qalbin wa lā taj‘al su‘ālaka
‘alā sabīli l-ilzām.

English meaning

Ask decisively and with a present heart; do not ask as
though Allah could be compelled.

Source: Source: Sahih al-Bukhari 6339; Sahih Muslim 2679

Be persistent

لا تترك الدعاء إذا تأخرت الإجابة، بل واطب
عليه.

Pronunciation

Lā tatrūki d-du‘ā’a idhā ta’akhkharati l-ijābatu bal wāḏib
‘alayh.

English meaning

Do not abandon dua because the answer seems
delayed.

Source: Source: Sahih al-Bukhari 6340; Sahih Muslim 2735

Seek blessed times

أكثر من الدعاء في السجود وفي الثلث الأخير
من الليل.

Pronunciation

Akthir mina d-du‘ā’i fī s-sujūdi wa fī th-thuluthi l-akhīri
mina l-layl.

English meaning

Make abundant dua in sujud and during the last third
of the night.

Source: Source: Sahih Muslim 482; Sahih al-Bukhari 1145

Face the qiblah when able

استقبل القبلة وارفع يديك إذا تيسر ذلك؛ ولا
يلزم هذا في كل دعاء.

Pronunciation

Istaqbili l-qiblata wa rfa' yadayka idhā tayassara dhālika
wa lā yalzamu hādhā fī kulli du'ā'.

English meaning

Facing the qiblah and raising the hands are
established in many reports, though neither is
required for every dua.

Source: Source: Sahih al-Bukhari 1023; Sahih Muslim 1763

Ask for good

لَا تَدْعُ بِإِثْمٍ وَلَا بِقَطِيعَةِ رَحِمٍ.

Pronunciation

Lā tad‘u bi-ithmin wa lā bi-qaṭī‘ati raḥim.

English meaning

Do not supplicate for sin or severing family ties.

Source: Source: Sahih Muslim 2735

Use comprehensive words

اختر جوامع الدعاء الواردة في القرآن والسنة
الصحيحة.

Pronunciation

Ikhtar jawāmi‘a d-du‘ā’i l-wāridata fī l-qur’āni wa s-
sunnati ṣ-ṣaḥīḥah.

English meaning

Prefer concise, far-reaching duas from the Qur’an and
authentic Sunnah.

Source: Source: Sunan Abi Dawud 1482