

### Areza (Application) for Rizk (Sustenance)

Below is a letter to the Imam-e-Zamana<sup>ajfj</sup> (Imam) of our time, requesting our needs, which can be written on any day of the year and posted in a stream of water after sunrise.

مَا رُوِيَ عَنِ الصَّادِقِ ع أَنَّهُ مَنْ قَلَّ عَلَيْهِ رِزْقُهُ أَوْ ضَاقَتْ عَلَيْهِ مَعِيشَتُهُ أَوْ كَانَتْ لَهُ حَاجَةٌ مُهِمَّةٌ مِنْ أَمْرِ دُنْيَاهُ وَ آخِرَتِهِ فَلْيَكْتُبْ فِي رُفْعَةِ بَيْضَاءَ وَ يَطْرُحُهَا فِي الْمَاءِ الْجَارِيِ عِنْدَ طُلُوعِ الشَّمْسِ وَ تَكُونَ الْأَسْمَاءُ فِي سَطْرِ وَاجِدٍ بِسْمِ اللَّهِ الرَّحْمَنِ الرَّحِيمِ الْمَلِكِ الْحَقِّ الْمُبِينِ مِنَ الْعَبْدِ الدَّلِيلِ إِلَى الْمَوْلَى الْجَلِيلِ سَلَامٌ عَلَى مُحَمَّدٍ وَ عَلِيٍّ وَ فَاطِمَةَ وَ الْحُسَيْنِ وَ الْحَسَنِ وَ عَلِيٍّ وَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ جَعْفَرٍ وَ مُوسَى وَ عَلِيٍّ وَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ الْقَائِمِ سَيِّدِنَا وَ مَوْلَانَا صَلَوَاتُ اللَّهِ عَلَيْهِمْ أَجْمَعِينَ رَبِّ مَسْتَجِبْ الضَّرَّ وَ الْخَوْفَ فَاكْشِفْ ضُرِّي وَ آمِنْ خَوْفِي بِحَقِّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ أَسْأَلُكَ بِكُلِّ نَبِيٍّ وَ وَصِيٍّ وَ صِدِّيقٍ وَ شَهِيدٍ أَنْ تُصَلِّيَ عَلَيَّ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ آلِ مُحَمَّدٍ يَا أَرْحَمَ الرَّاحِمِينَ اشْفَعُوا لِي يَا سَادَتِي بِالشَّيْءِ الَّذِي لَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ فَإِنَّ لَكُمْ عِنْدَ اللَّهِ لَشَأْنًا مِنَ الشَّيْءِ فَقَدْ مَسَّتْني الضَّرُّ يَا سَادَاتِي وَ اللَّهُ أَرْحَمُ الرَّاحِمِينَ فَافْعَلْ بِي يَا رَبِّ كَذَا وَ كَذَا.

It is narrated from Imam Abu-Abdullah<sup>asws</sup>: If one finds his livelihood is heavily curtailed, or is surrounded in severe hardship or is facing unsolvable difficulties or has special wishes for the hereafter, one should write on a white piece of paper (the supplication below) ensuring all the names (of Masomeen<sup>asws</sup>) are written in one line followed by one's prayers. Place it, at sunrise, in a flowing stream of water (canal/river).<sup>1</sup>:

In the Name of Allah<sup>azwj</sup>, the most Beneficent, the most Merciful, the Lord of the universe and the Truthful(s). I am Your<sup>azwj</sup> submissive slave and You<sup>azwj</sup> are my Grand Lord. I send (through You<sup>azwj</sup>) 'Salam' (peace) to:

مُحَمَّدٍ وَ عَلِيٍّ وَ فَاطِمَةَ وَ الْحُسَيْنِ وَ الْحَسَنِ وَ عَلِيٍّ وَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ جَعْفَرٍ وَ مُوسَى وَ عَلِيٍّ وَ مُحَمَّدٍ وَ الْقَائِمِ

**Mohamed, Ali, and Fatma, Al-Hassan, Al-Hussain and Ali and Mohamed, Jafar, and Musa and Ali, Mohamed and Ali and Al Hassan and Al-Qaem,** Who are our chiefs and masters, who are all Allah<sup>azwj</sup> 's praise worthy and chosen ones. My Lord<sup>azwj</sup>, please relieve me from fear, and help me from loss and damages, from what I see and from what I do not perceive. For the sake of Mohammed<sup>saww</sup> and Alay Mohammed<sup>asws</sup>'s Rights, for the sake of each Prophet<sup>as</sup>, Their successors' behalf including the Truthfuls and the Shaheeds. I pray to You<sup>azwj</sup> with reference to Mohamed<sup>azwj</sup> and the Muhammad's Family<sup>asws</sup>, O! The Most Merciful, I ask for Your<sup>azwj</sup> intercession, The Most Elevated and the most Praised Lord, I have been disgraced by some affairs, difficulties

<sup>1</sup> Al-Baladul Ameen, pp. no. 157, Misbah alKafami, pp.

Areza which Shias mostly used has no reference to Masomeen<sup>asws</sup> and may be found on page 402. Al-Baladul Ameen.

have affected me, O my Lord, my Allah, the Most Merciful, Please award me O Allah<sup>-azwj</sup> such and such.